



The Messengers Annual Report

Registered Charity Commission Number: 1185611

1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

This is the 2023/24 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 regularly to discuss and monitor the activities of The Messengers.

We have kept in contact with our partners, Ethnos Asia Ministries and Tribes and Nations Outreach, via email, personal social media accounts, video calls and visiting. We attended the Ethnos Asia Ministries (EAM) conference in February 2024, where we met the ARNA country working leaders and EAM team. Jonathan Walter attends the EAM international board meetings twice a year, both of which have been in person this year. Through these visits and updates from our partners, we have been able to keep our supporters informed of the work. We have continued to send out our monthly Newsletter and Prayer Calendar, along with the Prayer Pack. Urgent updates have been sent to our email supporters when the need has arisen, updating them quickly about significant events. We are grateful to those that help make this possible.

Finances

The total income in 2023/24 amounted to £37,788. Total expenditure was £39,773.

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. We continue to support the school in Bangladesh, who provide teaching for children and support the wider community by equipping them to learn new skills so they can get employment. We have responded to the crisis in Manipur where churches were burned down and hundreds killed in the violence last year. This was done through our country workers in India. There was a plea for a motorbike for a pastor who was cycling to many places in Cambodia, which we responded to, and we supported leadership training programmes in Sri Lanka and Vietnam through our partners. Our other main expense was supporting the work of TNO in Chiang Mai, Thailand as they help the tribal Christians and churches in Thailand.

Project Gifts 2023/2024 (in GBP)

These were the main recipients of project funds through 2023/24:

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| • Mercy Fund – Manipur, India | £10,000 |
| • Hope of Children school, Dhaka, Bangladesh | £9,600 |
| • Motorbike for Beggar Village, Cambodia, Pastor training in Vietnam, Church leadership training in Sri Lanka | £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.

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Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	30,195	4,538	-	34,733	39,864
Gift Aid	2,599	-	-	2,599	2,887
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	437	-	-	437	360
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,231	4,538	-	37,769	43,111
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,231	4,538	-	37,769	43,111
A3 Payments					
Auditor	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	285			285	272
Insurance	842			842	362
Missionary Support	826			826	
Postage	800			800	369
Printing	1,342			1,342	
Stationery	60			60	
Website	330			330	1,397
Bangladesh - Dhaka School	7,080	2,520		9,600	12,260
Conference Fees	841	1,018		1,859	6,096
IDP Mercy Fund				-	
Karen Mercy Fund				-	130
Laos - Harvest Centre Livelihood Building Project		300		300	
MBS Training	800			800	
Manipur	9,770	230		10,000	
Laos - Harvest Centre Training				-	300
Deborah		240		240	240
Ethnos General Fund		50		50	
Mercy Fund	5,000			5,000	10,000
Myanmar - Bibles for Burma				-	5,240
Myanmar IDP		100		100	
Pakistan Flood Relief				-	500
Myanmar GTMS	1,000			1,000	1,000
Vietnam - John & Grace	1,600	-	-	1,600	1,600
Vietnam Bibles		80	-	80	5,000
Thailand - TNO Training	4,660	-	-	4,660	4,660
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	35,236	4,538	-	39,774	49,426
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,236	4,538	-	39,774	49,426

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 2,005	-	-	- 2,005	- 6,315
A5 Transfers between funds	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	79,683
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	2,995	-	-	2,995	73,368

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Shrnbrook Bank Deposit Account	55,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	55,000	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	CAF General Funds	16,383	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 2024.

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 2-8-24

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