

Annual Report

2020-2021

Friends of helper

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Chairperson's report

Friends of helper has now completed its twelfth year as a UK charity supporting the work of Andy Blake's charity 'helper' in Kigoma, Tanzania.

The objectives of **helper** are:

'To relieve poverty, protect the health of the poor, assist in the provision of education and encourage greater equality for widows and orphans, & especially disadvantaged people, for example school children in Western Tanzania including support for advocacy and small business loans for women'

We have been very thankful for being able to communicate via Zoom, WhatsApp, and e mail during these unprecedented times. It has been so good to remain in touch with what is going on in Kigoma, as Andy has been in daily contact with the team while he has been based in uk.

We continue to thank God for all he is doing through the work of helper, and for all who pray for and support this ministry.

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Many Blessings,

Bridget Nightingale

Chairperson

Andy's report from helper, Tanzania.

To the Trustees of the Friends of helper trust:

Greetings in Jesus' name.

I give thanks to The Lord and to you for the love and consideration you have shown again for this our 11th year.

How did helper use the money?

The student possibly needing a university loan didn't need one in the end, so our commitment to her covered general items and was therefore lower than it might have been. This year we have one student in Mwanza continuing her A Levels (Avida) and another two starting theirs. Geoff in Kigoma and Ishimwe, our last student in Nkuharananga Sec to High School near the Mozambique border. These are both government places and again should mean general expenses, only.

Our ex-student-ex cook, Pili has now completed her Early Years Education Certificate at Teacher Training College in Tabora and will rejoin Sunshine, this time running the preschool under Aggie who has covered Sunshine TC Year One twice, now. We are all looking forward to improving the standard of entry into Sunshine through this change.

St James

Stay together in a house we rented (to avoid boarding fees) and are going well, driven (too) hard by the school and should do well at O Levels which begin in October, we think, but the Ministry of Education has still not released the date.

This is both a joy and a concern as their success will no doubt bring with it further pressure on our finances.

Munanila Sec

Our Form One students are doing well. The school insisted on boarding boys, so the five boys are there now and three girls are boarded with a local family. They are doing well. Ben waits to hear if helper can sponsor him through Pharmacy. I would like to commit to 1 Year Certificate with an option for a further year for Diploma if he shows he is serious in his studies.

Two staff have left to get married this year and we have increased the employed hours of the St James house mother to cover 50% of the cook position. Elisia who was using one day of her week to be in the office and not as Head Teacher, will revert to full time at Sunshine while I return to take her position in the office helping Edisa.

We are still helping a small number of families day-to-day and of course the hospital support for transport and living expenses in Matyazo and Heri Hospitals (and also the government clinics and hospitals in Kigoma) and of course for the 2 day train journey to Dar es Salaam to Muhimbili General for issues not able to be covered by the above.

These have included a mastectomy, large cyst removal, hysterectomies and so on. The First Wave of Covid affected follow-up surgery of two of our patients, as we were advised to keep the patients back in their villages until it was deemed safe to be at Muhimbili/Moi. This took some time as the government did not have a testing programme during this time and getting reliable information was not easy and very sadly we lost a little boy of 3 years who was waiting for heart surgery as a result.

Land

This remains an issue and is something we hope to focus on as a priority as it is continuing to stall our plans for constructing buildings for the school and H.Q. We have no capital project for this as yet.

Obviously of note was that Andy, the Founder Trustee, took the Brit Gov repatriation flight out of Tanzania and back to England, but we bless God that the helper trustees and staff have done a sterling job and all is running well at the time of writing this report. He hopes to return in September.

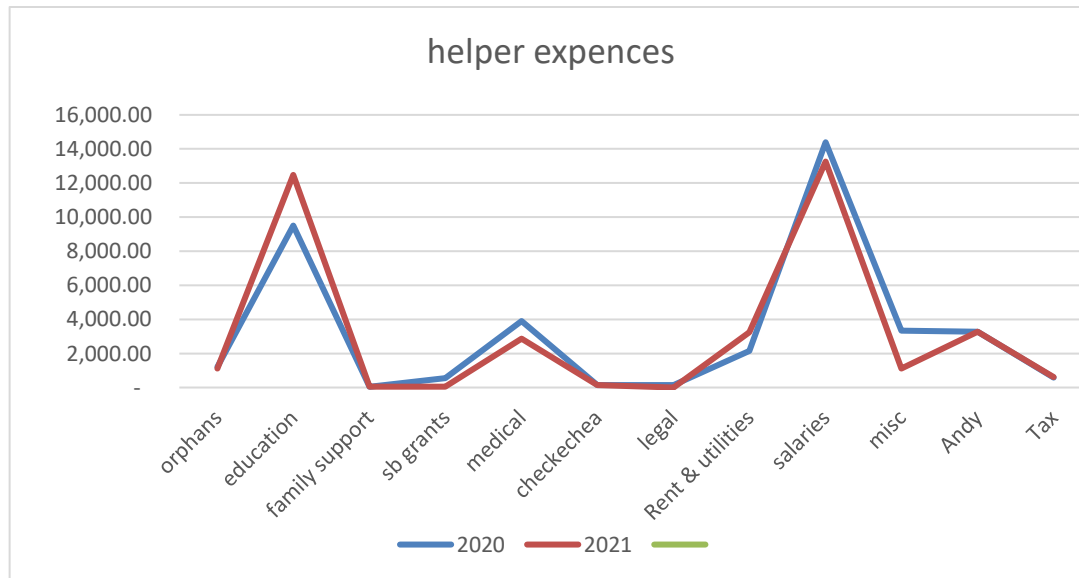
So again, our thanks to all at Friends of helper for their work. We look forward to a successful continuation of what we do. I hope to be able to say in the next letter that we have what will be our 4th student who has made it to university and hopefully more good news beside.

Andy Blake. Founder/Trustee helper.

Financial Report

We started the financial year with a total bank balance of £9,846.96 and the income to Friends of helper for the year has been £36,658. of which £3,962. was Gift aid rebate. We are very grateful for the generosity of supporting churches and individuals. We thank God for all who pray and give to this work.

Expenditure this year was £39,394 which includes bank charges for transfers. The average monthly costs for helper are now £3,283. Regular monthly giving is at present £2,429 a month (including Gift aid). This leaves a shortfall of about £854 a month. This is offset by one off gifts.



Tax to Tanzanian authorities continues to be paid on income and staff salaries from October 2019, but this may be exempt in future.

Bridget Nightingale

FRIENDS OF HELPER
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2020/21 £	Total 2019/20 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				
Incoming Resources				
Receipts from donors				
Gift Aided Giving	19,028.00		19,028.00	18,298.00
Non Gift Aid Giving	13,664.00	-	13,664.00	14,052.70
Gift Aid Repayment from HMRC	3,962.50	-	3,962.50	5,596.45
Bank Interest	4.27	-	4.27	10.78
	36,658.77	0.00	36,658.77	37,957.93
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities				
Helper (Note a)	36,000.00	-	36,000.00	31,000.00
Andy Living Expenses	3,263.04	-	3,263.04	3,263.04
Bank Fees	131.25	-	131.25	131.29
	39,394.29	0.00	39,394.29	34,394.33
Excess of Payments over Receipts	-2,735.52	0	-2,735.52	3,563.60
Funds brought forward at 1st May	9,846.96	0	9,846.96	6,283.36
Funds carried forward at 30th April 2020	7,111.44	0.00	7,111.44	9,846.96

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Cash Funds	2020/21	2019/20
Bank Community Account	1,531.54	415.83
Bank Bus Premium 1	2,559.56	6,412.18
Bank Bus Premium 2	3,020.34	3,018.95
	7,111.44	9,846.96
Represented By		
Unrestricted Funds	7,111.44	6,283.36
Designated Funds	0.00	0.00
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Assets		
Gift Aid from part of tax year due to be claimed	734.40	1,624.71
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Liability		
	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00

Except where indicated from the statement of receipts and payments or above, all the assets and liabilities are in respect of the charity's unrestricted funds

APPROVAL

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 25 January 2021 by

 Russell Poynter

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Independents Examiners report

to the trustees of Friends of Helper

I report to the trustees on my examination of the account of Friends of Helper (the Fund) for

Trustees' Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of account for

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable

They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable

1. The charity is operating efficiently and effectively
2. Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
3. Financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable
4. The charity complies with relevant laws and regulations

Independents Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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.

Signed:.....

Russell Poynter

483 Lower Rainham Road

Rainham, KENT

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Date:

FRIENDS OF HELPER
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

Receipts Analysis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2020/21 £	Total 2019/20 £
a. Helper*				
Students education	12,865	-	12,865	8456
Salaries	13,663	-	13,663	12804
Family Support/Medical	4,205	-	4,205	3501
Rent & Utilities	3,343	-	3,343	1909
Orphanage Costs	0	-	0	1086
Legal Support	627	-	627	127
Checkechea Nursery School	160	-	160	140
Miscellaneous	1,139	-	1,139	2977
	36,000	0	36,000	31,000

*Please note Helper reports spend in TZS which is converted into GBP

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