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ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2025

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

We are pleased to present our Annual Report on the Charity's activities and performance for the above period.

We are a Christian Charity, established in 2000 overseen by a Board of Trustees who serve on a voluntary basis. We continue to provide physical, emotional and financial support and give spiritual hope to those in need. Our work covers meeting the basic needs of elderly people with limited and in some cases no pensions to supporting minors in Children's Homes, homeless people, a Christian Centre & Music School, 2 Educational Projects, residents at a Care Home plus individuals and families with specific needs.

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:

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

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 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.

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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.



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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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).

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:

A. Hirdage

Date:

12th Jan 2026

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (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.

*Clear and concise documents
easy to understand.*

*A. Hirdage
12/01/2026*