

REACHING ROMANIA

England & Wales · Charity number 1081605

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2000-07-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND DISTRESS2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN ROMANIA3. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Activities: We support: elderly people with food, medicine and wood, a Christian Centre & Music School, 2 Children's Programmes, 3 Children's Homes, a Homeless Shelter, a Child Development Programme. a school project, disabled children plus individuals and families in need. We give practical, spiritual and financial help to poor families and act as an agent in sponsoring children.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ROMANIA
- Romania
- Cardiff
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Neath Port Talbot
- Norfolk
- Powys
- Rhondda Cynon Taff

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,585	£29,067	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,326	£27,576	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,336	£24,116	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,629	£26,782	-	-
2021-03-31	£29,190	£23,392	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Woods		2014-01-31
Emanuela Calinescu		2015-05-16
IRENE PHILLIPS		

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Accounts



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ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2025

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

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Romania is a country of natural beauty and welcoming homes – however, despite Communist rule ending 36 years ago, many people still live in poverty, especially in rural areas. It still has the lowest health budget in Europe which reflects on the well-being of the people. Corruption and low wages (equivalent to £706 per month although many earn below this amount) add to the problems that Romanians face daily which has shrunk trust in political institutions to historic lows.

We are still led to respond to the desperate needs of the people and give thanks that God provided us with sufficient funds to maintain the projects throughout the year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

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Christine Woods – Chairperson

Irene Phillips – Secretary

Emanuela Calinescu - Treasurer

We have a duty by law to include with this report details of our policy on recruitment of Trustees which is attached as an Appendix. During the year we had hoped to be in a position to appoint new Trustees onto the Board but sadly God has still not yet provided us with any suitable prospective applicants. Please pray that He will touch the hearts of the right people. It would be healthy for the Charity to introduce younger fresh faces with a new vision and ideas.

OBJECTIVES:

As per our Constitution, the Charity's objectives are: to relieve poverty and distress, to advance religion and education.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Our report focuses on the main activities undertaken by the Charity in line with guidance from the Charity Commission for England and Wales on **public benefit**. As Trustees we are mindful of the Charity's aims and objectives and use prayer, wisdom and discernment in all our decision making.

With God's provision we continue to make a difference to the lives of the sick, the disabled, the vulnerable and many poor disadvantaged people with exceptional circumstances. We radiate the light and love of Jesus in all we do.

In addition to the £27,990.37 funding benefiting our projects, we ensured that everyone we support received a Christmas gift. We also provided food parcels at Christmas and Easter to families who needed them. However, there are some cases that are helped more frequently throughout the year. Our aim is to improve the quality of life of those in need.

Due to continuing mobility issues Irene was unable to visit the projects during the year but remains in regular contact (via Email and What's App face-time) with all the trustworthy and loyal leaders who have worked with us for many years. They assess the on-going needs of all those who benefit from our support and keep in regular in touch with updates and any changes we need to be aware of. They send us regular reports and photos which helps us to regularly review the funding for each project and to ensure that we continue to fulfill the Charity's aims and objectives. We were grateful that Adina and Mike visited family in Romania several times during the year and dropped in on some of the Ministries.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Widows Mite Project:

Numbers fluctuated during the year as we lost some of our dear widows and gained others in desperate need. The numbers being supported in the States of Arad and Timisoara have increased to around 50 - some younger than others. The majority require long term support but other younger widows sometimes need short-term help through crisis situations. Our organised and compassionate leader, Ramona keeps in regular contact with the widows, prays with them and assesses their often changing needs. She radiates the love of Jesus and the widows await her visits. She often goes the extra mile in providing love and care by accompanying them to medical facilities.

During the year they all received monthly food parcels and supplies of winter wood or heating allowances. Sadly some of the widows receive no pension and so they often need additional help with prescription costs, essential building maintenance, sanitary items, disability aids, reading glasses and appliances. Members of Ramona's Church also help with second hand clothes. Most of the ladies have given their heart to Jesus since joining the programme and they all enjoyed their Christmas gifts of filled toilet bags, woollens, food Christmas treats and various other much needed items. Sadly one of our faithful monthly sponsors passed away but a replacement came forward.

San Nicolau Mic "Jesus Generation" Bible Centre and Music School:

The Charity continues to fully fund the running of this Ministry which goes from strength to strength under the dedicated leadership of teachers, Marius and Elena Aslau supported by their little daughter Jazgul. They have an amazing ability to build relationships with the 50 children based on love, respect and humour. The well organised Programme runs on a Saturday and is a mixture of Praise & Worship, Bible teaching and how to apply it to everyday life, music lessons (keyboard, guitar, drums, mandolin, violin and accordion plus theory) a fellowship meal followed by fun time before reluctantly leaving at around 8 pm. The children are transported to and from the Ministry by Marius at the minibus wheel with the help of other volunteer drivers with cars. During the week the couple also run courses on a range of topics e.g. "Marriage" and "Relationships" as well as providing a counselling service for both parents and children. Marius continues to write Music and makes videos with the Children. You can Google "Jesus Generation" Arad to enjoy a true flavour of this Ministry. Together with their small team of volunteers they maintain the building and the safe play area to a good standard.

We supplied a good stock of fillers for their Christmas gifts and they also kindly made up all the gifts for the children of Vinga located in an impoverished area. Irene and Wayne had the pleasure of joining in their Christmas Program via Zoom.

Children's Homes: "Osana", Timisoara, "Caleb", Ianova and "Tabita" Arad

We continue to support these 3 Christian Homes which provide a safe and stable environment where abused, neglected and traumatized children find healing, discover hope and experience God's unconditional love thanks to the dedication and hearts of the Management Teams and their caring staff. Each Home employs a Children's Social Worker and Psychologist who support the children with their past emotional experiences. Some children do have contact with parents. Support and encouragement is given with their education and homework is supervised. All the children are brought up in the Christian faith and taught life skills. Our funding goes towards their education, health care, food & clothing and some outings. They all received extra funding towards Christmas gifts for each child and staff member.

We have 5 monthly sponsors for the “Osana” Girls Home in Timisoara and the “Caleb” Boys Home in a farm setting in Ianova both run by the “Mana” Association. One monthly giver ceased her sponsorship during the year. Major renovations (being carried out by volunteer teams) are still not finalised at “Osana” in preparation for a fresh intake of vulnerable girls via State programs. During the year 6 young boys were cared for at “Caleb”. They benefit greatly from living out in the countryside and caring for the farm animals which helps them with the healing process.

During the year the “Tabita” Children’s Home run by the “Debora” Foundation cared for 15 minors, many of whom are siblings. They are mixed ages and genders. We have a long association with this Children’s Home spanning 20 years. Their management team and staff provide a caring home and staff often go beyond the call of duty to support these children, sometimes in challenging circumstances. The bulk of their essential day-to-day funding comes from a Charity in Germany. However, during the year we provided funds to help with educational equipment day trips etc. Their Manager, Marius gives us regular reports and photos of the children. Adina and Mike also have a strong connection with “Tabita” and spend value time with them all during their visits to Romania.

Educational Projects - Asociata “Copilul din Mine”, Arad & “Light and Hope Ministries”, Hunedoara

Since its establishment RR has been committed to funding such projects giving children an opportunity of hope for a secure future. During the year we supplied £4,600.00 to help with the above Projects providing new school bags filled with stationery, shoes and winter coats for children from poor families. The CDM leader, Mihaela works closely with 3 schools in the area as well as supporting children at the “Tabita” Children’s Home and supplying regular food parcels for around 40 families. Mihaela again obtained a large quantity of filled shoe boxes from Austria to distribute around her Ministry. Unfortunately she has not yet been able to purchase land to build a Day Centre.

L and H Ministry leader, Summer runs a Children’s Program and an “After School Club” for around 150 children supplying a daily meal and help with homework. She also supports poor families in a variety of other ways, dependent on their needs. We supplied L & H with funding towards Christmas gifts and also filled pencil cases for the commencement of the autumn term. CDM in return supplied school bags for some of our disabled cases and children of poor families.

Homeless Project:

We are encouraged that a team from a Church in Arad are still visiting on a regular basis with Ministry and Meals. We give thanks for God’s provision. However, we continue to provide Christmas gifts of bags of fruit, filled toilet bags, hats, scarves, gloves and socks to around 60 people of mixed gender at the Night Shelter in Arad.

Residential Home near Oradea:

You will recall that in January 2024 our attention was drawn to the plight of 56 residents at a private Residential Home who had little food and no heating. After assessing the situation and praying we were led to help with the varying needs there via a generous Christian lady, called Rodica who has come across the situation when visiting a neighbour. We maintain contact with Rodica and respond to the individual needs as they arise whether its toiletries, clothing, vitamins, medical creams etc. However, the biggest need is for nourishing meals and Rodica manages a food fund we give her, buys all the ingredients and cooks a 2 course weekly hot meal.

Support of disabled people in Arad:

Iasmina: now aged 18 has spina bifida and other medical needs. She receives sponsorship via the charity for her medical expenses & personal needs but the Charity makes up this amount from the “General” fund. She is thriving at her Baptist school winning many awards but does sometimes have to miss school to attend her many medical appointments. She continues to use a walking stick and is only reliant on her wheelchair for longer distances. Mum, Andriana’s depression is much improved but sadly she has developed other physical health problems causing her to spend time in hospitals for assessment and treatment. They were thrilled with the Christmas gifts Irene made up for them both. “Copilul din Mine” also supported Iasmina with a filled school bag and a winter coat.

Abel Cristian: Now aged 8 with physical and mental disabilities is also sponsored via the Charity with a top-up from the “General” fund. Last year we reported that Abel had legally returned to live with his mother following several years of being well-cared for by his very responsible and caring aunt and uncle, who became his special guardians. They still maintain daily contact with him, visit whenever they can and very responsibly manage his budget, buying

him clothes, educational toys, sanitary items and Christmas and Birthday gifts Due to his disabilities his behaviour is often very challenging.

Nicu: aged 27 is registered blind and lives in a small apartment with his 8 year old daughter Delia. He and his new partner had a child during the year which sadly died after birth. We periodically help with food, clothes etc. and Irene always makes up a bag of Christmas gifts for Delia. "Copilul din Mine" help with a school bag and stationery.

Dorothea: aged 27 is physically and mentally disabled. Her parents lovingly care full-time for her and it is a huge responsibility. She loves music and dancing. We provide funding for sanitary items, clothing etc. plus suitable Christmas gifts.

Mioara: in her 40's has learning disabilities and mental health problems. Sadly her condition deteriorated to the extent that she is now a long-term patient at a Psychiatric Hospital in another State. Our friend, Lavi Luca periodically visits her in hospital and buys what she needs (clothes and sanitary items) from the budget we provide.

Other families being supported:

Ileana & Gheorge: This couple in their 70's still live in a shack in a field. They have no running water and one light only run from a car battery. Ileana, such a gentle and humble lady has now retired from her cleaning job and they have taken a huge cut in income due to her reduced pension. However she still manages to plant a large garden for fresh produce and preserves for the winter. They are very poor and through the Luca family we provide regular food parcels and do what we can to meet other needs. They were also very grateful for their Christmas gifts which Irene made up for them.

Luciana and Maria: Luciana is aged 15 and lives with her grandmother, Maria in small poor quality accommodation accessed via a courtyard in the city of Arad. Her father died in prison and her mother abandoned her. Luciana was diagnosed with cancer and went through intensive chemotherapy – we give thanks that she is now cancer free and has returned to her studies. Her grandmother suffers with back problems and really struggles financially. We periodically help with clothing, educational needs and food parcels and it was a joy for Irene to make up their Christmas gifts. Copilul din Mine, whom we fund also now provide additional support to the family with periodic food, a school bag, winter shoes and a coat.

Food parcels:

In addition to those mentioned above we bought Easter and Christmas food parcels for around 5 extra poor families We have reduced the number we provide for as we are relying on the help of Ministry leaders and trusted friends to do the extra work in the absence of Irene being able to visit due to health problems.

Christmas Monetary Appeal:

The Appeal raised £5,312.86 which was apportioned around the Ministries so that Project leaders could purchase suitable Christmas gifts for children and adults. However, we were also able to support by dispatching bulk items from our Charity base to certain Ministries to help towards making up gift bags, with heavier items being purchased in Romania. The money raised also helped with food parcel purchase and transportation costs.

FUNDING:

During the year we worked hard at raising funds: which included Irene's speaking engagements, a Coffee Morning, Afternoon Teas, a "Cawl" meal, a Light Lunch, a Quiz and Buffet Night, a Sponsored Walk, a Sponsored Marathon run by our friend, Andy Hoskins and a Sponsored Weight-Loss by Irene.

Other income very gratefully received included monthly sponsors, financial support from several churches & organizations, "one-off" donations, Charity Box income plus Gift Aid. Ideally we need more monthly sponsors.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A separate Statement of Accounts has been prepared which will be presented by the Treasurer.

COMMUNICATION:

Normally we make self-funded trips to Romania to meet with leaders to monitor and assess the needs of the projects that we support. However, as previously stated Irene was unable to travel during the year due to on-going

health problems. Adina and Mike help out with visits and Irene remains in regular contact with all the Projects, receiving regular updates, reports, photos and prayer requests.

Irene also maintains contact with our supporters in UK via Whats App, Email, telephone or in person. We also provided update reports for our regular sponsors of the Widows Mite Project, the Children's Homes and disabled cases.

We produced 2 newsletters during the year and provided regular update reports for several Churches, other Organizations and individuals that support us. Progress has been made on engaging someone to upgrade our website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS:

Thank you to everyone who supported God's work in any way during the year enabling us to bring the love and light of Jesus into the lives of many in need. We extend our thanks also for the servants' hearts of all our leaders and teams in Romania who share our vision – all for God's Glory.

Please continue to pray: that God will provide us with the right additional Trustees and that we continue to receive sufficient financial provision to be able to maintain our current projects and any new ones that God may plant in our path.



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Statement of Accounts – 1st April, 2024- 31st March 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1081605

Summary for Year ending 31/03/25

Summary for Year ending 31/03/24

Funding Categories	Income	Expenditure	Balances	Income	Expenditure	Balances
Income	Y/E 31/03/24		Opening Balance £4,969,52	Y/E 31/03/23		Opening Balance £7,219.70
General Fund	6,802.70			6,302.75		
Ramoth CC – Wayne’s caretaker wages-General	1,680.00			1,680.00		
Charity Boxes	121.74			34.70		
Sponsored Events	3,032.00			1,955.00		
Jesus Generation	1,850.00			1,175.00		
Child Sponsorship	2,260.00			2,445.00		
Adult Sponsorship	0.00			0.00		
Educational Projects	0.00			0.00		
Consignment transportation costs to Romania	100.00			200.00		
Christmas Appeal	5,312.86			3,508.62		
Widows Mite Project	3,120.00			2,540.00		
Residential Home	150.00			0.00		
Fundraising Events	3,145.63			3,570.36		
HMRC Gift Aid refund	3,011.02			1915.20		
Total Income	£30,585.95		Plus Income	£25,326.63		Plus Income
Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/25			Y/E 31/03/24		
Jesus Generation		5,050.00			4,670.58	
General Fund		1,300.00			1,777.33	
Child Sponsorship & Children’s Homes		4,688.33			5,372.09	
Adult Sponsorship/Support		1,675.00			700.00	
Widows Mite Project		9,000.00			9,000.00	
Educational Projects		4,600.00			4,400.00	
Newsletters, stamps, stationery, web registration etc		201.04			404.29	
Insurance, Audit & Bank Charges		419.92			425.00	
Christmas Gift Items		777.04			134.52	
Residential Home		900.00			228.00	
Consignment Transportation Costs to Romania		456.00			465.00	
Total Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/25	£29,067.33	Less Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/24	£27,576.81	Less Expenditure
			Closing Balance £6,488.14			Closing Balance £4,969.52



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Charity Name REACHING ROMANIA

On accounts for the year ended

30/03/25

Charity no.: 1081605 Company no.:

Set out on pages

1 and 2. (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30/03/2025.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
• the accounts do not accord with such records; or
• the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
• the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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In addition to the £26,747.00 funding benefiting our projects (an increase of 15% on last year) we ensured that everyone we support received a Christmas gift. We also provided food parcels at Christmas and Easter to families who needed them. We always aim to improve the quality of life of those in need. Irene visited all the projects in June to meet with the leaders, assess needs as well as working on the “front line”. She remains in regular contact with the teams in Romania to ensure that we continue to fulfill our aims and objectives.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Widows Mite Project:

Numbers fluctuated during the year as we lost some of our dear widows and gained others in desperate need. On average around 38 people were supported in the States of Arad and Timisoara – some younger than others. Our leader Ramona has a real heart for this Ministry. She keeps in regular contact with the widows, prays with them and assesses their often changing needs. She radiates the love of Jesus and the ladies so look forward to her visits. She often goes the extra mile in providing love and care. Irene had the pleasure of spending 2 days with Ramona in June out on the field meeting several of the new widows as well as many who have benefited from the program over many years. It was a blessing to pray for the needs of each one.

During the year they all received monthly food parcels and supplies of winter wood or heating allowances. Sadly 9 of the widows receive no pension and so they often need additional help with prescription costs, essential building maintenance, sanitary items, disability aids, reading glasses, appliances as well as transportation for hospital visits. Members of Ramona’s Church also help with second hand clothes. Most of the ladies have given their heart to Christ since joining the programme. We sent out bulk supplies to make up Christmas gifts together with crocheted blankets.

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Please pray for the staff and children of all 3 Homes.

Vinga Children’s Program:

Unfortunately this program remains suspended due to lack of a leader. When she is well enough to travel, Irene is keen to revisit the community and discuss the situation with parents and children with a view to re-establishing a Ministry. We maintain links with the families in this poor community and we ensured that all the children received Christmas gifts.

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Homeless Project:

It is so pleasing to note that a team of around 20 people from a Baptist Church in Arad are now visiting on a regular basis with Ministry and Meals. We give thanks for God’s provision. However, we continue to provide Christmas gifts of bags of fruit, filled toilet bags, hats, scarves, gloves and socks to 60 people (a mixture of men and women) at the Night Shelter in Arad.

Residential Home in Oradea:

In January 2024 our attention was drawn to the plight of 56 residents at a private Residential Home who had little food and no heating. Our good friends Dani and Lavi Luca assessed the situation and we also spoke to the lovely Christian lady who was visiting her neighbour there on a weekly basis and providing whatever help she could afford for the residents. She sent us many pictures of the residents in desperate need. We immediately packed supplies of hats, scarves, gloves and purchased socks for each resident and put out an appeal for extra warm throws whilst purchasing many ourselves. We also dispatched sanitary items and pillows with supplies of food, soap and bed sore sprays being purchased in Romania. We ensured a food fund was available so that our Christian contact could buy ingredients to continue to cook weekly for the residents.

Support of disabled people in Arad:

Iasmina: now aged 17 has spina bifida and other medical needs. She receives sponsorship via the charity for her medical expenses & personal needs. She is excelling at her new Baptist school after being bullied at the previous one. She continues to use a walking stick and is only reliant on her wheelchair for longer distances. Mum, Andrea’s depression is much improved since they were awarded by the State the tenancy of a small ground floor apartment with disabled facilities. Funding helped them purchase bedroom furniture. They were thrilled with the gifts Irene made up for them both.

Abel Cristian: Now aged 7 and physically and mentally disabled is also sponsored via the Charity. He was born into a poor family and his parents planned to abort him. His Christian aunt and uncle successfully applied to become his legal guardians and we give thanks that he was placed in a loving Christian home. They maintained his contact with all the family and in the autumn of 2022 his mother successfully legally applied to have him return to her care. She has another son and an older daughter and granddaughter. His aunt and uncle did not oppose her request and remain in daily contact with Abel and visit whenever they can. Due to his disabilities his behaviour is often very challenging. Sponsorship funds have helped towards his sanitary needs, clothing etc. We are pleased that his loyal and trustworthy Aunt and Uncle have agreed to take charge of his funding. They give us feedback on his needs, what they have purchased and costs etc. We receive regular updates and photos from Nelu and Cati who also purchased Christmas gifts from funding we supplied.

Nicu: aged 26 is registered blind and lives in a small apartment with his 7 year old daughter Delia. His partner left the family several years ago and he receives limited support in caring for his daughter. We periodically help with food, clothes etc. and Irene always makes up a bag of Christmas gifts for Delia

Dorothea: aged 26 is physically and mentally disabled. Her parents lovingly care full-time for her and it is a huge responsibility. She loves music and dancing. We provide funding for sanitary items, clothing etc. plus suitable Christmas gifts.

Mioara: in her 40's has learning disabilities and mental health problems. Sadly her condition deteriorated to the extent that she is now a long-term patient at a Psychiatric Hospital in another State.

Other families being supported:

Ileana & Gheorge: This couple in their 60's live in a shack in a field. They have no running water and one light only run from a car battery. Ileana has now retired from her cleaning job and they have taken a huge cut in income due to her reduced pension. However she still manages to plant a large garden for fresh produce and to preserve for the winter. They are very poor and through the Luca family we provide regular food parcels and do what we can to meet other needs through our provision of additional funding. In December we replaced their obsolete fire with a new one to provide warmth and cooking facilities. They were also very grateful for their Christmas gifts which Irene made up.

Luciana and Maria: Luciana is aged 14 and lives with her grandmother, Maria in small poor quality accommodation accessed via a courtyard in the city of Arad. Her father died in prison and her mother abandoned her. Luciana was diagnosed with cancer and went through intensive chemotherapy – we give thanks that she is now cancer free and has returned to her studies. Her grandmother suffers with back problems and really struggles financially. We periodically help with food parcels and it was a joy for Irene to make up their Christmas gifts. Copilul din Mine, whom we fund also now provide support to the family.

Food parcels:

In addition to those mentioned above we bought Easter and Christmas food parcels for around 10 extra families living in poverty. Due to changes in some poor communities with some families moving out of the area we have reduced the number of food parcels that we have provide especially as we are relying on the help of Ministry leaders and trusted friends to do the extra work in the absence of Irene being able to visit due to health problems.

Christmas Monetary Appeal:

The Appeal raised £3,508.00 which was apportioned around the Ministries so that Project leaders could purchase suitable Christmas gifts for children and adults. However, we were able to also help by dispatching bulk items from our Charity base to certain Ministries to help towards making up gift bags with heavier items like toothpaste, soap and chocolate being purchased in Romania. The money raised also helped with food parcel purchase and transportation costs.

FUNDING:

During the year we worked hard at raising funds: which included Irene's speaking engagements, a Coffee Morning, Afternoon Tea, a "Cawl" meal, a Light Lunch, a Quiz and Curry Night, a Sponsored Walk and a Sponsored Marathon run by our friend, Andy Hoskins.

Other income very gratefully received included monthly sponsors, financial support from several churches, "one-off" donations, Charity Box income plus Gift Aid. Ideally we need more monthly sponsors.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A separate Statement of Accounts has been prepared.

COMMUNICATION:

We make self-funded trips to Romania to meet with leaders to monitor and assess the needs of the projects that we support. Irene last visited in June and is currently unable to travel due to on-going health problems. Adina and Mike also visited some of the Ministries later in the year whilst visiting family in Arad. However, outside of visits we are in regular contact with our team leaders via What's App Facetime and Email. During the year we received regular updates and photos of Ministry activities as well as prayer requests.

We also maintained regular contact with our supporters in Wales via Whats App, Email, telephone or in person. We also provided update reports for our regular sponsors of the Widows Mite Project, the Children's Homes and disabled cases.

We produced 2 newsletters during the year and provided regular update reports for the Brecon Presbyterian Church Newshare, the Presbyterian Church Body Mission Bulletin and the Hirwaun Crucible. Irene continues to update the journal and events pages of our current website. Unfortunately our website administrator, despite being supplied with all the relevant information and photos was unable to proceed with writing a new website and we were disappointed that "Sgor Web Design" of Aberdare who were recommended to us had closed their books to new customers. We are currently looking for a new company to undertake this work which is a priority.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS:

Thank you to everyone who supported God's work in any way during the year enabling us to bring the love and light of Jesus into the lives of many in need. We extend our thanks also for the servants' hearts of all our leaders and teams in Romania who share our vision – all for God's Glory.

Please continue to pray: that God will provide us with the right additional Trustees and Web Designer and that we continue to receive sufficient financial provision to be able to maintain our current projects and any new ones that God may plant in our path.



REACHING ROMANIA

Statement of Accounts – 1st April, 2023- 31st March 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1081605

Summary for Year ending 31/03/24

Summary for Year ending 31/03/23

Funding Categories	Income	Expenditure	Balances	Income	Expenditure	Balances
Income	Y/E 31/03/24		Opening Balance £7,219.70	Y/E 31/03/23		Opening Balance £7,999.31
General Fund	6,302.75			4,562.23		
Ramoth CC – Wayne’s caretaker wages	1,680.00			1,680.00		
Charity Boxes	34.70			120.80		
Sponsored Events	1,955.00			1,727.00		
Jesus Generation	1,175.00			660.00		
Child Sponsorship & Children’s Homes	2,445.00			2,380.00		
Adult Sponsorship	0.00			50.00		
Educational Projects	0.00			0.00		
Consignment transportation costs to Romania	200.00			550.00		
Christmas Appeal	3,508.62			4,872.64		
Widows Mite Project	2,540.00			2,480.00		
Residential Home	0.00					
Coffee Mornings	3,570.36			1,863.33		
HMRC Gift Aid refund	1,915.20			2,390.92		
Total Income	£ 25,326.63		Plus Income	£23,336.92		Plus Income
Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/24			Y/E 31/03/23		
Jesus Generation		4,670.58			3,796.54	
General Fund		1,777.33			2,494.76	
Child Sponsorship & Children’s Homes		5,372.09			4,903.48	
Adult Sponsorship/Support		700.00			1,570.00	
Widows Mite Project		9,000.00			6,000.00	
Educational Projects		4,400.00			3,800.00	
Newsletters, stamps, stationery, web registration etc		404.29			215.00	
Insurance, Audit & Bank Charges		425.00			556.53	
Christmas Gift Items		134.52			315.22	
Residential Home		228.00				
Consignment Transportation Costs to Romania		465.00			465.00	
Total Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/24	£27,576.81	Less Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/23	£24,116.53	Less Expenditure
			Closing Balance £4,969.52			Closing Balance £7,219.70



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity name: REACHING ROMANIA

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/24 Charity no (if any) 1081603

Set out on pages

1 - 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 06/06/2024

Name: MR LYNN HERITAGE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

COMPANY DIRECTOR

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

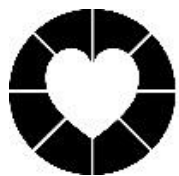
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

<p>ALL IN ORDER ✓ Hailor</p>

REACHING ROMANIA

England & Wales - Charity number 1081605

Accounts



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ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2021

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

We welcome you all to the Annual Report of “Reaching Romania” for the above year end. We have prepared a detailed report on the Charity’s activities and performance for the period in question.

For those present for the first time - we are a Christian Charity overseen by a Board of Trustees who serve on a voluntary basis and outside the pandemic period make self-funded trips to Romania to meet with leaders to monitor and assess the needs of our projects. For the past 22 years we have through the love of Jesus provided physical, emotional and financial support, but most of all, spiritual hope to those in need. Our work covers meeting the basic needs of elderly people with limited pensions to supporting minors in Children's Homes, homeless people, a Christian Centre & Music School, an Educational Project plus individuals and families with specific needs.

Despite the end of Communism 32 years ago, there is still much poverty in Romania, especially in rural areas. The country has the lowest health budget in Europe and many earn below the minimum wage. Property prices and rents together with, heating, food and fuel costs are high in comparison to wages resulting in much hardship. Unfortunately there is still much oppression, corruption and red-tape throughout the country. The desperate needs of the people continue to touch our hearts leading us to respond in a practical and spiritual way. Thank you for being part of God’s family who cares.

Even though, due to the pandemic we were unable to visit Romania during the year we remained in constant touch with our Project Leaders who provided regular updates. We are grateful to the Luca family, Petre Bala and Ramona Vladut, the leader of the Widows Mite Project for ensuring that food parcels and all the Christmas gifts were distributed.

It has been a challenging year for many charities financially but God has blessed us with an increase of over £7.000 in our income mainly as a result of generous donations from unexpected sources. This has enabled us to provide additional support to our projects whilst retaining a contingency fund should our income decrease in the next financial year or emergency funding is required for any of the Ministries/Projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

The Charity is governed in accordance with its Constitution and complies with the legal requirements set out by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Trustees during the year were:

Christine Woods – Chairperson
Mihai Csaki

Irene Phillips – Secretary

Emanuela Calinescu - Treasurer

We have a duty by law to include with this report details of our policy on recruitment of Trustees which is attached as an Appendix.

OBJECTIVES:

As per our Constitution, the Charity's objectives are: to relieve poverty and distress, to advance religion and education.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

As Trustees we ensure that our activities fall in line with our objectives. We are prayerful and use wisdom and discernment in all our decision making. This report focuses on the main activities undertaken by the Charity in line with guidance from the Charity Commission for England and Wales on **public benefit**.

With God's provision we continue to make a difference to the lives of the sick, the disabled, the vulnerable and many poor disadvantaged people with exceptional circumstances. We demonstrate God's unconditional love in all that do aiming to provide spiritual hope for a better future.

In addition to the £21,000 funding spent on our projects, over 550 shoe box gifts and other essential items were transported to Romania for distribution to those in need. We continue to provide food parcels and appropriate help to poor individuals and families in a variety of ways, e.g. medical expenses, sanitary items, safety equipment, mobility and hearing aids, reading glasses, essential building maintenance, appliances, funeral expenses and clothing. We aim to improve the quality of life of those in need. Our regular contact with the teams in Romania ensure that we continue to fulfill our aims and objectives.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Widows Mite Project:

32 women and 3 men on low pensions were supported during the year in the States of Arad and Timisoara. There have been changes to this Ministry in that several younger widows in desperate need have been added. We are blessed to have leader, Ramona with such a heart for these precious people – she assesses their needs and provides whatever help is required as well as giving spiritual support. They all receive monthly food parcels and a supply of winter wood or a heating allowance. Dependent on the need some receive help with prescription and essential building maintenance costs, sanitary and other essential items like zimmer frames hearing aids, second hand washing machines etc. Members of Harvest Church in Arad also help with second hand clothes. **This Ministry which produces much fruit is expensive to run and we would value your prayers for more financial provision.**

San Nicolau Mic "Jesus Generation" Bible Centre and Music School:

The Ministry continued to meet on Zoom due to pandemic restrictions and lack of a suitable building. Leaders, Marius and Elena hold Saturday meetings which Irene has the pleasure of linking into. They have also been running weekly courses on "Marriage" and "Relationships" as well as arranging counselling sessions on Zoom. The couple have been busy throughout the year writing worship songs and producing a variety of Christian and Music Programs/Videos on You Tube – Google: "Jesus Generation Arad" to see the extent of their programs. ***Please pray for a suitable alternative building to be found post lockdown.***

Children's Homes:

We currently have 7 monthly sponsors for the "Osana" Girls Home in Timisoara and the "Caleb" Boys Home on a small farm in Ianova run by the Mana Association. These Homes provide a safe and caring environment for 6 girls and 7 boys from difficult and traumatised backgrounds. The children are brought

up in the Christian faith and are taught life skills. 100% of sponsorship goes towards their education, health care, food & clothing and update reports are supplied.

The "Osana" Girls House in Timisoara:

The last year had its own challenges with online learning complicated by the fact that the girls all attend different schools with differing teaching platforms. The house environment had to be adjusted so each girl could have enough privacy and internet access. They returned to school in October but at the beginning of November coronavirus entered the home but thankfully with no serious complications. Even though it was challenging to have school online, Pastor Remus and Andrea, the house parents were blessed to spend more value time with the girls. Unfortunately Remus and Andrea feel that the Lord is leading them to pastures new in September. They have done an incredible job over 12 years and we thank God for their servant hearts. They have had such a positive input into the lives of many girls who are so thankful. **We pray that God will call the right couple to replace them as house parents.**

During the summer of 2020 the girls spent 2 weeks in a Christian camp in the mountains where they made new friends and helped in any way they could. The manager was so impressed that he invited them back as volunteers for the future. It is so encouraging to see them all making huge steps into becoming responsible young people who walk with the Lord.

A highlight of the year was the marriage of Guila. We had known and supported Guila and her older sister, Rebecca since they were very young. Unfortunately, their mother developed severe mental health problems and has been an inpatient at a Psychiatric Hospital for many years. The girls suffered much trauma before being placed in "Osana" over 10 years ago and they maintain contact with their mother. We rejoice that God has blessed both girls with wonderful Christian husbands who adore them. We give Him all the thanks and glory.

The "Caleb" Boys House in Ianova, Timisoara:

Even though the virus partially turned their world upside down from Spring 2020 the children were not severely restricted in their activities. The school's performance requirements declined slightly due to online teaching. However the boys had enough tutoring to develop them into better students.

The farm and the animals offer many opportunities for practical work and playing together. Several new employees have been taken on. Timotei is a trained veterinarian who has moved into the village. He has developed a close relationship with the children. The animals are well and are being professionally cared for by him. During the year, in addition to the 5 existing boys, 3 others from Ianova village came into the Home in response to requests for help from the grandparents who cared for them.

Highlights of the year were excursions into some of the most beautiful areas of Romania and birthday parties for the 8 boys plus the staff and their own children. It is so encouraging to see these boys grow in their faith.

In December the Bormann family, who were house parents for two years, returned indefinitely to Germany for family reasons. In their place came the Wall family, who had been serving practically and occasionally caring for the boys for more than two years. So the changeover was not abrupt and there was a long acclimatization period for most of the boys.

The "Tabita" Children's Home in Arad:

Irene, Wayne, Adina and Mike have a long established association with this Christian Home run by the "Debra" Foundation which currently accommodates 12 children, many of whom are siblings. This is a

professionally run Home with a caring team who truly love the children. As well as the mamas they employ a social worker to help with past trauma and a teacher to help with homework and any on-line learning. During the year we supplied funds to help with educational equipment and treats as they were limited on outings due to the pandemic. Games and crafts were also sent over from Wales.

Please pray for all staff and children of the 3 Homes.

Vinga Children's Program:

Unfortunately this program remains suspended due to lack of a leader. Please pray for the right person to be "called" to lead this ministry when the pandemic restrictions are lifted. We maintain links with the families in this very poor community and were grateful to Ramona, the leader of the Widows Mite Project who kindly distributed their Christmas boxes.

Homeless Project:

Due to the pandemic the Homeless Shelter was closed during the winter.

Support of disabled people in Arad:

lasmina: Aged 13 has spina bifida and other medical problems. She receives sponsorship via the charity for her medical expenses. She is doing well at a School for the disabled. She now uses a walking stick and is only reliant on her wheelchair for longer distances. Three years ago her mother remarried her father but he left them after just one year. Mum, Andrea suffers with Lupus and depression. They continue to live with the grandmother.

Abel Cristian: Now aged 4 and physically and mentally disabled is also sponsored via the Charity. He was born into a poor family and his parents planned to abort him. His aunt and uncle successfully applied to become his legal guardians with a view to adopting him. We give thanks for God's hand over his life and that he has been placed in a loving Christian home. Due to his disabilities his behaviour is sometimes challenging. Sponsorship funds have helped towards his medical needs and equipment. During the year he was hospitalized several times with urinary tract infections and epilepsy.

Nicu: aged 23 is registered blind and lives in a small apartment with his 4 year old daughter Delia. His partner left the family 3 years ago and he receives limited support in caring for his daughter - both his brother, sister and 2 nephews are also blind. We periodically help with food, clothes and any extraordinary expenses they incur. We are thankful that the family are also receiving some support from a Baptist Church in Arad.

Dorothea: aged 23 is physically and mentally disabled. Her parents care full-time for her and it is a huge responsibility. She loves music and dancing. We provide funding for sanitary items, clothing etc. plus suitable toys at Christmas

Mioara: in her 40's has learning disabilities and mental health problems. She works part time cleaning the communal area of the apartment block in which she lives in accommodation inherited from her late parents. She has little furniture and is unable to safely cook for herself. Our friends, Dani and Lavi Luca check on her regularly when delivering food. We also provided funding for clothes.

Other families being supported:

Ileana & Gheorge: This couple in their 60's still live in a shack in a field close to a motorway. They have no water and one light run by a car battery. Ileana continues to walk a long distance in all weathers to catch a bus to her cleaning job in the city. They are very poor and through the Luca family we provide food parcels. Like Mioara at Christmas we ensured they got a box of household items and nice gifts.

Gabi: In January 2020 Gabi and his wife Angi (one of the Jesus Generation team) were victims in a serious car accident caused by an intoxicated driver. Sadly Angi died at the scene and Gabi was injured which has prevented him working since. Their 2 children, Manu, aged 14 and Rahela 11 were not in the car and are

devastated by the loss of their mother. Through the help of supporters we were able to come alongside them to help financially with funeral costs, food parcels and educational materials. Marius & Elena, leaders of Jesus Generation have also been extremely supportive to the family with counselling and spiritual help.

Please pray for these disabled and vulnerable people.

Food parcels:

In addition to the individuals and families mentioned above we bought Easter and Christmas food parcels for a further 12 families in need.

Asociata "Copilul din Mine"

During the year we supplied over £1,700 to help with this Educational Project providing new school bags filled with stationery, shoes and winter coats for children from poor families. The leader, Mihaela works closely with 3 schools in the area. During the year she also provided "Tabita" Children's Home with a laptop to help with on-line lessons.

Shoe Box Distribution:

We are so grateful to everyone who supported our Christmas Appeal in any way. Again this year, due to the pandemic we had to rely on the good will of our Romanian team leaders and friends to distribute the children's shoe boxes and gifts to the elderly, the vulnerable and the homeless on our behalf. They brought much joy into the hearts of all who received them as they celebrated the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

FUNDING:

Sadly the pandemic limited fund raising events but we did manage some virtual sponsored walks plus we were blessed with 2 runners who undertook virtual half marathons for us. Our income also included monthly sponsors and "one-off" donations including a tithe from a sale of a property, donations in memory of a friend and support from 4 churches. Despite these challenging times we continue to trust in God for His provision to maintain our current support of the Projects and any future needs that He may plant in our path.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A separate Statement of Accounts has been prepared.

COMMUNICATION:

We continue to produce our Easter and Christmas Newsletters as well as providing regular updates in the Brecon Presbyterian Church Newshare and the Hirwaun Crucible. Irene provided journal and event updates on the website and we continue to pray that we will soon have a new website. Due to the pandemic our Hirwaun Friday craft mornings remained suspended but Irene worked from home covering and filling shoe boxes. During the pandemic we have maintained regular contact with our Ministry/Project leaders in Romania through Email and video calls via WhatsApp. We have provided update reports for our regular sponsors of the Widows Mite Project and the Children's Homes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS:

Thank you to everyone who supported us during the year with prayers, practical and financial help & also to the Romanian teams for their commitment during this challenging year. The support enabled us to reach out with the heart of Jesus to so many in dire need. May you be blessed in faithfully walking with us.

APPENDIX:

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES POLICY

Introduction:

As Trustees we have an ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run and delivers the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it has been set up. We recruit new Trustees to ensure that our board has the range of skills and experience necessary to comply with our collective responsibility.

What our Constitution says about Appointment of Trustees:

- *The Trustees shall consist of not less than 3 and not more than 9 elected or re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.*
- *The Trustees may in addition appoint no more than 3 co-opted members. Each appointment shall be made at a meeting of the Trustees and shall take effect from the end of that meeting*
- *All the Trustees shall retire from office at the end of the Annual General Meeting unless they are re-elected or re-appointed.*
- *The power of the Trustees shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint, or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a prospective Trustee.*
- *Nobody shall be appointed as a Trustee who is aged under 18*
- *No person shall be entitled to act as a Trustee whether on a first or any subsequent entry into office until he or she has signed a declaration and acceptance of willingness to act in the interests of the Charity.*
- *Any Trustee wishing to resign should do so in writing to the Secretary of the Charity.*

Although some of the following clauses are not relevant to our Charity, we have also taken into account the Small Charities Coalition's Governing Document which states:

Recruitment/Appointment Panel:

A minimum of 2 Trustees will be involved in the recruitment process. Each may be assigned roles and tasks.

Skills/Need Analysis:

We will use the recruitment of a new trustee to review the needs of the charity and the skills and experience of the existing board. However we will also take into account that, as we are a Christian charity then any new Trustee must share our faith and ideally have a knowledge of the culture and needs of the people of Romania.

Before any appointment, we will conduct a skills/needs audit of our charity and trustees to reflect on the skills and experience we have, what we are missing and ultimately, what we would like to recruit.

Even though we are a small charity we will consider the following guidelines:

- Strategy – what stage of our development are we at? What people can help deliver it?
- Organisational challenges – can specific people help with these?
- Length of tenure – how fresh is our board?
- Board Culture – are we all “yes” people or do we enjoy healthy debate?
- Specific Roles – do we have the key roles covered (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary)?
- Size of the Board – is it too small?
- Knowledge/Expertise (skills)
- Experience

The audit may show we do not need to recruit because either the skills/experience already exist within the board or we have Trustees that would like to develop their own skills/experience to meet the gaps identified by the skills/needs analysis.

Role Description:

An up to date role description and application form will be written at the time of any vacancy using the following guidelines:

- Applications are invited from committed and caring Christians (minimum age 18) for the Post of Trustee of the Charity “Reaching Romania” who for the past 22 years have been providing physical, emotional, financial and spiritual support to vulnerable people in Western Romania.
- Trustees lead the charity and decide how it is run. Being a trustee means making decisions that will impact on people’s lives. They use their skills and experience to support the charity, helping it achieve its aims and objectives.
- Applicants will need to be motivated Christians who work well as part of a team, have a friendly nature with a willingness to relate to and help people in need.
- Our Trustees are unpaid but may claim out-of-pocket expenses.
- Up to date information about the Qualification and Role of a Trustee can be found on www.gov.uk The Essential Trustee.
- Full information about the Charity’s background, its Trustees, its aims and objectives and the projects it supports can be found on our website: www.reachingromania.com.
- A copy of the Charity’s Constitution and the most recent Annual Report and Accounts are available to prospective Trustees.
- Additional information about the role of the Chair-person, Treasurer and Secretary is available should a vacancy arise in any of the roles.
- In addition to the Annual General Meeting Trustees are expected to attend our regular meetings - around 3 times a year. When the Trustees are unable to get together we meet electronically or make decisions via Email which are recorded.
- For an informal chat about the role and/or an application form please either contact us via the contact form on our website or ring 01874-636575 or 07910939716 or email: admin.reachingromania@gmail.com

Advertising:

In order to recruit suitable Christian applicants we will advertise in Churches and Christian circles. Decisions on where we advertise will be made at the time of any vacancy and will be recorded.

Interview:

A minimum of 2 Trustees will conduct the interview. Shortlisting will be done if necessary. Questions will be prepared but the interview will be informal. Records will be kept.

Selection:

New Trustees will be invited to observe a Trustee meeting and be given copies of our relevant Policies and Working Practices.

Appointment:

- As per the Charity's Constitution new Trustees will be appointed by existing Trustees with the appointment being confirmed at a Board meeting.
- Prior to the meeting all new Trustees must have read and signed a Declaration of Eligibility. We will assume responsibility to check whether they are eligible.
- As is good practice, any new appointee will also be subject to a satisfactory DBS check.
- We will notify the Charity Commission of the appointment.
- We will thank any unsuccessful candidates and consider whether they could be used as volunteers, if interested.

Induction:

We will welcome any new Trustees and they will be given an Induction Pack including:

- Information on other Trustees together with useful contact information
- Key roles and responsibilities
- A copy of the Constitution
- Recent Annual Reports and Accounts,
- Minutes of meetings for the past year.
- Relevant Organisational Policies and Working Practices
- The Charity Commission's "Essential Trustee"

They will be introduced to the other Trustees and invited to accompany them on a visit to the Projects in Romania.

Retention:

We will review the board on a regular basis. As well as identifying skill gaps it is an opportunity for existing unmotivated trustees to try new areas or have a different role to focus on. We will consider Trustee away days for group training or team building.

Reviewed December 2021

Statement of Accounts – 1st April, 2020- 31st March 2021

Registered Charity Number: 1081605

Summary for Year ending 31/03/21

Summary for Year ending 31/03/20

Funding Categories	Income	Expenditure	Balances	Income	Expenditure	Balances
Income	Y/E 31/03/21		Opening Balance £6,354.75	Y/E 31/03/20		Opening Balance £4,084.74
General Donations	14,394.17			1,886.68		
Ramoth CC – Wayne’s caretaker wages	1,680.00			1,680.00		
Charity Boxes	72.75			144.72		
Sponsored Events	3,975.56			3,899.26		
Designated for Jesus Generation	660.00			2,661.92		
Designated for Child Sponsorship & Chld’s Homes	2,986.30			1,860.00		
Designated for Adult Sponsorship	300.00			Nil		
Designated for Shoe box transportation	1,464.00			1,179.00		
Designated for Shoe box content	270.00			475.97		
Designated for Widows Mite Project	1,909.00			4,144.00		
Coffee Mornings	Nil			1,604.76		
HMRC Gift Aid refund	1,478.86			2,511.68		
Total Income	£29,190.64		Plus Income	£22,047.99		Plus Income
Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/21			Y/E 31/03/20		
Jesus Generation Bible Centre & Music School		3,000.00			3,294.64	
General Fund		1,970.00			1,191.50	
Child Sponsorship & Chld’s. Homes		5,300.61			2,557.12	
Adult Sponsorship		1,200.00				
Widows Mite Project		7500.00			6,264.85	
Vinga Children’s Programme		Nil			991.89	
Educ.Project: (bags,shoes & coats)		1,780.00			1,700.00	
Newsletters, stamps, stationery, web registration etc		406.58			419.07	
Insurance, Audit & Bank Charges		423.00			464.00	
Shoe Box Content		312.69			1,394.91	
Transportation Costs to Romania		1,500.00			1,500.00	
Total Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/21	£23,392.88	Less Expenditure	Y/E 31/03/20	£19,777.98	Less Expenditure
			Closing Balance £12,152.51			Closing Balance £6,354.75



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name REACHING ROMANIA

On accounts for the year ended

2021 Charity no (if any) 1081605

Set out on pages

(insert or to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 26/01/2022

Name: MR LYNN HERITAGE

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

[Empty box for disclosure details]