

ONE HEART ISRAEL

CHARITY REG NO: 1189480

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD: 1ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Background:

By way of reminder, it is the charity's goal to introduce the Christian story of the unconditional love of God, through acts of service to Arab and Jewish residents of Jerusalem's Old City and environs, in the hope that in the days to come, one congregation of believers might identify together, first as Children of God, as the "One New Man" of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians, before each identifies ethnically as Jewish or Arab.

To this end, the charity employs one remunerated staff member, the Field Director (FD) and one unremunerated staff member, the Deputy Field Director (DFD) who cannot be named for security reasons.

Their year has seen some great progress but also a challenging one. The DFD received his visa early January and moved to Israel at the beginning of February. He has begun language studies in Hebrew and getting to know the area where they are living. The DFD is still experiencing difficulties in gaining his permanent Israeli ID card and Israeli passport.

The charity's vision is worked out on the ground in Jerusalem, and so, the FD and DFD are embedded in a fractured and traumatised population. They cannot escape the personal impact of living in a society always on the brink of war. In the last months of this year (2023), war became a reality after the October 7th attacks by Hamas, affecting all areas of their daily life; their relationships with both Muslim and Jewish friends; the FD's clients. Whilst the FD and DFD are no stranger to trauma and PTSD, the trustees are mindful of the stress on their physical and emotional wellbeing.

As if this is not enough, the FD and the DFD bear their own health issues.

The trustees are mindful of the considerable strain under which the FD and DFD work to fulfil the vision of OHI. We are thankful for the wider support given by friends of OHI.

Working out the vision:

Despite these ongoing challenges, the Field Director and Deputy Field Director have been occupied daily as follows:

- They visit and listens to the cares of local residents,
- following up on their joys and burdens with text messages, prayers and further visits.
- They will explain their motivation to those who ask but,
- it is their primary purpose to demonstrate love for their neighbours with acts of kindness and service.
- For those who ask about their faith, they will explain Hebrew bible passages.
- For those who seek it, they will disciple and mentor Christian believers.
- For those who are wrestling with present or past trauma, the FD will offer face-to-face counselling.

Significant Progress

The FD and DFD have made significant progress towards achieving the objectives set out in their Ministry Plan for the calendar year 2023.

In this past year they have recorded:

- pastoral visits to Jewish and Arab neighbours although this has been curtailed since the outbreak of war, though they continue to keep in contact via weekly text/phone-calls
- there is a reduction in mentoring due to an increase in the counselling ministry but the FD has continued to mentor 3 women
- The DFD is now doing a 2 hour prayer watch a week at JIHOP and is developing good relationships with the prayer team there
- The FD spoke at the Jerusalem International House of Prayer For All Nation (JIHOPFAN) Convocation to a group of about 80 people from all around the world.
- The FD counselled between 13-16 clients (one couple)
- invested in relationships with representatives of Jerusalem International House of Prayer, Beit Chai Ministry House, Schmidt School, International Christian Embassy Jerusalem;
- organised the first trauma counselling training conference with 35 attendees and c50 zoom participants.
- published a book presenting a Christian Therapeutic model for the healing of PTSD/trauma. The first print run has sold out, with a second run being printed. Also written a training manual with plans for a 6 week training beginning in January 2024.
- Read on subjects theological, leadership skills, prayer, attended Hebrew and Arabic language studies twice weekly at level gimel
- Developed relationship with Schmidt School where the DFD has started a drama club with 12 participants
- The DFD joined a table tennis club and is building relationships there.
- Running a support group for clients affected by the war.
- The DFD has organised social events since the outbreak of the war to increase morale.
- Recruited and mobilised prayer partners around the world with 12 visits from prayer partners, these ended when the war broke out
- Written weekly prayer letters, a monthly news/prayer letter and quarterly reports
- The FD and DFD conducted 2 UK preaching tours
- Led a monthly virtual prayer meeting
- Maintained WhatsApp contact for daily prayer matters with a dedicated prayer group
- Maintained the administration and the database of supporters

Financial Review:

Our monthly income for this financial year 2023, was £4848 as against a monthly expenditure of £4738. This compares with last year's monthly income £3492 and monthly expenditure £3986. Last year we ran at a loss and this year, "broke even". Though we operated in 2023 with a nearly 48% increase in turnover as compared to 2022, we still found ourselves "living hand to mouth!" with major expenditure hosting a trauma conference, publishing Alison's book on trauma and

financing the travel involved in deputation in the UK. As per 2022, our individual giving made up for nearly 75% of our income. We're very grateful for that. Book sales provided additional income. Our end of year balance 2023 was £3402. God has met our need.

(See Appendices as attached)

Our income for the period: 01/04/23 – 31/12/23 - £58,178

Our expenditure for the period: 01/04/23 – 31/12/23 - £56,860

Balance of income over expenditure: £1,318

As a faith-based charity, relying on gifts from individuals and churches that share OHI's vision, our income relies on visits to local UK churches where the FD and DFD are invited to speak and individuals (in the main) choose to gift support. One-off gifts make for the larger share of the income.

Our immediate expenditure is all about financing the Field Director's living expenses in Jerusalem where the cost of living is comparable to living in London. As a new charity, we have only been able to cover expenses and pay the FD a £500 living allowance. Further expenditure is required for ongoing legal advice for the DFD's Israeli ID and passport.

It is OHI's policy to hold £3000 in reserve as the minimum sum which will cover one month's expenses.

Structure, governance, and management:

The charity's governing document is its Constitution, dated 5th August 2019 and it is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the existing trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the effective administration of the CIO. Such individuals must also subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith. New trustees are invited on the board by serving trustees, from amongst recommended time-tested supporters of OHI's vision, to serve for a minimum of two years.

At the start of this accounting period, the Chair of Trustees was Brian Talbot. One new trustee has been appointed this year. Her details are given below.

These policies remain in place:

- Safeguarding
- Prevention of Money Laundering
- Whistleblowing
- Financial procedures
- Emergency Protocols
- Fire safety and evacuation

The Field Director's Contract of Employment includes policies on:

- Leave
- Sickness Absence

- Personnel

The charity also subscribes to the Stewardship Advice Line Service.

Names of Charity Trustees:

Brian Grant TALBOT	Chair	Appointed 30/06/2022
Mary Elisabeth ROSIE		Appointed 28/09/2022
Elaine VENNING		Appointed 01/10/2022
Shirley-Anne CHANCE		Appointed 10/11/2022
Celia Weltner		Appointed 19/04/2023

Declarations:

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above:

Date: 06/10/2024

Signatures:

Brian Talbot (Chair)

Mary Elisabeth Rosie

Maria Rosie



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2023		31/12/2023

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 - individuals	43,138.94	-	-	43,139	29,460
Donations - organisations eg churches	6,713.07	-	-	6,713	6,162
Bank Interest	10.74	-	-	11	34
Client fees	5,910.09	-	-	5,910	6,251
Trauma Conference	873.23	-	-	873	-
Book Sales	1,532.32	-	-	1,532	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	58,178.39	-	-	58,178	41,907
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	58,178	-	-	58,178	41,907
A3 Payments					
Rent	705.04	-	-	705	18,000
Light and heating	0.00	-	-	-	3,946
Cleaning	138.26	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	355.82	-	-	356	-
Salary & NI	38,952.66	-	-	38,953	5,846
Insurance (Social Security Israel and Medical Insurance)	730.67	-	-	731	2,279
Telephone/internet/postage/computer software	2,233.29	-	-	2,233	1,355
Accountancy	180.00	-	-	180	180
Computer/phone repair	0.00	-	-	-	-
Transport	7,426.46	-	-	7,426	194
Medical care	212.94	-	-	213	268
Visa/legal costs	13.00	-	-	13	2,213
Property tax	0.00	-	-	-	-
Food	0.00	-	-	-	4,277
Printing, Stationery	1,472.87	-	-	1,473	535
Charity costs (website)	0.00	-	-	-	980
Flights	1,297.52	-	-	1,298	3,138
Retreat	0.00	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	137.51	-	-	138	166
Exchange Differences	-3.89	-	-	-4	980
Study - language classes	1,607.95	-	-	1,608	794
Private Gifts	216.54	-	-	217	420
Professional fees (supervision; insurance; ACC membership)	1,182.88	-	-	1,183	2,265
Sub total	56,860	-	-	56,721	47,836
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	56,860	-	-	56,860	47,836
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,319	-	-	1,319	- 5,929
Drawings	- 1,116.13	-	-	- 1,116	2,287
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,199	-	-	3,199	6,841
Cash funds this year end	3,402	-	-	3,402	3,199

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	Cash funds	3,531	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,531	-	-
	(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 £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Computer equipment	569	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accruals	180	-	
	Expense Claim	518	-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
One Heart Israel

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1189480

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

TR Payne

Date:

30/09/2024

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.