

## **The Messengers Annual Report**

Registered Charity Commission Number: 1185611

**1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021**

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report of The Messengers, as a CIO, in our work of 'providing support and encouragement to Christians in countries where they are restricted or persecuted in practising their faith with particular emphasis given to the needs of the tribal or minority groups.'

### **Trustees and Management Team**

#### **Trustees:**

Jonathan Walter - Director  
Nicola Walter - Communications  
Philip Walter - Finance  
Ruth Walter  
John Ibbett  
Yolanda Ibbett

#### **Management team (includes all trustees):**

Helen Packman - Prayer Resources  
Alice Ibbett - Mailing  
John Daley – Treasurer

We are very grateful to those who volunteer their time for the work of The Messengers and to Andy Eardley who publishes our monthly newsletter and prayer diary.

### **Overview**

Over the last year, the Trustees and Management Team have continued to meet to discuss and monitor the activities of The Messengers. This has been in groups of different sizes, depending on the purpose, with additional communication taking place either by email or in person.

Due to covid restrictions it has been more difficult meeting with our partners in Asia. However, Jonathan Walter has attended both the online Ethnos Asia board meetings this year and nearly all the trustees were involved in the online Ethnos Asia partners meeting. Contact has also been maintained with Ethnos Asia through various online meetings with the country workers over the year. We have stayed in email contact with our partners in Tribes and Nations Outreach.

We continue to keep supporters informed about our work with Tribes and Nations Outreach (TNO) and Ethnos Asia Ministries (EAM) via our monthly mailing and interim email updates. In addition to our Prayer Calendar, our monthly Prayer Pack is made available to all supporters for use in their church or small group. We are currently working on a website and hope to have this ready within the next year.

Our main foci over the last 12 months in terms of funding have been: providing Myanmar/English bibles to Myanmar; running costs for the Hope of Children School in Dhaka and funds for equipping their newly owned building; financial support and aid for those who have suffered over the last year such as the Rohingya refugees, flood victims and those affected by Covid-19.

This year has obviously been difficult due to covid restrictions, but we are encouraged that we have been able to keep in contact with our Asian partners. In fact, although we have spent fewer hours with them, we probably seen them more frequently, which has strengthened working together.

#### **Finances**

The total income in 2020/21 amounted to £46,654. Total expenditure was £49,072. The sum of £86,587 has been carried forward to 2021/22. We are thankful to our supporters who have continued to give during these difficult times and support those in Asia.

The two beneficiaries through whom our funds have been distributed have been Ethnos Asia Ministries and Tribes and Nations Outreach, both based in Thailand. A list of finances provided for both projects and one-off gifts follows:


#### **Project Gifts 2019/20 (in GBP)**

These were the main recipients of project funds through 2020/21:

Bangladesh: Dhaka School (running costs)	- £9,875
Bangladesh: Dhaka School (building)	- £3,000
Bangladesh: Harvest Centre Bandarban	- £4,000
Bangladesh: Rohingya Refugees	- £4,130

Covid-19	- £3,320
Laos: Flood Victims	- £2,170
Laos: Harvest Centre Livelihood Building Project	- £3,000
Myanmar: MENT Bibles	- £10,160
Thailand: TNO Training	- £4,660

Finally, we are grateful to God for His faithfulness to us, and for those prompted to give to help those in S E Asia who are facing persecution for their faith. We would like to thank all those supporters, both individuals and churches, who contribute to our funds on a regular basis. It is a joy and a privilege to be part of this charity which has a three-pronged approach - prayer, financial help and encouragement visits - where the opportunity arises. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities of next year.

  
Philip Wain TRUSTEE.



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### Receipts and payments accounts

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### NOTES

For the period from 03-Oct-19 to 31-Mar-21

Although this period covers 18 months Oct-19 to March-21, the accounts for Oct-19 to March 20 were included in the previous charity return. There were no transactions Oct-19 to April-20

#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	32,167	8,675		40,842	
Gift Aid	5,094			5,094	
Investments	718			718	
Bank interest				-	
Legacy				-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>37,979</b>	<b>8,675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,654</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>37,979</b>	<b>8,675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,654</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	297		-	297	
Insurance	312		-	312	
Legal Fees	223		-	223	
Postage	536		-	536	
Printing	1,389		-	1,389	
Stationery	11		-	11	
Website	54		-	54	
Ethnos Board Expenses				-	
Bangladesh - Dhaka School	5,145	4,730		9,875	
Bangladesh - Dhaka School Building	3,000			3,000	
Bangladesh - Rohingya Refugees	4,000	130		4,130	
Cambodia - CEP				-	
Cambodia FEC		380		380	
Covid-19	1,005	2,315	-	3,320	
Laos - Flood Victims	2,000	170		2,170	
Laos - Harvest Centre Bandanban	4,000			4,000	
Laos - Harvest Centre Uxulhooc Building Project	3,000			3,000	
Laos - Harvest Centre Training		550		550	
Conference Fees				-	
Deborah		240		240	
Ethnos General Fund				-	
Miscellaneous Mission Costs				-	
Nyanmar - Bibles for Burma	10,000	160		10,160	
Nyanmar - OTNG	765			765	
Nyanmar - TNG Training	4,660			4,660	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,397</b>	<b>8,675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,072</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,397</b>	<b>8,675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,072</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,418</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,418</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>89,005</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,005</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>86,587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,587</b>	<b>-</b>


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Gifts are sent to SE Asia where a specific need is seen. This varies from year to year

£1.5k mission trip to Vietnam and £1.5k Ethnos Board Expenses

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

## NOTES

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Sharnbrook Bank Deposit Account	80,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Agreement Error OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	CAF General Funds	6,587	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		PAUL WAINWRIGHT	20/01/2022	



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**THE MESSENGERS Charity no. 1185611**

I report to the trustees on the examination of the accounts of The Messengers ('the charity') for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report that in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that 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. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts did not accord with 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.



David Roberts 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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