

Charity Ukraine Christian Partnership
Annual Report 2023

Ukraine Christian Partnership (Charity 1144824) is constituted by a Declaration of Trust and registered at 5 Beaconsfield Gardens, Claygate, Esher, Surrey, KT10 0PX.

The trustees during the year were:

Mr Andrew Tarcy	Chair
Mr David Darling	Treasurer
Mr Timothy Abbott	
Mrs Wendy Cassar (from March)	
Prof Andrew Cope	
Mrs Jennifer Green	
Mrs Carol Tubbs	
Dr Michael Webb-Peploe	
Mr Ian Vale	

It is run on an entirely voluntary basis by trustees drawn from people who have worked on or on behalf of Ukraine mission activities which are organised by the charity or, until 2012, by Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.

The purposes of the charity are to further the religious and other charitable works of Christian churches in Ukraine with particular reference to the spiritual and material needs of the poor, the sick and those suffering from other forms of social deprivation, and in the training of ministers and other church members to serve those in need.

During the year, the continued Russian invasion of Ukraine brought further untold misery on the Ukrainian population. Through the charity's tried and trusted network in the Kherson and Transcarpathia regions, help was deployed where it was needed most. Funding was primarily focused on the following projects:

- *Support for people in Kherson.* While Kherson city and the right bank of the Dnipro river are back under Ukrainian control, life continues to be tough. As well as ongoing Russian shelling, drones or missiles, there was the devastating dam breach and resultant flooding in June. Funding (including additional flood support) was given to (i) a church which provides food and medical support to the most needy villagers, (ii) a cooking group who provide meals for those who have no other source of a hot meal, and (iii) food and medicines for small family orphanages and disadvantaged families with disabled children.

Funding was also given to a church-run rebuilding project, helping to make flood or war damaged homes of elderly or needy villagers liveable once more. A water purification system was purchased for the church to help reduce reliance on bottled water.

- *Support for the Ukrainian villages in Transcarpathia we have served since 2004.* The charity funds a rural hardship fund which helps villagers (particularly elderly and sick) who are struggling to cope financially due to the war. In the spring, vegetable seeds were given to 370 families and villagers. Firewood was purchased to help villagers through the winter. Separately, 300 'shoebox-style' Christmas presents for children were funded.

Church toilet facilities and new windows for a church-run kindergarten were also financed.

Generators were obtained for villages in both Transcarpathia (funds sent end 2022) and Kherson.

Funding was also provided to help refugees in the UK. Through the fundraising efforts of some of those refugees, a medical evacuation vehicle (incl. medical equipment) was purchased. There was less call for refugee funding than in 2022 as people either returned home, moved on or became more self-supporting.

Due to the war, the usual summer and winter missions had to be cancelled, unfortunately. In the summer, a small group, which included four trustees, went on a mini mission. This enabled the charity to see first hand the local situation and to report back on how funds were helping to alleviate village hardship.

This was the eleventh full year as an independent charity.

Finances

Not unexpectedly, donations were down over 60% on the previous record year, but did remain noticeably above pre-Covid levels.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £53,389. Restricted donations of £28,714 were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements.

Total payments were £122,337. £2309 was spent on specific medical-related funding. £120,028 was spent on other payments, which included the above mentioned Kherson relief work (£75,509), rural hardship fund (£9494), building-related work in Transcarpathia (£3379), a medical evacuation vehicle (incl. medical equipment)(£23,460), Christmas presents for village children (£2060), refugee support (£887), other mission activities (£5134) and bank charges (£105).

The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £40,234. Adding the bank balance brought forward at the beginning of the year, the resulting balance carried forward is £53,943. Net assets are £58,945.

Reserves are considered necessary to fund the ongoing commitments to our partners in Kherson and Transcarpathia, especially with the war situation, and for medical treatment of villagers who are patients of the charity's medical team. It was only three years ago that the Trustees provided emergency funding (personal donations) of £15,000 to build up the charity's reserves which at one point had fallen to below £3000. It is considered essential to maintain a healthy bank balance to provide for ongoing work.

The independent examiner is Mr Nigel Cox BSc ACA, Rowan Garth, 71 Bell Hill, Petersfield, Hants GU32 2EP.

The Annual Report was approved by the Trustees on 14 May 2024.

Ukraine Christian Partnership (Regd Charity No.1144824)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT					
RECEIPTS					
Donations		46,218	27,426	73,644	199,848
HMRC gift aid repayment		6,927	1,288	8,215	95
Interest on CAF Bank Account		165	-	165	112
Fee refunds from Wise foreign currency transactions		79	-	79	-
Refund from cancelled flight tickets		-	-	-	650
Total receipts		53,389	28,714	82,103	200,705
PAYMENTS					
Mission payments - medical	4+5	2,309	-	2,309	1,687
Mission payments - non-medical	4	88,024	31,899	119,923	143,458
Bank charges		105	-	105	81
Total payments		90,438	31,899	122,337	145,226
Internal transfer between unrestricted and restricted funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus/Deficit (Excess of Receipts over Payments)		- 37,049	- 3,185	- 40,234	55,479
Cash funds brought forward (1 January)		89,613	4,565	94,178	38,699
Cash funds carried forward (31 December)		52,564	1,379	53,943	94,178
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
ASSETS					
Bank and foreign currency transaction accounts		52,564	1,379	53,943	94,178
Income tax recoverable		2,929	3,173	6,102	8,215
Deposit & payment for next year's mission flights		-	-	-	450
		55,493	4,552	60,045	102,843
LIABILITIES					
Donations towards the costs of next year's mission participants	6	700	400	1,100	1,200
		700	400	1,100	1,200
Net Assets		54,793	4,152	58,945	101,643

NOTES

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidelines using the Receipts & Payments basis.

2. The charity has no trading activities and no paid employees. The treasurer is one of the trustees, acting on a part-time, voluntary basis.

3. The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
	Kherson Initiative	-	6,552	6,552	-
	Kherson Chefs/Cooks	-	950	1,000	- 50
	Petersfield & Area Ukrainian refugee support	3,885	-	887	2,998
	Medical Evacuation Vehicle fund	-	21,212	23,460	- 2,248
	Petersfield Youth Funds	679	-	-	679
	Total	4,564	28,714	31,899	1,379

3a. Reclaimed gift aid next year fully offsets any end of year fund deficit.

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
4. Mission payments	7				
Medical supplies and treatment funding	5	2,309	-	2,309	1,687
Kherson relief work		67,957	6,552	74,509	69,569
Kherson chefs/cooks project		-	1,000	1,000	5,040
Refugee support in Transcarpathia		-	-	-	16,150
Refugee support in Hungary		-	-	-	1,953
Refugee support in Germany		-	-	-	500
Refugee support in UK		-	887	887	700
Medical evacuation vehicle (incl. medical equipment)		-	23,460	23,460	-
Transcarpathia villager hardship support		9,494	-	9,494	31,857
Building work & capital projects		3,379	-	3,379	9,602
Costs for mission participants	8	2,131	-	2,131	1,962
Local ministry & costs of local workers		2,401	-	2,401	2,125
Christmas presents for children in the villages		2,060	-	2,060	2,971
Other mission activity expenses		602	-	602	1,029
		90,333	31,899	122,232	145,145

5. Medical supplies were also provided from the Kherson relief work and Transcarpathia villager hardship funds (non-medical)

6. £1100 are credits from cancelled 2020 & 2021 summer missions (due to COVID-19)

7. Excluding bank charges

8. Mission participant costs are more than matched by participant donations

Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts, together with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Ukraine Christian Partnership (Registered Charity No. 1144824) relating to the year ended **31 December 2023**. My examination did not amount to an audit, but was carried out in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for the independent examination of the accounts of smaller charities. Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe otherwise than that the accounts accord with the accounting records of the Trust and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the Accounts.

Signature.....Nigel Cox.....Date....5/6/24.....

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