

Annual Report

2021-2022

Friends of helper

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Chairperson's report

Friends of helper has now completed its 13th 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 continue to thank God for all He is doing through the work of helper, and for all who pray for and support this ministry. This year has been one of the most difficult to meet the monthly expenses incurred by helper's growing ministry, but we are very grateful for all the support during these testing times. It has been good that during Andy's time in UK he has been able to visit several supporting churches and individual supporters, as well as keeping in daily contact with the helper team in Kigoma.

Friends of helper continues to meet to pray for the work, and administer the charity, We are always looking for new trustees who may have time and skills to publicise the work of helper so that the work can continue as God leads.

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Many Blessings,

Bridget Nightingale

Chairperson

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Greetings in Jesus' name.

Despite being made atypical with the changing COVID situation, we are grateful to The Lord that we have had a very successful year. Having been flown out of Tz into a UK lockdown on the BritGov repatriation flight in 2020, the Resident Permit that had been renewed that September was largely wasted while Andy was in UK but equally unfortunately unable to visit friends and churches. On re-arrival in Tz there were only 5 months remaining on the Res Permit and so as February arrived, a decision was made to fly back to UK to obtain the booster vaccination and update the Covid Travel Pass. The staff are to be commended for doing so well under the circumstances.

Fortuitously, with the advent and regular use of WhatsApp, meetings were held and general office back and forth communication proved to be surprisingly effective. The pre-Covid plan of Andy being in Kigoma for 6 months and in the UK for 6 months, preparing helper to be independent and begin the process of handing over was unexpectedly accelerated by Covid issues.

Even so, praise God, prayer and our kind supporters and Foh's attention to details in the reclaiming of tax, financial support proved to be enough to continue and though a struggle and concern at times in Kigoma and more so for Friends of helper, God's provision of

Tz/- 118,337,747.62 enabled us to continue in faith. The 7 students we had at private Sec School doing their 'O' Levels all passed. One is away studying Teacher Training, One is waiting to start Community Development and continues as a classroom assistant in the meantime. The other 5 are standing by to begin at their High Schools to study A Levels in June. A longer holiday commenced due to the country's preparations for the Census. This delayed and sometimes led to cancellations of other exams and universities/colleges starting times. This was an unexpected blessing to Sunshine as we gained classroom assistants for longer than expected! So helper was able to release the house we rented for them in their 'O' Level year (to avoid the boarding expenses) and the house-mother who was part-time school cook as well, joined helper full-time as cook. We were also joined by an ex-Secondary student, who had failed her O Levels some years earlier and had been unable to find work. She is delighted to be second cook. helper house-help was unchanged.

A decision was made to take on a new Class 1 at Sunshine and also a Chekechea (Pre-school class). Teachers had been observing the pre-school we had been supporting was not delivering much in the way of preparation for our Standard One intake and so with our previous school cook returning from Tabora Teacher Training College we planned to start our own Chekechea with oversight from the Class One teacher and the headteacher. There are 55 students in all. We also continue to help 13+ primary and secondary government students.

Our 10 ex-Sunshine students away at boarding school on their run-up to 'O' Levels progressed from Form One to Form Two and the girls together with one boy who had a health issue were transferred back into Kigoma town to stay with their families, the remaining four boys choosing to continue where they were.

Unfortunately there was a long delay in the application for our student to study for a Diploma in Pharmacy, again partly due to government plans being in a state of flux and partly through a local issue and so we gained a night guard so he could earn some money. The student we sent to Mwanza joined the 6th Form. One of our students was sent to a High School in Mtwara Region, 3 days away.

This was initially a cause for concern, but seems to be working out well - the other began Form 5 in Kigoma.

One of our Sunshine Staff left us and our head became engaged. The land we bought to build our HQ and school is still among several pieces of land being held back from development by the Municipal Council. It has been missed out of the citizen-driven beaconing arrangement that was intended to make the borders more accurate. We know the boundaries having been surveyed about ten years ago by the council which we agreed with at the time, but this was altered. We hired an out-of-town surveyor. His readings matched ours. So, now, despite paying for this extra survey fee we are one of several plot owners to be missed out of this current process. To further complicate our situation, the level of Lake Tanganyika rose unexpectedly and has spilled into the surrounding area. Our land is also affected by this, at one time being about 50% underwater, although most of this has receded.

We have continued supporting local poor people with minor ailments to get what they need and for more serious cases to get operations in town at the District or Regional Hospitals. We also sent patients to 'local' mission hospitals for various operations. Viz: 5 to Muhimbili in Dar, 1 to Bugando, in Mwanza, 18 to Matyazo Mission Hospital, 3 to Heri Mission Hospital, 1 to Kabanga Mission Hospital and 1 to Kasaka Mental Health Centre.

Our security has been an issue with many break-ins on the second compound by thieves cutting through the chain link fence. When this has been repaired, later it has been cut open again numerous times. It was decided to use some of the rent money on beefing up security in the corner but that had not helped as much as we had hoped for. Further, two project proposals to our landlord to request the repair of the results of long-term neglect and exterior decoration were applied for and were not funded. Further works on plumbing were carried out, again using rent money, which has meant buckets of water no longer need to be carried from one compound to the other. We hope this neglect will one day gain a budget-line at our landlord's office.

We continue to thank The Lord for those He has put alongside us and He has used to do this work. It is a privilege to do this work and see the benefit over time in the lives of those The Lord brings us. We thank BritGov for its very generous policy of making Gift Aid tax reclaimable and for Friends of helper in particular for processing it. Glory to God.



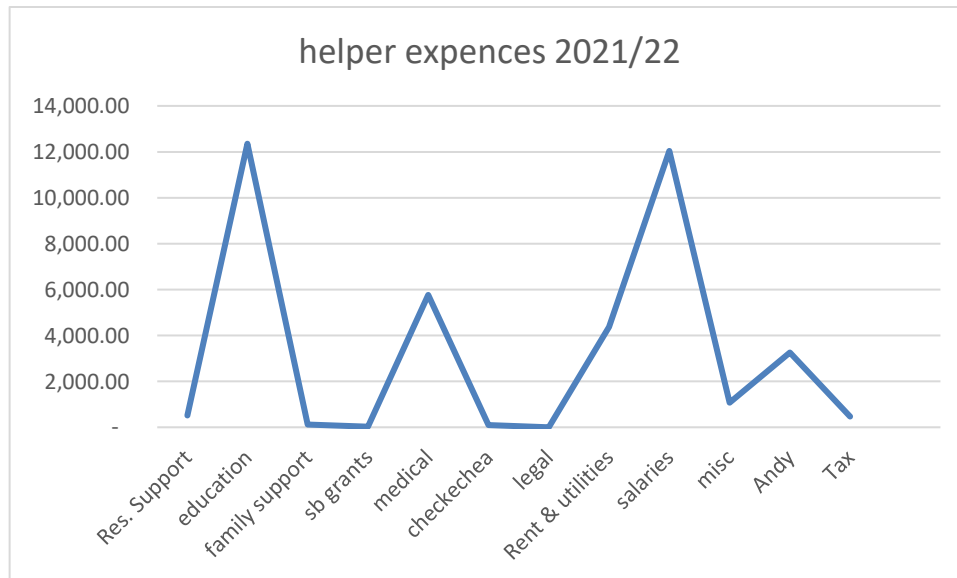
Andy Blake
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Financial Report

We started the financial year with a total bank balance of £7,111.44 and the income to Friends of helper for the year has been £36,660.38. of which £4,089.75 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 £39,131.79 which includes bank charges for transfers. The average monthly costs for helper are now £3,344. Regular monthly giving is at present £2,509 a month (including Gift aid). This leaves a shortfall of about £835 a month. This is historically offset by one off gifts, for which we give thanks.



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

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Financial Statement

For the Year Ended 30th April 2022

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FRIENDS OF HELPER
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				
Incoming Resources				
Receipts from donors				
Gift Aided Giving	18,708.00		18,708.00	19,028.00
Non Gift Aid Giving	13,862.00	-	13,862.00	13,664.00
Gift Aid Repayment from HMRC	4,089.75	-	4,089.75	3,962.50
Bank Interest	0.63	-	0.63	4.27
	36,660.38	0.00	36,660.38	36,658.77
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities				
Helper (Note a)	35,700.00	-	35,700.00	36,000.00
Andy Living Expenses	3,263.04	-	3,263.04	3,263.04
Bank Fees	168.75	-	168.75	131.25
	39,131.79	0.00	39,131.79	39,394.29
Excess of Payments over Receipts	-2,471.41	0	-2,471.41	-2,735.52
Funds brought forward at 1st May	7,111.44	0	7,111.44	9,846.96
Funds carried forward at 30th April 2020	4,640.03	0.00	4,640.03	7,111.44

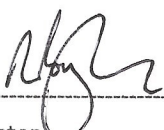
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Cash Funds	2021/22	2020/21
Bank Community Account	471.75	1,531.54
Bank Bus Premium 1	1,147.62	2,559.56
Bank Bus Premium 2	3,020.66	3,020.34
	4,640.03	7,111.44
Represented By		
Unrestricted Funds	4,640.03	7,111.44
Designated Funds	0.00	0.00
	4,640.03	7,111.44
Assets		
Gift Aid from part of tax year due to be claimed	2,168.50	734.40
	2,168.50	734.40
Liability		
	0.00	0.00
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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 10 January 2023 by



 Russell Poynter

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Receipts Analysis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
a. Helper*				
Students education	11,873	-	11,873	12865
Salaries	11,861	-	11,861	13663
Family Support/Medical	6,197	-	6,197	4205
Rent & Utilities	4,194	-	4,194	3343
Legal Support	444	-	444	627
Checkechea Nursery School	99	-	99	160
Miscellaneous	1,032	-	1,032	1139
	35,700	0	35,700	36,000

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

**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 the year ending 30th April 2020.

Trustees' Responsibilities

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

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to ensure that such accounts and records comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

1. The charity is operating efficiently and effectively
2. Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
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Independents Examiners 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 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
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Date:10-JAN-2023

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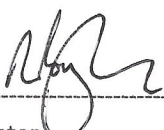
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