

Draft Trustees Annual Report

Romanian Ministries

Charity number 1159517

1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

Romanian Ministries was founded as a charity on 8 December 2014. It helps Romanian Christians in ministry and provides assistance to the Romanian poor, continuing in this throughout the 12 months of 2024. Also, in the last two years, we have extended our assistance to include widows and parents of soldiers killed in the Ukrainian / Russian war.

All of those involved are grateful to God for the opportunity of Christian service and vastly benefitted by fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the lands of Romania and the Ukraine.

We view ourselves as a conspicuously Christian enterprise and see our work as the active expression of our commitment to God through Jesus Christ, with all being done for His glory. We hope to continue operations in accordance with divine guidance as we look to the future.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity's Principal Address: 6 Cedar Row
Park Hill
Bristol
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Charity Trustees: Howard Bilton
Adrian Carey-Jones
Peter Cox
Rachel Jones
James Martin
Cornel Pelea

All of the above individuals served as trustees for the full length of the period being reported on.

Structure Governance and Management

Romanian Ministries has a constitution which was submitted formally to the Charities Commission and accepted prior to the commencement of the charity on 8 December 2014.

The structure of the charity is that of a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

Trustees are appointed for a fixed period, varying according to each trustee, and subject to reappointment following the expiry of each term. Re-appointment must be by the existing trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are the promotion of the Christian religion principally but not exclusively in Romania and among Romanian speaking people by the provision of financial or material aid, or by whatever form of support the trustees deem fit, and the relief of poverty principally but not exclusively in Romania and among Romanian speaking people by the provision of financial or material aid, or by whatever form of support the trustees deem fit.

Achievements and Performance

The year in question saw the continuation of funding partnerships with various churches and Christian charitable trusts. Donations were also received from individuals aware of our work for the Lord. We were, and continue to be, most grateful for all generosity and support received.

Giving during the year equalled **£241,346** (2023 - £218,986). Of this, **£146,289** was in the form of specifically ringfenced donations (2023 - £124,547). Expenditure equalled **£286,138** (2023 - £238,108). This resulted in a deficit for the year of £44,792 (in 2023 deficit £19,122).

We thank our Lord Jesus Christ both for donations received and for outgoings made possible by accumulated funds. The annual deficit once again was attributable to one-off costs relating to the construction of our home for abandoned children. This premises is nearing completion at the time of writing (August 2025).

Our main projects during the year were as follows:

- **Christian Hospice Care** – it was a privilege and blessing to continue sponsorship of 4 members of staff at Emanuel Hospice, payments during the year amounting to £72,017 (2023 - £66,680). Although a little short of the total funds needed, the staff we sought to help were Beni Paul (doctor), Paula Popovici (nurse), Adriana Bidilean (psychologist) and Cristi Tap (physiotherapist). The work of Emanuel Hospice continues to inspire all visitors with its selfless resolve and evangelistic impetus despite immense challenges. Of the 2024 donations, £15,000 was received from a Christian charitable trust towards a new hospice building currently under construction, for which we were deeply grateful.
- **Ukrainian Refugees** – following on from our previous year's activities in the Ukraine, our focus in 2024 was on assisting the widows and parents of soldiers who had died in the conflict. This aid program has been administered by Pastor Valerii Shevchuk and his wife Natalia near the city of Cerniti. It was a joy to visit them and others in the Ukraine in May 2024. In 2024 donations gratefully received permitted a significant expansion of the work so that it included 65 families and also monthly evangelistic suppers. Total giving for the year amounted to £32,211 (2023 - £18,012).
- **Village Evangelism** – we were grateful to help Viorel Rete in his work in two small villages north of Cluj. His ministry consisted of regular preaching, pastoral visiting and also a summer camp in these most rural locations. Expenditure in 2024 equalled £1,027 (2023 -£5,575).

- **Abandoned Children** – our primary focus in relation to this area of ministry remains the construction of a home for abandoned children near the city of Arad. Eventually, Lord-willing, this premises will welcome 12 abandoned children, as close to infancy as possible, in a distinctively Christian environment. Capital outlay costs have been significant, with expenditure in 2024 equalling £78,660 (2023 - £79,050). We anticipate the completion of the home in the latter months of 2025, the Local Authority having committed itself to funding running costs once complete.
- **Mission Outreach** continued in Scornicesti, the town where the communist ex-leader of Romania, Nicolai Ceausescu, was born and raised. Iosif Varan serves in a range of evangelistic activities and church work, our sponsorship of him in 2024 amounting to £4,955 (2023 – also £5,000).
- **Roma Children's Outreach** – a weekly club for Roma children has been continued in the town of Hunedoara under the leadership of Dani Hritac. This takes place on Saturday afternoons with up to 40 children in attendance. We also assisted Dani in his summer camp, paying for disadvantaged children to participate. We have discussed with Dani the possibility of extending this ministry to 3 disused tower blocks in Hunedoara, currently home to approximately 700 gypsy people.
- **Youth Drug Addiction** – we were pleased to continue supporting the Preventis group in the city of Cluj, which visits schools, runs a mentoring scheme for vulnerable youngsters and also provides a counselling service for addicts. Our sponsorship is of Andrei Nedelcu, a Christian psychologist, with some additional funds for parents' excursions. Total gifts in 2024 equalled £7,000 (2023 - £5,600).
- **Cancer Patients, low price accommodation** – this is provided to patients undergoing treatment in the city of Cluj, as people from many miles away sometimes need to board in Cluj for the duration of their treatment. Casa Filip is run by Christians and provides accommodation for such individuals at half the price of other establishments, or at no cost at all to those unable to afford anything. Our support in 2024 sought to favour assistance in the latter cases. The total given was £6,000 (2023 - £7,000).
- **Poor Pastors Sponsorship** – supplementing salaries which fall below subsistence level, most especially that of Pastor Sorin Sarbu in the village of Draut (£605 in 2024)
- **Deaf Community Outreach and Aid** in the town of Arad and its surrounding area. This was continued by Sammy Gorgan, with us assisting especially with practical needs in the community and the costs of their summer camp (£2,722 in 2023 - £2,535). Late in the year we broached the subject with Sammy of his receiving a part time sponsorship from Romanian Ministries to extend his work. This was agreed to, and commenced in January 2025.
- **Football Chaplaincy** through Daniel Zafiriu, an ex-professional footballer who now engages in evangelistic outreach and chaplaincy roles among the top tier of Romanian football clubs (2024 - £7,210; in 2023 - £6,500).

- **Prison Ministry** – this joyfully continued during the year through Cosmin Ghirghiu and his team. Cosmin himself now has 30 years of experience in this ministry, and his work extends to 6 prisons. He and his team run Bible study courses, evangelistic meetings, vocational training and family days, all with a clear Christian emphasis. Our help was directed mainly towards part-sponsoring one of Cosmin’s staff and also family days at Cluj prison, at a cost of £6,000 (2023 - £5,000).
- **Anti-abortion Counselling** – through the Project Iochebed centre in Suceava, where our assistance covered rent payments on their premises and also practical necessities for the first twelve months following birth (2024 - £3,500; 2023 - £3,500).
- **Youth Camps** – we were so glad to be able to continue our involvement in this important annual outreach activity. We especially prioritised where possible the support of children who would otherwise not be able to attend. We helped four camps during the year at a total cost of £3,197.
- **Christian Literature** – we were approached during the year by preacher and youth worker Daniel Cojita with a request for funding for 700 copies of Rebecca McLoughlin’s book *Confronting Christianity*. This is an apologetics masterclass, answering 12 of the most difficult questions Christians are asked by the outside world. We were very glad to assist with £3,500 for this, the books seeing a wide distribution among Christian and non Christian youth and adults.
- **Bible College Students** – after a break of some years, with much joy we recommenced support in this area, helping three young men in their Bible College studies. Two of them came with especial recommendations from their professors, and yet were facing potential withdrawal from their studies due to financial difficulties. We were glad to help with £2,125 of sponsorship.
- **Poverty Relief** - gifts were made to poor families through Casa Grace in Oradea, a Christian Social work agency, focusing especially on very poor families affected by the pandemic

Grants are normally made following contact with relevant individuals in Romania and word of mouth recommendations from other known and trusted sources.

We give heartfelt thanks to the Lord for His blessing of the work in 2024 and ascribe all credit and whatever measure of success to His interventions of grace.

It seems fitting to cite at this juncture the well-known verse of God’s pre-eminence in all things from Psalm 115 vs 1 “*Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory.*”

Our aim in Romanian Ministries is to remain as work of God’s grace, guided and led by the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit to the glory of God in every particular.

Financial Review

The receipts and payments account for the period in question is attached on the following page and has been independently examined by a suitably experienced and independent individual and duly approved.

The independent examiners certification is found on the page after the receipts and payments account.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name:

Position:

Date:

Romanian Ministries

Charity Number 1159517

Draft Receipts and Payment Account

01.01.2024 – 31.12.2024

Receipts	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds 2024	£ Total 2023
Donations and Gifts	78,970	146,829	225,799	205,947
Gift Aid Reimbursements	5,392	10,155	15,547	13,039
Total Income for Year	84,362	156,984	241,346	218,986

Payments				
Ministry Grants / Poverty Relief	115,155	161,892	277,047	227,570
Printing Postage and Stationery	6,291	0	6,291	6,253
Professional Fees	0	0	0	600
Petrol Reimbursements	875	0	875	878
Travel Costs	1,375	0	1375	1,989
Bank Transfer Costs	550	0	550	818
	124,246	161,892	286,138	238,108
Excess of Income over expenditure	(39,884)	(4,908)	(44,792)	(19,122)

Opening Funds 01.01.2021 £123,389

Closing Funds 31.12.2021 £78,597

Consisting of:

Unrestricted Funds £47,030 Restricted Funds £31,567

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Independent Examiner's Report

31st December 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Romanian Ministries

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1159517

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Scott Canning*

Date: 28th October 2025

Name: Scott Canning MAAT

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Association of Accounting Technicians

Address: 10 Meadow Street, Avonmouth

Bristol

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Gift Aid Reimbursements	5,392	10,155	15,547	13,039
Total Income for year	84,371	157,484	241,355	218,986

Payments

Ministry Grants / Poverty Relief	116,255	160,030	276,285	227,570
Printing and Stationery	6,140	0	6,140	6,253
Professional Fees	0	0	0	600
Travel Costs	965	0	965	878
Advertising	1,790	0	1,790	1,989
Bank Transfer Charges	1,054	0	1,054	818
Total Payments	126,204	160,030	286,234	238,108
Excess of Income over expenditure	(42,333)	(2,546)	(44,879)	(19,122)

Opening Funds 01.01.2024 123,389

Closing funds 31.12.2024 78,510

Comprising:

Bank and Cash Balances

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Restricted funds	33,929

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