

Trustee Report 2024

Psalm 107

v1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Introduction

I would like to start by giving thanks to the Lord, for enabling and blessing the ministry of Spud Bears throughout the year. Again we have been truly blessed with the support we have received. In a year that yet again was hit by the high cost of living. A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of our supporters for both their prayers and generous donations.

Teddy Times

In 2024 we heard from the Teddy Times of three very encouraging updates of the work. In Spring we learned of how the hand of the Lord keeps our bears safe in China, even when in direct danger from the communist authorities. In the summer we got to learn of the great work done by Zahra in Kenya, working with the children on the rubbish tips in Nairobi, using Smudge the bear in her ministry and at Christmas time we got to hear about Star hidden in a hut during a storm and how he met Jomo, his new best friend.

Closure of storage unit in N Ireland and have moved fully to Direct Sourcing

Following on from our new trial of direct procurement of the cuddly Teddies and having them shipped from source. We have seen great results and a much lowering of the unit cost, in comparison with shipping via a courier from Northern Ireland to the children's homes, orphanages and clinics overseas. As a result we have now moved fully to direct sourcing and as such have closed our storage capabilities here in N Ireland.

Wonderful increase of Next Gen Solar Charging 67% increase

In 2024 we were able to send even more of the Next Gen solar chargers. A total of 250 up from 150 in 2023 of the Aluminium cased USB charging 5V 2A units have been sent. Each unit also contains a bright LED torch light which provides a free source of light to people in the night.

Thank You

I would like to finish by thanking each and everyone who has taken Spud Bears into their hearts and generously supported the work, to bring the Love of Jesus, along with comfort and life saving information to so many children.



Roy Davies

Chairman / 17th October 2025