

Radiant Encounter Ministries  
Trustees Annual Report  
Year ended 31 December 2020  
Charity number: 1165807

**Trustees**

Stephen Jones, (Chair of Trustees)

Adonna Jones

Andrew Timms. (Also a Trustee for Destiny Life Church, charity number 1167525)

Alison Timms

Philip Goodson

Richard Dendle, (Is no longer a Trustee for Destiny Life Church, charity number 1167525)

Andrew Muir

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**Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 December 2020.**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statement of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2020. The financial statement complies with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and has been compiled in accordance with the charity's constitution.

## **Structure and Governance**

The Charity is a registered charity, number 1165807 and was established in England as a Charitable Incorporated Organization on 02 March 2016. It was established to continue the work that Stephen and Adonna Jones began through short term mission trips to Bulgaria.

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The Charity's Constitution provides for a minimum of 3 trustees, to a maximum of 7 trustees.

On appointment all new trustees formally accept in writing and are given a welcome pack, including a copy of the constitution, the board of trustee's minutes, trustees annual reports and accounts and a copy of the Charities Commission's publication entitled "The Essential Trustee: What You Need To Know".

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in this year. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

## **Risk Management**

The trustees work together to identify risks and where necessary seek training or external advice to reduce the risk.

## **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The objects of the CIO are:

- The advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit by means of evangelism and the preaching of the Christian faith, working with local churches, in particular but not exclusively Bulgaria and other countries as the trustees see fit, in distributing aid and delivering pastoral care..
- The relief of poverty in Bulgaria, and other countries as the trustees see fit, by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need.

The Charity's main activities are:

- Encouraging local Bulgarian communities in their faith through local churches and through pastoral care within smaller group settings.
- Giving grants or supplying equipment to local churches to improve their services to their communities.
- Giving supplies to relieve poverty and cultivate a sense of personal value among the poor.
- Supporting local relief and development initiatives.
- The transporting of donated goods for the poor to Bulgaria from the UK.

### **How the charity delivers public benefit**

When planning activities, the Trustees of Radiant Encounter Ministries have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Charity strives to make The Christian faith available to all. Radiant Encounter Ministries seeks to work with a broad spectrum of organisations and people in order to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of as many people as possible.

Radiant Encounter:

- Inspires faith, hope and personal growth through the proclamation and demonstration of the good of the Christian faith. Radiant Encounter's interpretation of the Christian faith is based on The Nicene Creed of 325AD. This creed is shared by many denominations including The Orthodox Churches, The Roman Catholic Church and Protestant Churches.
- Supports projects which bring relief to communities. Radiant Encounter has supported a number of projects in Kazanluk, including: the provision of a fresh water supply via two taps in the village centre, a drainage project to drain away the surface water and this year, a project to remove and dispose of surface soil contaminated by broken glass etc, replacing it with gravel. This Kazanlak Roma community, for many years has occupied a former rubbish dump and has been trapped in a cycle of poverty. This project was done through a regional church denomination which has developed a culture of

serving the members of its local community irrespective of the recipient's personal faith. As a result, many have come to faith in Christ.

- Looks for ways to support to proclamation of the good news of the Christian Faith. An example of this was when Radiant Encounter supplied four mobile sound systems, improving the outreach capabilities of a local denomination within its region. These sound systems have been put to good use to provide music and preaching in small buildings and in public outdoor areas.
- Provides school books and writing materials to children from poor families. This has allowed them go to school with essential provisions.
- Provides for the care of children. Radiant Encounter has regularly supplied goods to a local home for children with various needs, thereby improving the lives of these children. It is also very encouraging to the staff members, when their work is recognised.
- Transports clothes, shoes, and toiletries, which are donated in the UK, and distributes them via local churches in Bulgaria to the poor. This has become an ongoing project.
- Provides support for church development projects. One example is an electricity switchbox and connection to the power grid for a Roma Gypsy Christian Centre building project. The aim of this Christian Centre is to provide for the various needs of the poor, including food and in some cases accommodation.

## **Financial Review**

The charity started the financial year with £2,038 in the bank.

The Charity has received £10,291 in donations this year which is an increase on the previous year. This increase in funding has enabled a lot to be achieved whilst leaving funds available at the end of the year of £948, of which there is £350 held as restricted funds.

Radiant Encounter received £1,135 from Stewardship, the charity who administers much of Radiant Encounter's online giving and reclamation of tax. £4,270 was given by other charities.

This year the charities total expenditure year was £1,1328, of which £198 was spent on overheads and the remaining £11,130 was spent on projects and grants to support those in need.

Grants totalling £8,182 were given this year, of which:

A grant of £500 was sent to a church in Razlog, Bulgaria to help families who's houses had been burnt down by fire.

Grants totalling £6,770 was given to support a feeding project in Kazanlak, Bulgaria. They were feeding over 500 people who were seriously affected by the Covid-19 pandemic causing economic hardship due to lockdown restrictions.

A grant of £912 was given to a church in Kazanlak, Bulgaria to help pay the electric bill during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **Assets and Liabilities**

The Charity has finished the financial year with a positive balance and no debts outstanding.

### **Gift Aid**

In order to process its online website giving, Radiant Encounter uses the service of a charity registered in England and Wales called Stewardship, (charity number 234714). Stewardship administers the reclaiming of tax on behalf of the donor. The funds then come to Radiant Encounter, as a grant from Stewardship of the original amount donated online, plus any tax that has been reclaimed, minus their small administration fee of 3 %. All of Stewardship's profits go to support good charitable causes.

Radiant Encounter has also claimed gift aid where applicable on gifts that did not come through Stewardship.

### **Reserve Policy**

The Charity retains a reserve of sufficient funds to ensure that any ongoing expenses can be covered. Also, all funds held as restricted are retained until they are used for their designated purpose.

## **Trustees responsibilities in relation to financial statements.**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee(s) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and to apply them consistently and make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on any of the charities publications or websites.

## **Looking Toward the Future**

Currently Radiant Encounter is working mainly in the central Bulgarian town of Kazanluk, with some work also in the south western Bulgarian towns of Razlog and Sandanski. Radiant Encounter is hoping to greatly increase this work and has begun to establish a permanent base as the centre of operations for ongoing relief projects. Lives will be changed, through a practical demonstration of love.

**This Trustees annual report was approved by the trustees  
on the 15 September 2021.**

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## **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:**

### **FROM 01 JANUARY 2020 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

#### **INCOME**

General Donations	9565
Restricted Donations	726
Gift Aid	367
Other Income	Nil
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10658</b>

#### **EXPENDITURES**

##### **Less Direct Operational Costs**

Shipping and Packaging	2925	
Supplies Given	23	
Interpreter	Nil	
Travel and Accommodation	Nil	
Grants	8182	
<b>Total Operational Costs</b>		<b>11130</b>

##### **Less Other Expenses**

Bank Charges	Nil	
Office expenses	198	
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>198</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>11328</b>

<b>FUNDS (after expenses)</b>	<b>-670</b>
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## **Summary of Income and Expenditure Account**

Funds after expenses	-670
Retained funds at beginning of year	2038
Balance of retained funds at the end of year	948

## **Summary of Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds at beginning of year	44
Restricted donations within this year	726
Less spent restricted funds	420
Balance of retained restricted funds at the end of year	350



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## **BALANCE SHEET STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	<b>31 December 2020</b>	<b>Previous Year (on 31 Dec)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Total Cash	£948	£2038
Restricted Cash	350	44
Other Assets	Nil	Nil
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities	Nil	Nil
Long Term Liabilities	Nil	Nil

**Note: All figures on these accounts are rounded to the nearest pound.**