

Mission: Europe Report and Accounts

year ended 31 December 2023

MISSION: EUROPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees	Rose Foulds Kevin Westfield Karen Gratton Jessica Anne Hymus-Gant Rev Mark Savage
Executive Trustee	Kevin Westfield
Governing Document	Declaration of Trust dated 23 November 2015.
Charity Registration Number	1164522
Registered Office	Mission: Europe 1 Union Lane Cottage, Lancaster Road Pilling, Preston Lancashire PR3 6SR
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Southport PR8 1PD

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
CHARITY INFORMATION

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

The following Trustees served throughout the year:

Rose Foulds
Kevin Westfield
Karen Gratton
Jessica Anne Hymus-Gant
Rev Mark Savage

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to appoint new Trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death.

Investment Powers

The Trust Deed authorizes the Trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity.

In planning the activities the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008 on 'Public Benefit'.

Constitution, Objects and Policies

The Charitable Trust is constituted by the Trust Deed dated 23 November 2015 named Mission Europe. Its objects are to advance the Christian faith in (but not limited to) Europe. The policy of the Charitable Trust is to positively impact nations facing economic and social distress. The charity provides Leadership Development, Short Term Missions teams (7-14 days) and a variety of Community Development initiatives based on country and need.

Developments, Activities and Achievements

The year ended 31 December 2023 saw the achievement of objectives and vision in some areas of the ministry as detailed below:

In 2023 Mission Europe sent a mission team in October to Moldova, to continue to impact the local community by providing aid via Storehouse project aiming to deliver clothes, food and medical supplies to those in the local villages in Nisporeni and Cioresti in most need. The teams aim to continue to share the love of God by faith in action. In 2023 we partnered with Vision Mission to provide spectacles for the local villagers by providing eye tests and giving out to each individual, helping provide a health need of spectacles that the local people had not had before. During the visit another aid lorry was sent helping to support and fill the storehouses, and expanding help, support and influence in the local churches.

Looking Forward 2024

Mission Europe has sent out a Mission team in April 2024, to continue to support the local churches and surrounding areas. The aim to advance the community aspect and impact of the storehouses in the local areas through distribution of aid and the gospel in local schools, nurseries, and visiting of local families. The team also gave out seeds so the villagers could provide food aid and support the local people grow produce for themselves, helping long term sustainability. We also aim to support local youth camps during the summer of 2024 with financial support to help young people in the local villagers to have an opportunity to have an experience of God and broaden their horizons with hope for the future. There will be another mission trip in October 2024 to monitor progression of the storehouses and do another outreach in the villages with medical support and spectacles for the locals.

Other: We will continue to address issues in society where the Christian message can offer a positive influence and solutions. Our aim is to have the Storehouse Project sustainable in Moldova with the possibility of sending more Aid in to further locations and to continue to research what is most needed in the country.

Mission Europe is working well with the change in Leadership with Rose Foulds becoming the Director of Mission Europe. Rose has developed a great team of people to help and support with the Storehouse Project in Moldova and is expanding the Trustees team.

Financial Review

Total receipts for the year were £3,333 comparable to £4,469 in 2022.

Total payments for the year were £4,650 decreased from £4,813 in 2022. Efforts were focused on fundraising for the sending of aid and creation of additional Storehouses. Year ended for 2023 resulted in a funds decrease of £1,317, compared to 2022 funds decrease of £344.

At year end net current assets totalled: £6,218, a decrease from £7,535 in 2022.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces. Based on the funds that are maintained, the regular review of the controls over financial matters/systems, there are sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

The Trustees regularly assess the risk of working in war torn countries recognising our duty of care to our Volunteers and Field workers.

Reserves policy: It is the policy of the charity to maintain funds throughout the year at a level that is sufficient to cover management, administration and support costs for a period of three months.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year. We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 31st May 2024.

Kevin Westfield

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

CHARITY INFORMATION

	Notes	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Funds 2023 £	Funds 2022 £
Receipts					
Voluntary income	2	3,333	-	3,333	4,469
Total Receipts		3,333	-	3,333	4,469
Payments					
<i>Activities in furtherance of charitable objectives</i>					
Charitable activities	3	4,650	-	4,650	4,813
Governance Costs	4	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		4,650	-	4,650	4,813
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		(1,317)	-	(1,317)	(344)
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,317)	-	(1,317)	(344)
Balances 1 January		7,535	-	7,535	7,879
Balances 31 December		6,218	-	6,218	7,535

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 31st May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Kevin Westfield

The notes on page 7-8 form part of these accounts

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AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

1. Fixed Assets

The estimated market values of the assets owned by the charity were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Furniture & Equipment	-	-

2. Bank Balances

Bank operating accounts	5,015	6,332
Bank deposits	1,000	1,000
Petty cash	203	203
	<u>6,218</u>	<u>7,535</u>

3. Liabilities

Mission Europe fell below the threshold for an external review.

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
3. Financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable
4. The charity complies with relevant laws and regulations

APPROVAL

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 31st May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Kevin Westfield

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CHARITY INFORMATION

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis with a Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

2. Giving to the Charity

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
General Donations	3,333	-	3,333	4,469
	<u>3,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>4,469</u>

3. Charitable activities

a. Direct Charitable Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Project costs	3,500	-	3,500	3,762
Travel and accommodation	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,762</u>

b. Support & Administration

Premises:

Rent and service charges	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

General Administration:

Conferences and promotions	348	-	348	323
Trustees' expenses	-	-	-	-
Volunteers' expenses	32	-	32	56
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Computer Costs	60	-	60	36
Sundry expenses	710	-	710	636
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,051</u>

Legal and Professional:

Bank and credit card charges	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Combined charitable activity cost

	<u>4,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>4,813</u>
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4. Governance costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Accounts and examination	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

5. Transfers Between Funds

There were no transfers between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds in 2023.

6. Staff & Trustees

The charity has no employees. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. Five trustees were reimbursed Trustee-related expenses, totalling £0 for the year (2022: £0).

7. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes. Movements in the year across all funds are as follows:

	Balance at 01.01.23 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.23 £
<i>Restricted Income Funds</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>General Funds</i>	7,535	3,333	4,650	-	6,218
	7,535	3,333	4,650	-	6,218
Total Funds	7,535	3,333	4,650	-	6,218