

ANNUAL SUMMING UP FOR THE PERIOD: 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 – 31ST AUGUST 2021

Les Amis – Burkina Faso was registered on 5th September 2007

1) **The Trustees:** Gillie Nicholls, David Nicholls and Jude O'Mara Spicer.

2) **Talks and presentations**

There were no talks or presentations this year due to the Coronavirus restrictions. However, Gillie made a talk which is accessible online (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jehalll40aA>)

3) **Trip 2021**

For the third year running, there was no trip due to terrorist activity and Coronavirus restrictions.

4) **Our Regular Projects**

- a) The Yoann Foundation
- b) The Diocese of Koupéla
- c) Priest of the Fada Diocese
- d) Priest of the Kaya Diocese
- e) St Joseph's Training Centre in Fada
- f) Tenkodogo Diocese
- g) St Michael's School, Manni

a) **The Yoann Foundation for disabled women and children**

The fund currently assists 23 handicapped children, 20 vulnerable women and 23 young seamstresses. The support the mothers of handicapped children receive is money which goes towards helping the women to meet food, housing, medical and physiotherapy costs, school fees and also materials with which to make things to sell (primarily soap). The vulnerable older women are given food. It remains an important aspect of this Foundation that the women and children get together socially regularly throughout the year. Coronavirus restrictions made it difficult for this to happen this year. Another aspect which is increasingly useful is the support of girls being trained in sewing/couture. Those who successfully complete training are given sewing machines (funded by us) at the end of their training.

Total sent this year

Yoann Foundation	7,222
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b) **Diocese of Koupéla: protecting and educating girls**

Ab Gerard YOUNGBARE (who runs OCADES) is our chief contact in Koupéla.

We continue to finance a **refuge in Baskouré** which houses young girls who have run away from a forced young marriage. Our giving covers food, electricity, housing, clothes, healthcare costs and training the girls in a trade (making clothes, embroidery, brewing the local beer, weaving, soap-making, raising of livestock and growing vegetables). They appealed for extra help for purchasing the following: repair to solar panels (£2,414), digging of hole for toilet waste (£941), repair to the roof of the dorm (£825), tables and chairs (£246) and for blackboards and a fridge. An extra £4,426 was therefore sent in September, along with extra funds for the piggery and the replacement fencing; all the projects were achieved. We continue to fund 20 girls through **primary school** and 10 girls through secondary school (these are looked after by **St Monique Home**). All secondary school girls are orphaned of either one or both parents. We have continued to give donations to the **Gounghin Nursery School** and **Primary School**. We continue to include **OCADES** in our giving. OCADES is an organisation which works to give training to disadvantaged girls and women.

Giving to the Diocese of Koupéla this year:

Baskouré Refuge	10,476
Gounghin Primary School (20 schoolgirls)	1,000
Gounghin Nursery School	2,000
St Monique Home	2,200
OCADES	2,000
	17,676

For the fourth year running extra funds have been given to assist **ex-St Monique** students access further vocational training.

Ex-St Monique (now university students)	6,300
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c) **Priest of the Fada Diocese**

We continue to give funds to this priest for the purpose of his being able to help, in a direct and practical way, the many individuals who approach him for assistance. This method of reaching out to the destitute is extremely valuable to Les Amis.

Given this year	5,516
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d) **Priest of the Kaya Diocese**

Via this priest, we are able to help not only various individuals, but also a group of women to access training in specific skills: advanced kitchen courses, hairdressing, cloth dying, soap making, bridal clothes and accessories. At the end of their training each one receives support to set them up in business. Vitally, it is through this priest that we have been able to assist the thousands of displaced men, women and children.

Various projects	6,400
Give Away	700
Disadvantaged individuals	1,700
St Joseph's Training Centre	2,600
Refugee relief	2,000
	13,400

e) **St Joseph's Training Centre, Fada:** we continue to help with the costs of training a group of runaway girls as seamstresses at the St Joseph's Training Centre in Fada. In addition, we funded the beds and toilet bought/built (2015), the building of a piggery (2016), repairing the dorm's roof (2018), a new atelier (£4,500). We are regularly helped with this project by the Soroptomists of Lichfield.

f) Added to the list of giving is the **Diocese of Tenkodogo** where we support the education of young and disadvantaged girls in the diocese.

Tenkodogo Diocese	2,000
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Each area of activity is consistent with the objectives of the charity set out in the Trust Deed lodged with The Charity Commission for England and Wales.

g) We continue to assist St Michael's School in Manni.

St Michael's School	1,300
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5) **Finances for the period 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021**

a) **Income**

Major donations (over £500)	9,074
Other cash and cheque donations (under £500)	8661
Gift Aid from HMRC (we failed to submit it in time)	0
Donation from GN to cover bank fees and charges	436
Standing Orders	27,489
Total income	45,660

b) **Outgoings**

Yoann Foundation	7,222
Diocese of Koupéla	17,676
Ex-St Monique girls	6,300
Priest of Fada Diocese	5,516
Priest of Kaya Diocese	13,400
Tenkodogo Diocese	2,000
St Michael's School	1,300
Bank fees and charges	430
Total outgoings	53,844

Les Amis - Burkina Faso

Registered charity number - 1120772

Statement of income and outgoings for the 12 months to 31 August 2021

	Income		Outgoings		Bank Balance	
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Opening balance as at 1 September 2020						
Bank account no 21490869					43,601	559
Bank account no 21490877					8,076	-
Cash					-	-
					<u>51,677</u>	<u>559</u>
Uncleared cheques/receipts					-	-
					<u>51,677</u>	<u>559</u>
Income						
Over £500	7,016	2,058				
Under £500	8,084	577				
HMRC Gift Aid	-	-				
Donation for Bank Fees	436	-				
Standing Orders	27,239	250				
	<u>42,775</u>	<u>2,885</u>				
Total Restricted & Unrestricted		<u>45,660</u>				
Outgoings						
Donation - Paul Nazotin			5,189	327		
Donation - Yoann Foundation			6,422	800		
Donation - Lambert Sawadogo			13,400	-		
Donation - Koupéla Diocese			16,626	1,050		
Donation - Ex-St Monique			6,300	-		
Donation - Tenkodogo Diocese			2,000	-		
Donation - St. Michael's School			33	1,267		
Bank Fees			430	-		
			<u>50,400</u>	<u>3,444</u>		
Total Restricted & Unrestricted				<u>53,844</u>		
Closing balance as at 31 August 2021						
Bank account no. 21490869					44,052	-
Bank account no. 21490877					-	-
Cash					-	-
					<u>44,052</u>	<u>-</u>
Uncleared cheques/receipts					-	-
					<u>44,052</u>	<u>-</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

LES AMIS BURKINA FASO (registered charity no. 1120772)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Les Amis Burkina Faso for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



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11 October 2021