

Rabboni Mercy Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100523

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-02-12

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Activities

Purposes: The Trust is established to support by means of financial assistance and voluntary work to any charitable project for the prevention and relief of poverty, suffering and distress, the advancement of education, the promotion of the Christian faith and the promotion, preservation and protection of health of the inhabitants, and, in particular children and young people under the age of 18 (hereinafter referred to as “the beneficiaries”) of the Rabboni Mercy Orphanage in the area of benefit (Bangalore and its environs of India) and to promote the benefit of those inhabitants who are in need of assistance as a result of their poverty or social and economic circumstances in a common effort to provide residential accommodation and education to improve the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular: to co-operate with the Rabboni Mercy Orphanage in the maintenance and management of a residential centre or centres for activities promoted by the Trust; to relieve poverty and hunger in particular through the establishment or support of homes for orphans and by the provision of food, clothing and care; to advance the education of children and young people on the basis of Christian principles through their educational and leisure activities so as to develop their spiritual, physical, mental and emotional capacities in such ways as the Trustees may from time to time think fit; to recruit, select and send out volunteers for both short and long term service; to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the Trustees, may from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of Northern Ireland.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of health or the saving of lives

How the charity works: Accommodation/housing, Education/training, Medical/health/sickness, Relief of poverty, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Homelessness, Overseas/developing countries, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£33,185	£34,412	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Gregory		
Mike Ewan		
Ronnie Mcilwaine		

Rabboni Mercy Trust

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	06.04.24	To	05.04.25	
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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					
Regular Sponsorship	12,479	-	-	12,479	11,784
One off Gifts	7,404	-	-	7,404	20,375
Gift Aid	3,302	-	-	3,302	2,189
Reserve Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000	3,000
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	
Refund	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	33,185	-	-	33,185	37,348
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Private Loans		-	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total receipts	33,185	-	-	33,185	38,348
A3 Payments					
Regular Charitable Expenditure	11,226	-	-	11,226	10,144
Project Expenditure	17,686	-	-	17,686	17,108
Reserve Fund	5,500	-	-	5,500	7,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	34,412	-	-	34,412	34,252
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Loan repayment		-	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total payments	34,412	-	-	34,412	35,252
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,227	-	-	- 1,227	3,096
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,984	-	-	3,984	888
Cash funds this year end	2,757	-	-	2,757	3,984

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	2,757	-	-	2,757	3,984
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,757	-	-	2,757	3,984
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Reserve Fund	1,651	-	-	1,651	6,056
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	1,651	6,056

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Private Loans	Unrestricted		-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
			Total		-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
M R Ewan	Michael Ewan	28.10.25
A J Gregory	Adrian Gregory	04/11/2025

Rabboni Mercy Trust

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	06.04.23	To	05.04.24
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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					
Regular Sponsorship	11,784	-	-	11,784	11,515
One off Gifts	20,375	-	-	20,375	3,723
Gift Aid	2,189	-	-	2,189	2,421
Reserve Fund	3,000	-	-	3,000	600
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	
Refund	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	37,348	-	-	37,348	18,259
A2 Asset and investment sales <i>(see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance) .</i>					
Private Loans	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Total receipts	38,348	-	-	38,348	18,259
A3 Payments					
Regular Charitable Expenditure	10,144	-	-	10,144	11,322
Project Expenditure	17,108	-	-	17,108	6,674
Reserve Fund	7,000	-	-	7,000	600
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	34,252	-	-	34,252	18,596
A4 Asset and investment purchases <i>(see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</i>					
Loan repayment	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Total payments	35,252	-	-	35,252	18,596
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,096	-	-	3,096	- 337
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	888	-	-	888	1,225
Cash funds this year end	3,984	-	-	3,984	888

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	3,984	-	-	3,984	888
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,984	-	-	3,984	888
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Reserve Fund	6,056	-	-	6,056	2,020
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	6,056	2,020

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Private Loans	Unrestricted		-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
			Total		-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
M R Ewan	Michael Ewan	11.09.24
A J Gregory	Adrian J Gregory	17.09.24

Rabboni Mercy Trust

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Annual report

Annual Report for
Rabboni Mercy Trust NIC100523
6th April 2023– 5th April 2024

32 Fairview Avenue
Whitehead
BT38 9NU

Purpose of Charity

The charity is governed by a Trust deed. The Trust is managed on a voluntary basis by a Board of Trustees who meet regularly and have responsibility for the financial management and strategic direction of the organisation. There are no payments made to the Board of Trustees and there is no private benefit to them or anyone else. The Trustees have all reviewed the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland AR08 Guidance and are aware of its requirements.

The trustees named below were the only ones who served through this reporting period (6/4/23–5/4/24). These three are also the only trustees who continue to serve at the date this report was approved.

Michael Ewan

Adrian Gregory

Ronnie McIlwaine

The Trust provides or assists in the provision of medical and health care expenses and treatments, educational bills and food relief measures. The Trust particularly supports the work of the Rabboni Mercy Orphanage in providing accommodation and care in the area of benefit for children. The Trustees aim to demonstrate practical love to those in need and to provide food, clothing, shelter and education in a Christian environment.

From its base in Northern Ireland (UK) the Trust seeks to send both financial resources together with supporters and assistance to its projects in Karnataka (India).

At least one of the trustees make periodic visits to oversee the work carried out in India in order to check on the financial affairs of the overseas work and to provide support and encouragement to the local community and representatives of Rabboni Mercy Orphanage in the Karnataka region. Supporters normally accompany the trustees on these visits.

Report for the year up to 5th April 2024

We are encouraged by the Lord's provision and help for Pastor Raja and Jebasheela and the children over the year. A visit to see the work with a small team at Easter was very inspiring.

Children

The children continue to do well at school and have kept healthy with no major health challenges. They continue to attend the church in Bangalore and receive spiritual instruction through the Sunday

school. They are well fed and clothed, educated and have a safe place to sleep. The children have completed and passed all their exams, successfully continuing their education. Sam and Mary look after their daily needs overseen by Pastor Raja and Jebasheela. They are cared for and supported physically, emotionally and spiritually. Presently they fully care for 10 children whilst another 16, from poor families, are sponsored for their education, food and clothing.

Team Visit

A small team of five were able to visit Pastor Raja and Jebasheela and the work they do in India, accompanied by Mike Ewan one of the trustees. They were able to join them on Easter Sunday for their worship service, and the following Sunday. It was lovely to have the opportunity to meet the children they care for, as well as see the other ministries they are engaged in as a church. They were able to take the children and many of the church folk on a day out to Wonderla (an Indian theme park with fun rides and a waterpark). The visit was a special time to meet the children and enjoy time with them.

Sponsors and Finance

We have 22 regular individual sponsors, (an increase of 4 over the year) and 2 church sponsors (Greenisland Baptist and Whitehead Baptist). There have been others who have regularly given and a number of one-off gifts as well. The amount of regular sponsorship was c £11,784 and one-off gifts totalled c £20,375. Of the total amount given by sponsors £13,209 was gift aided. The total amount of income for the year was c £35,348 with expenditure of c £28, 253 resulting in a surplus of c £7,095. Some of this was transferred to the reserve account leaving an end of year balance in the working account of c £3,984 whilst that of the reserve account was c £6,056.

We increased the monthly amounts we sent regularly to India during the year to 90,000 INR (c £890) with an additional 11,000 INR (c £100) sent each quarter for additional educational needs (such as exam fees). Over the year this amounted to c £10,144. Additional project expenditure was c £17,108, and a loan of £1,000 was repaid.

Repairs to the building

During the year money was sent to complete some minor repairs on the building. Some windows needed to be replaced and leaking pipes from the toilets and drainage needed to be fixed. They also completed some refurbishment to the main church hall. The new roof that was put on a couple of years ago now keeps the building dry although some further waterproofing of the walls may be needed in the future.

Conclusion and Thanks

We are thankful to God for once again providing the finances to care for the children in India and for the help received from our supporters and sponsors. It is always a challenge to meet the needs over the year, but we look back with grateful hearts for all we have been given and have sought to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us for this work.

Mike Ewan

on behalf of the Trustees

7.11.24

Rabboni Mercy Trust

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Rabboni Mercy Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.


My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Name: David B Thompson

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

Address: 4 Kinwood Drive, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 6UQ

Date: 21 October 2024

Rabboni Mercy Trust

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Accounts

Rabboni Mercy Trust	NIC100523	
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	06.04.22	To	05.04.23	
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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					
Regular Sponsorship	11,515	-	-	11,515	11,054
One off Gifts	3,723	-	-	3,723	6,467
Gift Aid	2,421	-	-	2,421	3,981
Reserve Fund	600	-	-	600	5,000
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	1
Refund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	18,259	-	-	18,259	26,503
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Private Loans	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,259	-	-	18,259	26,503
A3 Payments					
Regular Charitable Expenditure	11,322	-	-	11,322	9,840
Project Expenditure	6,674	-	-	6,674	15,208
Reserve Fund	600	-	-	600	3,500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	18,596	-	-	18,596	28,548
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Loan repayment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,596	-	-	18,596	28,548
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 337	-	-	- 337	- 2,045
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,225	-	-	1,225	3,270
Cash funds this year end	888	-	-	888	1,225

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	888	-	-	888	1,225
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Reserve Fund	2,020	-	-	2,020	2,014
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			Total	2,020	2,014	

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Private Loans	Unrestricted		-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
			Total		-

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Report for the year up to 5th April 2023

We are encouraged by the Lord's provision and help for Pastor Raja and Jebasheela and the children over the year. Jebasheela's health has remained stable, and she continues to serve with energy and perseverance. Pastor Raja had a serious back problem during the year from which he has now recovered. The children have kept well.

Children

The children despite all the challenges and difficulties they face are doing well. Their education has continued, and they have completed and passed all of their exams. They have been able to receive spiritual instruction through the church and Sunday School. Sam & Mary look after them in the home on a daily basis while Pastor Raja and Jebasheela oversee the work and monitor school-work, physical and spiritual progress. They are caring for 16 children.

Sponsors and finance

We have 18 regular individual sponsors, and two church sponsors (Greenisland Baptist and Whitehead Baptist). There have been others who have regularly given and a number of one-off gifts as well. The amount of regular sponsorship was £11, 515 - and one-off gifts totalled £3,773. Of the total amount given £8,754 was gift aided. The total amount of income for the year was £18,259 with expenditure of £18,596. This £337 deficit was funded by a surplus in the working account leaving an end of year balance of £888. The reserve account had a balance of £2,020 at the end of the year.

Future needs

To compensate for inflationary costs, we agreed as trustees to increase the amount sent each month by 10%. We have been informed of necessary repairs to the building which we will need to consider for the coming year.

Conclusion and Thanks

We are thankful to God for once again providing the finances to care for the children in India and for the help received from our supporters and sponsors. It is always a challenge to meet the needs over the year, but we look back with grateful hearts for all that has been given.

Mike Ewan

on behalf of the Trustees

26.10.23

Rabboni Mercy Trust

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Annual return

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Name: David B Thompson

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

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Date: 18 October 2023