

ONE HEART ISRAEL

CHARITY REG NO: 1189480

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD: 1ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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 FD and DFD have continued language studies in Hebrew and Arabic 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 traumatized population. They cannot escape the personal impact of living in a society that is at war with its accompanying danger, stress and tension. Throughout this year (2024), war continues to affect 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. The trustees have now put a crisis policy in place with a code of practice agreed by the FD, DFD and trustees in the event of crisis such as war, hostage taking or death on the field.

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 2024.

In this past year they have recorded:

- The FD now has two training manuals on trauma which she offers. She reran Trauma I course in July/August for 8 weeks with 4 participants and also ran a 4-week Trauma II course for another 4 participants in July. Both courses were very well received and the FD is looking to offer both courses in the New Year, dependent on how many people wish to participate.
- Long term, the FD is looking to publish both training manuals, for those who have not attended the course to purchase. An ISBN number has already been procured for Trauma I course booklet
- The partnership with the leader of JIHOPFAN continued to develop. During the war, JIHOPFAN is holding prayer meetings, which the DFD attends when time permits
- The DFD is now doing a 2-hour prayer watch a week at JIHOPFAN and is developing good relationships with the prayer team there
- The relationship with the head of the Elementary section of the Schmidt School, continued to develop and they meet monthly to pray. The FD prayer walked around the school regularly. The DFD also attends a prayer meeting for staff at the school on Tuesday mornings and the Elementary Head feels very supported by his attendance
- The DFD continues to offer a drama club at the school, which had 23 girls attending during the summer term and the summer production in June, was very well received by staff, parents and pupils.
- The DFD is again offering the drama club during the autumn term where 13 girls attended with a Christmas production of 'A Christmas Carol' in December
- The DFD is now attending a monthly prayer breakfast for pastors and leaders in Jerusalem and is meeting various Arab, Jewish and Gentile Christian leaders who serve in the city
- The DFD was also asked by the head of 'Repairing the Breach' which is a Christian group concerned with the reconciliation for those impacted by the Holocaust, to meet with Holocaust survivors in the south of the country
- The FD was asked to speak at a conference for reconciliation in July, called 'You're not alone' which was a collaboration with a UK ministry and Israeli ministries aimed at bringing support to those people in the north of Israel who are suffering from constant rocket fire
- The FD was asked to give a talk to a group from America on the 'Roses' tour about trauma under the leadership of Sally Klein
- The FD and DFD met with a group who were led by former missionaries for CMJ and were asked to share their vision for Jerusalem
- FD reading widely both theologically (Christian leadership, theology of Israel, intercession, and spiritual warfare) and concerning developments in trauma/PTSD. Completed 27 books.

- 10 copies of the FD's book, 'From Despair to Hope: A Biblical Approach to trauma' were sold in this period in Israel. 100 books were sold during the FD and DFD's visit to the UK. The book is selling well through the Christian bookshop in Stroud and approximately 40 books have been sold there
- The FD met with the deputy director of CMJ to look at possible partnership and a building she could use for her counselling practice in the future
- The FD and DFD met with a ministry that has a building 5 minutes away from their flat to see if this could be a possible venue for the FD's counselling clinic
- 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
- Recruited and mobilised prayer partners around the world .
- Written weekly prayer letters, a monthly news/prayer letter and quarterly reports
- The FD and DFD conducted a UK preaching tour
- 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
- The year ended with the launch of the church congregation.

Financial Review:

Our annual income for 2024 was £59546.30, which is monthly £4962 as against last year's £4819.

Our year's expenses were £60405.34. Monthly that's £5034 as against 2023's £4709.

We close our accounts at a loss of £859.04 in contrast to 2023s profit of £1319.

The difference in 2024, is the spend of more than £3000 toward the legal pursuit of Barry's citizenship, and the nearly £1000 spent on a bookkeeper for which we're very grateful. The bookkeeping will continue, but as for the pursuit of citizenship, we will wait for a time when urgency demands or finances allow.

We note that our regular monthly giving has fallen by half, from £6700 to £3800. That is 6% of our income. We put that down to a natural giving fatigue, but with harder times and the greater need in the charity sector, we have not managed to attract sufficient regular donors to fill in the gaps.

The one-off giving by donors is our bread and butter. That has stayed much the same as 2023...71% of our income. A little more than £42000. Client fees are the next highest revenue stream at 20% (double over last year) of our income, that is nearly £12000.

Our future outlook: We're indebted to one-off giving but would so value more regular givers to provide a steady stream of income. Giving comes from those who share the Barnett's vision for a One New Man community...and that requires visiting donors and churches at least once a year that the work of One

Heart Israel remains uppermost in their minds as a worthy cause. The UK tour is expensive for us but essential to keep OHI and the work of the Barnetts on the map.

Alison's trauma work, whilst costing so much personally, has become an important income stream. There are limits to the hours she can invest.

Sadly, we are still not adequately providing for the Field Director's monthly remuneration. We have pegged the Field Director's salary to that of an average minister's salary in London but we've still a way to go before we can afford to pay that. Some months of 2024 found us particularly stretched but through it all, God has been faithful to provide and the Barnett's have been patient and uncomplaining.

Brian Talbot
Chair of the Trustees

Appendix: Our Profit and Loss statement for our last year ended 31st December 2024 as attached.

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 Organization (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
- Crisis management policy

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:

Signatures:

Brian Talbot (Chair)



Mary Elisabeth Rosie





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

One Heart Israel	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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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 - individuals	42,658.53	-	-	42,659	43,139
Donations - organisations eg churches	3,756.14			3,756	6,713
Bank Interest	18.98	-	-	19	11
Client fees	11,670.93	-	-	11,671	5,910
Trauma Conference		-	-	-	873
Book Sales	1,086.87	-	-	1,087	1,532
Training	1,016.47	-	-	1,016	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	60,207.92	-	-	60,208	58,178
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,208	-	-	60,208	58,178
A3 Payments					
Rent				-	705
Light and heating				-	-
Cleaning					
Direct Expenses	128.62			129	356
Salary & NI	38698.00			38,698	38,953
Insurance (Social Security Israel and Medical Insurance)	1505.39			1,505	731
Telephone/internet/postage/computer software	1562.14			1,562	2,233
Accountancy	360.00			360	180
Bookkeeping	972.59				
Computer/phone repair	911.09			911	-
Transport	5472.82			5,473	7,426
Medical care				-	213
Visa/legal costs	3088.53			3,089	13
Property tax				-	-
Food				-	-
Printing, Stationery	1104.69			1,105	1,473
Charity costs (website)				-	-
Flights	3489.07			3,489	1,298
Retreat				-	-
Bank charges	67.58			68	138
Exchange Differences				-	- 4
Study - language classes	3119.74			3,120	1,608
Private Gifts	41.33			41	217
Professional fees (supervision; insurance; ACC membership)	213.33			213	1,183
Sub total	60,735	-	-	59,762	56,723
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,735	-	-	60,735	56,723
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 527	-	-	- 527	1,319
Drawings	- 1,329.93	-	-	- 1,330	- 1,116
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,402	-	-	3,402	3,199
Cash funds this year end	1,545	-	-	1,545	3,402

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B5 Liabilities

Details

Accruals
Expense Claim

**Fund to
which
liability
relates**

348
344

**Amount
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**When
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Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES****Independent examiner's report on the
accounts****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 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1189480

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(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 2022.

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:**

05/06/2024

Name:

Thomas Payne

**Relevant professional
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.