



The Messengers Annual Report

Registered Charity Commission Number: 1185611

1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

This is the 2022/23 Annual Report of The Messengers 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 - John, Helen and Alice have been essential to helping The Messengers fulfil its work. Over the last year we have included the whole management team in our trustees meetings, which has been invaluable. Thanks also to Andy Eardley who publishes our monthly newsletter and prayer calendar and has created our website.

Overview

Over the last year, the Trustees and Management Team have continued to meet to discuss and monitor the activities of The Messengers. Our meetings have been in person this year.

We have kept in contact with our partners, Ethnos Asia Ministries and Tribes and Nations Outreach, via email, personal social media accounts and video calls. This year there were seven people that travelled to the Ethnos Asia conference in October 2022, where we met the ARNA country working leaders and EA team. We have also been in contact online with them over the year. We also visited Chaing Mai and the TNO centre team this year. Through these visits, online meetings and emails, we have been able to keep our supporters informed of the work with both partners. We have a monthly Prayer Pack, in addition to our monthly letter/Prayer Calendar. We have been sending urgent updates to our email supporters when the need has arisen, this has been valuable in updating them quickly about events. Our website is also being updated with our communications.

Our main foci over the last 12 months in terms of funding have been: Supporting the Hope of Children School in Dhaka; giving aid, through our partners, to those affected in the earthquakes and floods in Afghanistan, those living in poverty in Sri Lanka and those in poverty and persecution in Laos; printing MENT and Vietnamese bibles and our continued support for the training of leaders in Northern Thailand through our partners Tribes and Nations outreach.

Finances

The total income in 2022/23 amounted to £43,111. Total expenditure was £49,426. The sum of £73,368 has been carried forward to 2023/24. We were moved to use some of our reserves for aid for those affected in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Laos.

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 significant finances provided for both projects and one-off gifts follows:

Project Gifts 2022/23 (in GBP)

These were the main recipients of project funds through 2022/23:

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| • Hope of Children school, Dhaka, Bangladesh | £12,260 |
| • Mercy Fund – Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Laos | £10,000 |
| • Myanmar English New Testament, Myanmar | £5,240 |
| • Vietnamese Full Bibles | £5,000 |
| • Tribes and Nations Outreach Training Centre, Thailand | £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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE MESSENGERS

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Apr-22		31-Mar-23

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	31,743	8,121		39,864	58,268
Gift Aid	2,887			2,887	7,283
Investments				-	
Bank Interest	360			360	372
				-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	34,990	8,121	-	43,111	65,923
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,990	8,121	-	43,111	65,923
A3 Payments					
Auditor			-	-	50
Bank Charges	272			272	321
Insurance	362		-	362	343
Postage	369		-	369	349
Printing			-	-	760
Stationery			-	-	151
Website	1,397			1,397	64
Afghan Refugees				-	2,600
Bangladesh - Dhaka School	9,640	2,620		12,260	10,500
Bangladesh - Dhaka School Building				-	5,000
Bangladesh - Rohingya Refugees				-	944
Bangladesh Education				-	3,200
Conference Fees	6,096			6,096	
IDP Mercy Fund				-	1,800
Karen Mercy Fund	130			130	425
Laos - Harvest Centre Livelihood Building Project				-	260
Laos Mercy Fund				-	230
Laos Education				-	1,600
Myanmar IDP				-	1,000
Laos - Harvest Centre Training		300		300	
Deborah		240		240	240
Mercy Fund	10,000			10,000	
Myanmar - Bibles for Burma	4,760	480		5,240	3,600
Sri Lanka				-	1,000
Full Burmese Bibles				-	1,000
Myanmar GTMS	1,000			1,000	1,000
Myanmar Karen People				-	13,850
Karen Students in IDP				-	1,500
Lisu Bibles in Karen State				-	7,500
Mercy Fund				-	6,500
Pakistan Flood Relief	465	35		500	
Vietnam - John & Grace	1,600			1,600	1,900
Vietnam Mercy Fund				-	480
Vietnam bibles	5,000			5,000	
Thailand - TNO Training	4,660			4,660	4,660
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	45,751	3,675	-	49,426	72,827
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,751	3,675	-	49,426	72,827
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,761	4,446	-	- 6,315	6,904
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,683	-	-	79,683	86,587
Cash funds this year end	68,922	4,446	-	73,368	79,683

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

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

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Sharnbrook Bank Deposit Account	60,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	60,000	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	CAF General Funds	13,368	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	

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 31st March 2023.

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 21st July 2023

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