

Registered Charity Number: - 1199573

**HOPE HOME (THAILAND) UK**  
**a Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2023**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner’s Report

Charity Name	Report to the trustees/ members of
Hope Home (Thailand) UK	
31/12/2023	On accounts for the year ended
1199573	Charity no (if any)
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**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 / 12 / 2023**.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the 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.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

22/10/2024

Matthew Elmes

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Section B

Disclosure

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

N/A

**TRUSTEES:**

Chair: Rev Raymond Peter Cook (Appointed 07/07/2022)

Trustee: Ian Bowers (Appointed 25/09/2022)  
Rachel Kate Marshall (Appointed 11/07/2022)  
Jacolyn Ray Morgan (Appointed 07/07/2022)

**Charitable objects**

The objects of the CIO are the relief of financial hardship and protection of good health of orphaned or relinquished children and young people with special needs who are receiving care from Hope Home Social Welfare Home in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and from other such associations, trusts, societies or corporations as are established for charitable purposes only, and of special needs children resident in the community, through prayer, practical advice and grant funding.

**Trustees Report 2023**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity to 31 December 2023.

**Activities Carried Out To Further The Charity's Purposes And Public Benefit**

IESHope Home continues as a registered Social Welfare Home for children and young people with special needs who are orphaned /relinquished and require residential care or are able to live in community in foster-care family settings or are living with their biological families. The governance of Hope Home, and the Thai management of Hope Home is under Baan Sabaay Foundation, which is a Christian foundation supporting social and spiritual care for vulnerable people groups. Hope Home is based in Chiang Mai, just outside of the main city in a semi-urban area.

**Residential Facility:**

Currently Hope Home has 7 residential children living in an adapted house to be as wheelchair friendly as possible. The children have all been living with us for at least two years some for over 13 years. Their ages range from 3 years to 27 years old, and mixed disabilities covering autism, Down's, brain injury, cerebral palsy, blindness and severe epilepsy. All children are given individualized care according to their needs. This includes all basic activities of daily living care – good nutrition in formulas adapted for each child for oral and enteral feeding, therapies (physical, occupational, speech etc.), good hygiene care, social and educational skill teaching, spiritual care and medical care and last but not least, play therapy. The medical care needs for some of the children are quite complex but all staff are trained in individual skills as appropriate –these include nasogastric and Gtube feeding, bowel care, lung care such as nebulizing, suctioning, ambu-bagging and home ventilator care, as well as care of a child with a tracheotomy.

In October 2022 one of our children, a 6-year-old boy, was adopted and has moved away to live with his forever family in a town in Thailand further North from here. We are blessed that he has a loving Christian family from the USA, who are committed to working and living in Thailand just now. He is settled in very well and recently celebrated his first year in his family.

The children have complex communication and educational needs and a mission worker at the home is active in enhancing all communication forms, using AAC and producing all materials required, and training the staff in their use. For the vocal and non-vocal children, we are seeing very positive and encouraging results in things like reduced behavioral problems since the children feel understood and listened to, as well as the wider community trying to engage with the children better.

The home runs as near to a family set up as is able, but also has established routines and schedules of care which help the children and the adults, but flexibility and adaptability is also encouraged and was necessary during COVID. The home has isolated through COVID and we were clear of infection until April 2022, but thankfully the children and staff who were infected were not unwell and we were able to isolate everyone safely and efficiently. We have had three bouts of people (staff and/or) children having COVID infection but all stayed stable and were able to be cared for at home for which we praise God. We had a similar bout in April 2023, with two children hospitalized briefly but thankfully all recovering well now.

Now that COVID restrictions have sort of disappeared, we have continued to resume outside contacts, schools, clinics and therapies as well as days out altogether, and church visits. In June we secured the vaccinations of COVID and also the influenza vaccine for all staff and children, so this definitely helped keep us fairly clear of severe flu symptoms this year.

The morning routine at Hope Home includes everyone, staff and children together for a time of reflecting how each person is feeling, what is happening in that day and then prayer and bible reading together-all the staff and children seem to enjoy this time and becoming increasingly engaged in the process. This is then followed by physiotherapy for the children either at home or at outside government centers. The afternoons are joint learning activities tailored to the needs and abilities of each child. Two of the residential children attend school and a further child from family support travels to school with our children. Two children in supported family foster care in local community also attend the same special needs school. The evenings are relaxing inside and outside play times as much as is possible.

The home was a rented home but we are now through the intricate process of the land ownership being transferred to Baan Sabaay Foundation, and therefore Hope Home. The house and land is set aside as designated for use for care of special needs children and young people, even if, for any reason, Hope Home was no longer running. This will give longer term sustainability for special needs care in home/community setting, whatever this looks like in the future. We are very grateful to the previous landlord for their amazing generosity. At the time of writing this report we are currently in about to make the final payment on the land next door, which will become a community playground and garden, as well as at a future date a facility for older special needs young adults and families. This land purchase, again under the Baan Sabaay Foundation is expected to take about 10 months, and until that time we are not able to utilize the land. We can however be planning ahead for the next steps needed there, and we trust that the volunteers from the UK who helped so much in the planning process of this, will be able to join us for the start of our next step in ministry. We are grateful to BMS for the extra grant to build the fence/wall and gates around the new property and look forward to being able to do this early in the New Year. We are very grateful to Baan Sabaay Foundation for their willingness to allow us to be a part of their ministry and to support us in so many practical and managerial ways.

The home is staffed with a high ratio intentionally, so that children receive one-on one care as much as is possible. The staff are often untrained and have not completed full education, and many come from Myanmar, but they are keen and able learners and bring a heart of compassion and a willingness to learn. The staff are overseen by the mission worker/ nurse at the home, and by the overall Thai management team too. The Thai manager comes in at least six times a year to encourage the staff through spiritual guidance, listening and just being a presence. We are very grateful for her quiet but meaningful input into the lives of each staff member. The BMS support

partner worker is the grounds man, chef, driver and all round father figure at Hope Home and his willingness to serve, adapt and pre-empt challenges is much appreciated by us all. Some of the staff have experienced post COVID mental health issues, but we pray and trust that we as a management team can be the support and encouragement to help them gain strength and full health once more. Some staff have recently experienced family troubles and needed to leave to be nearer to them but they have since returned to work. One staff member left to get married. She now has work alongside her husband.

The running cost of Hope Home, residential and respite/ foster care has increased steadily in the last few years-due to increased cost of living, fluctuating currency exchange rates (primary source of support is from the UK) and costs of keeping safe from COVID. The funds have been sufficient and we have been grateful for the generous donations in-kind from local people with rice, nappies, milks, vegetables, washing powder and so much more. We are very grateful to BMS for their support and the way it enables us to reach out into community for support of families with special needs children.

Changes within residential children:-

One child was in an adoption process through the government and this was completed in October 2022. In the next few months we will approach the local Social welfare orphanage to ask if there are any children there with special needs who they would like us to consider. Hope Home has had previous adoptions completed over the last 13 years, and are pleased that there is maintained appropriate contact with nearly all the families. We are also hoping to approach alternative systems so that more of our children can be considered for adoption but as yet we are no further forwards but thus far we have not made much progress.

As COVID numbers here settled, and restrictions largely dropped, Hope Home aimed to resume visits to the Thai church with all the children, to resume visits from previous supporters that used to come and play / lead worship with the children and to resume monthly trips out-shopping, parks and other places of interest. Due to other pressures this has not really come to fruition in the latter months but we have very high intentions for the New Year. We greatly enjoyed the Christian run Thai family camp in July – it was a good time for all involved. One of the older foster children does now attend church and youth events every week and we are grateful for the renewed physicality of spiritual support, although online church was helpful. He is settling in well into the youth group and a small adult bible study group as well and spiritually growing amazingly.

In the early part of last year one child came home from hospital requiring long term home ventilator care, alongside the care of many years with oxygen therapy, suctioning, nebulizing, tube feeding and tracheotomy care. Since the latest change she is thriving and has stayed remarkably well. The staff have been excellent at learning yet more skills. We are grateful for the provision of the government hospital to loan the home ventilator from them. We have been grateful for the home visits by the chronic care team from the local government hospital, and their provision of supplies and above all, their advice. The hospital support, extended to her still as a child rather than moving her up to the adult services as she should, is excellent.

The children who would normally have been at school were very stressed, especially in the last year of living with COVID and schools closed. It was a relief that the school opened, and as we had hoped some of the new behavioral issues eased as a result of a return to normality for them. One of the children reached a point of increased problems and he has now adapted well to medication to help him settle. He is also benefitting from increased opportunities of speech and behavioral

therapies provided by the government Center for development, and we are seeing progress in all aspects thankfully. His progress is generally continuing well.

The children receiving physiotherapy at home are generally doing well, though we have welcomed the resuming of therapies at the government centers and learning new skills from the professionals. We are especially happy to learn from them how to best care for our newest child with a TBI and resulting hemi-plegia so that we can help him the best way possible. We transferred hospitals, still within the government scheme, and he has had one further head surgery successfully, and his minor surgery also went well. We praise God for excellent provision of care, and for miraculous progress in this young child, above all human expectations. He continues to amaze us and is quite literally a walking miracle!

One of our girls has unresolved epilepsy, despite multiple medications. Extensive tests are not yet revealing the underlying cause, and her general development and quality of life is dropping unfortunately. She is now sadly losing weight progressively, losing previous muscle control and much less alert. We continue to seek medical advice.

Respite children-community support:

Hope Home aims not only to provide residential care to those who have no family or their family has relinquished them to the care of the state, but to support families in community so that they do not reach the need to give up their children. Our community contacts come through the CCT themselves, such as the SDSU/ CAM unit, through other organizational links, through local church and by word of mouth. We, in a non COVID world welcomed families into the home for training and hands on teaching in PT/OT care as well as providing families with a break and we are hoping this will resume for at least two families in the new Year. One child attends 6 days a week in the day so her mum can work – and now schools are open we will continue to help with taking her to and from school too, as before. Her mum is a single mum with a younger child too to care for. Without the support of Hope Home, despite the immense love she has for her child, she may well have looked to giving her up to care. Hope Home has been able to care for this girl for periods of 3-5 days too whilst her mum returned to the Thai/Myanmar border to conduct essential paperwork and again, it is a privilege to do so. This is the same child who sadly has developed severe obesity in the last year, and I am currently working with her mum and the doctors on diet/exercise approaches to prevent further problems. At this time this mother has just had a motorcycle accident and will be non walking for several weeks. Hope Home has helped with respite care for the girl, and now we are seeking ways to keep the family safe together, and support the mum financially whilst she will be unable to work.

There are other children in community who we support through practical monthly giving of milk, nappies, medical support and during COVID, essential food items too for the family. This support helps the families feel connected, and able to cope, and again, we trust keeps families together. Currently we are supporting at least 7 families to some extent, and would like to see this side of the ministry expand and grow, and improve on networking and linking people together more. One contact last year via the Thai church is of a child with special needs known to them and they are helping the family by providing the mum with a hands-on care support worker in the week, and Hope Home is helping with advice and supplies for the family. This is a refreshing way to link together to help families stay together. Sadly for this family, tragedy struck and the child died unexpectedly from a seizure. The same church contacts, undeterred by this, have linked us with another child now who we are also supporting in a similar way. Sadly this child too died unexpectedly following an accident at home. We continue to keep contact with the family via our



Social Worker. Also, the local government orphanage spoke to us about a child with profound developmental and health needs who the family tried to leave at the orphanage. The social workers there are focused on keeping family together, so they are helping them practically and financially, and have linked us up with them so we too can help support keeping family together. This is a refreshing new approach by the social welfare system and a reflection on the new leadership there. We are excited to see just how much more we can partner together in this way. We are a recognized Christian home and it is good that the social welfare department is happy to work alongside us in this way. We trust that Christ's love can shine through in our approach. We are also linking with other social support agencies who meet children with special needs in their contacts, and finding ways to partner together to support families, each organization contributing from their own skill set, but together providing best practice support.

In the latter end of December, we were also approached by the Social Welfare department to take on temporary care for a severely disabled young lady whilst her mother, her main care-giver, recuperates from major surgery. She has settled well and her situation will be reviewed on a monthly basis. It is a privilege to support families in this way, and we are approached by the department to help many people from childhood to young adults. Those we cannot accept due to lack of space or sufficient staffing we try to find ways to help in the community. This is a big need in Thai society that requires addressing from within the Thai Social Welfare setting ideally.

Foster care children: 3 children are currently supported in foster care by Hope Home and live either in the village complex where Hope Home is based, or in rented accommodation convenient to the foster family's needs. All three are in teenage years and it is deemed appropriate to be in a more intimate family setting. One of these boys had increased medical concerns this last year and is adjusting to needing to be tube fed rather than oral feeding, and he has changeable mobility needs. Hope Home is able to be a good support for him and his foster mum. His biggest challenge now is that he has aged out of child therapy services and is not yet being accepted into adult services appropriate to his needs. This is a challenge of the system unfortunately, but we will keep looking for all opportunities.

Another teenage boy lives with a single mum who is now at work retirement age. This boy has severe autism and has struggled emotionally and socially and behaviorally during COVID but this had improved drastically when his school opened in May 2022 after almost 2 years of being closed. He and his foster mum moved out of the village to a new area of Chiang Mai with lots of space, and a family community for his foster mum nearby. Hope Home manager and nurse tried to visit him or contact him at least once a month at home or out nearby, and we continue to provide monetary support to cover rent, food and travel costs, and any school costs. We are grateful that this solution resolved the escalating situation of his behaviors being a potential risk to the younger and more vulnerable children at Hope Home. We had hoped this would be a longer-term solution for him but sadly and understandably his foster mum has let us know she does not feel able to continue. In the absence of another foster family, and with sad hearts, we, in conjunction with our Board of advisors, and with the foster mum have reached the sad decision to refer him back to the state system. He will at some point in early next year be heading to another city and into a large institution for special needs children who are wards of the state. It might, potentially be the better long term sustainable situation for him – he will be with people his own age, he will be able to attend school for many more years, and he will be able to access adult vocational services from there. It will be with a heavy heart when this happens, but we have to trust God in this, and this seems to be the way he is guiding forwards.



The third girl in foster care is progressing well, but they too had moved out of the village to be nearer her sibling's schools and her foster dad's workplace. Regular contact is maintained and she continues to come to Hope Home for school holiday times or whenever school is closed on occasional days. This family too has monetary support to help with the cost of raising a teenager.

Future plans: We continue to be thankful for God's provision of all our needs, through supporters and local visitors. A few years ago the land adjacent to us came up for sale, and a previous donor of Hope Home expressed the interest in purchasing the land so we could extend community provision, and restart the community playground. This all fell silent during COVID and discussions resumed last year. Baan Sabaay Foundation will purchase the land using the donor funding, and over time the land will be made into a functional community play area for able bodied and special needs to interact, and a community-based facility for use such as training activities, income generation projects for older special needs young adults. We are now very close to completing the purchase, hopefully by the end of January at the latest. We are increasingly aware that as our children get older, their needs change and mixed age residential care is not as appropriate or functional.

Thank you for your support and interest in the work of Hope Home. Hope Home staff, management and of course the children express their thanks for enabling us to be a family here, building each other up and striving to reach our highest potential in all areas of life. We are partners in this together.

Submitted by

Miss Judith Cook

Nurse / Manager at Hope Home, Social Welfare Home for Special Needs Children  
January 2024

Rev Raymond Peter Cook

Chairman

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	53,223.19	53,223.19
<b>Total</b>		<b>53,223.19</b>	<b>53,223.19</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	3	45,215.00	45,215.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>45,215.00</b>	<b>45,215.00</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>8,008.19</b>	<b>8,008.19</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>8,008.19</b>	<b>8,008.19</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward		-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>8,008.19</b>	<b>8,008.19</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	4	8,008.19	8,008.19
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>8,008.19</b>	<b>8,008.19</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>8,008.19</b>	<b>8,008.19</b>
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		<b>8,008.19</b>	<b>8,008.19</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds	5	8,008.19	8,008.19
Restricted income funds	5		-
Endowment funds	5		-
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>8,008.19</b>	<b>8,008.19</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Raymond Cook  
Trustee

# 1 Accounting Policies

## 1.1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

## 1.2 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)' (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

## 1.3 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

# 2 Income from Donations and Legacies

Analysi s	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	53,223.19	53,223.19
	53,223.19	53,223.19

# 3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
<b>Analysis</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank charges	215.00
Grants paid	45,000.00
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	45,215.00
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## 4 Cash at bank and in hand

	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and on hand	8,008.19
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	8,008.19
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## 5 Charity funds

### 5.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

<b>Fund names</b>	<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfer s</b>	<b>Gains and losses</b>	<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
<b>General Fund</b>	-	53,223.19	(45,215.00)	-	-	8,008.19
<b>Total</b>	-	53,223.19	(45,215.00)	-	-	8,008.19

### 5.2 Transfers between funds

#### This Year

	<b>Amount</b>
	<b>£</b>
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	-
Between endowment and restricted funds	-
Between endowment and unrestricted funds	-