

# Fresh Hope Ministries International

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101883

## Details

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Known as	FHMI
Status	Received
Registered	2015-05-29
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** To advance the Christian faith in Northern Ireland and elsewhere by:- (a) Holding Church services and public meetings for praise, worship, bible teaching, prayer, healing and fellowship (b) Providing activities, education and teachings for children and young people (c) Providing other social amenities and activities which are in sympathy with the other aims and objects of this Trust Deed (d) Radio and television broadcasting (e) The recording of audio and audio-visual and production and distribution of Christian literature and audio and audio-visual material (f) The support and encouragement of the Christian Church at home and overseas (g) Other activities incidental or conducive to the attainment and advancement of the said objects (h) Such other charitable acts and things as will (or will tend to) promote or encourage the Christian faith.

**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, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:**

Accommodation/housing, Counselling/support, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Medical/health/sickness, Relief of poverty, Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), Learning disabilities, Overseas/developing countries, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Specific areas of deprivation, Victim support, Women

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£22,271	£22,878	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Andrea Peterson		
Mrs Audrey Thompson		
Mrs Barbara Craig		

**Fresh Hope Ministries International**

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# Accounts

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# Fresh Hope Ministries International

Year Ended 31st December 2024

## Income & Expenditure Report

<u>Income</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds £</u>	<u>Total 2024 £</u>	<u>2023 £</u>
Donations	20,657.01	0.00	20,657.01	15,678.36
Gift Aid	1,602.50	0.00	1,602.50	2,218.00
Interest earned	11.89	0.00	11.89	9.38
	<u>22,271.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>22,271.40</u>	<u>17,905.74</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>				
Fresh Hope Ministries International	20,900.00	0.00	20,900.00	16,840.00
Administration fees	1,584.65	0.00	1,584.65	0.00
Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel, Monitoring/Promoting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank fees	123.60	0.00	123.60	126.00
Accounts fee	270.00	0.00	270.00	270.00
	<u>22,878.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>22,878.25</u>	<u>17,236.00</u>
Total expenditure for the year				
	<u>22,878.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>22,878.25</u>	<u>17,236.00</u>
Net Income for the year	<u>-606.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-606.85</u>	<u>669.74</u>

**Fresh Hope Ministries International**

**Year Ended 31st December 2024**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Balance brought forward	2,243.52		2,243.52	1,573.78
Net Income for the year	-606.85		-606.85	669.74
Balance carried forward	<u>1,636.67</u>	0.00	<u>1,636.67</u>	<u>2,243.52</u>

**Current Assets**

No. 1 Account			1,285.44	1,519.53
No. 2 Account			0.00	0.00
Administration Account			0.00	384.65
Business Money Manager Account			<u>621.23</u>	<u>609.34</u>
			1,906.67	2,513.52

**Current Liabilities**

Accruals			<u>270.00</u>	<u>270.00</u>
			<u>1,636.67</u>	<u>2,243.52</u>

Approved by: -

Mrs Andrea Patterson

*A. Patterson*

Mrs Barbara Craig

*B. Craig*

Mrs A Thompson

*A. Thompson*

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# Accounts

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## Fresh Hope Ministries International

Year Ended 31st December 2023

### Income & Expenditure Report

<u>Income</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds £</u>	<u>Total 2023 £</u>	<u>2022 £</u>
Donations	15,678.36	0.00	15,678.36	14,981.73
Gift Aid	2,218.00	0.00	2,218.00	5,873.90
Interest earned	9.38	0.00	9.38	1.24
	<u>17,905.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17,905.74</u>	<u>20,856.87</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>				
Fresh Hope Ministries International	16,840.00	0.00	16,840.00	25,600.00
Administration fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel, Monitoring/Promoting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank fees	126.00	0.00	126.00	126.00
Accounts fee	270.00	0.00	270.00	276.00
	<u>17,236.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17,236.00</u>	<u>26,002.00</u>
Total expenditure for the year				
	<u>17,236.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17,236.00</u>	<u>26,002.00</u>
Net Income for the year	<u>669.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>669.74</u>	<u>-5,145.13</u>

Approved by: -

Mrs Andrea Patterson

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Mrs Audrey Thompson

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Mrs Barbara Craig

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**Fresh Hope Ministries International**

**Year Ended 31st December 2023**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Balance brought forward	1,573.78		1,573.78	6,718.91
Net Income for the year	669.74		669.74	-5,145.13
Balance carried forward	<u>2,243.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,243.52</u>	<u>1,573.78</u>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>				
No. 1 Account			1,519.53	179.17
No. 2 Account			0.00	0.00
Administration Account			384.65	1,064.65
Business Money Manager Account			609.34	599.96
			<u>2,513.52</u>	<u>1,843.78</u>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>				
Accruals			<u>270.00</u>	<u>270.00</u>
			<u>2,243.52</u>	<u>1,573.78</u>

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# Annual report

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# Fresh Hope Ministries International Annual Report 2023

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**Also known and referred to as FHMI**

**Report for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Charity Commission for Northern Ireland No. : 101883**

**Website:**

**[fresh-Hope.org](http://fresh-Hope.org)**

**Address:**

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**Bangor**

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## Overview

We express our deepest gratitude to the all those who supported Fresh through the challenges of 2023. God's in His unwavering faithfulness and enduring mercies have been our constant companions, and we humbly acknowledge His role in our journey. Despite the hurdles faced during the year, we successfully navigated through with His grace leading the way.

In moments of difficulty, His boundless love surrounded us, providing solace and strength to persevere. The favour we received empowered us to endure and overcome obstacles, reminding us that His divine intervention is ever-present in our endeavours. Above all, His abundant grace was our source of sufficiency, sustaining us through every trial.

It is with a heart full of praise and gratitude that we acknowledge the wonderful God we serve. Alleluia! All glory and honour belong to Him for His continuous support and guidance. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our esteemed donors whose unwavering support has played a pivotal role in our ability to weather the challenges of the past year.

As we reflect on the accomplishments and milestones of 2023, we are filled with optimism for the future. The rundown of activities during the year highlights the resilience, dedication, and impact made possible by the collective efforts of our organization and the invaluable support of our generous donors. Together, we look forward to achieving even greater milestones in the coming year, knowing that with divine grace and your steadfast support, we can overcome any obstacle that may come our way.

We hope you will join us as we seek God's blessing for this coming year in this ripe corner of the Kingdom of God

## Jesus Film Project

Information provided by Fresh Hope's Country Director, Rev Alusine Massaquoi

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Gateway Church of Dallas, Texas for their generous donation of a set of projectors, which has proven to be invaluable in carrying out our Great Commission mandate. The impact of this contribution has been far-reaching, allowing us to effectively engage with diverse audiences through the screening of the Jesus film in various local languages.

As a result of this initiative, we have successfully reached out to hundreds of souls, touching lives and spreading the message of hope and salvation. In the course of the campaign, a remarkable 600 individuals embraced Christ, and we had the privilege of facilitating the baptism of 450 new believers. This significant achievement is a testament to the transformative power of community support and collaborative efforts in fulfilling our mission.

Gateway Church's commitment to empowering our outreach endeavours has played a pivotal role in making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. We are immensely grateful for their partnership, as it has enabled us to bring the transformative message of faith, love, and redemption to individuals in diverse communities.

**Foster Plus Families** information contributed by Rev Alusine Massaquoi—Country Director

We are thrilled to share the heartening news about the remarkable progress of the children in our foster homes.

An outstanding 90% of these young individuals are currently thriving in senior secondary schools, eagerly preparing for the next significant chapter of their academic journey – entrance into university.

This noteworthy accomplishment is a testament to their resilience, determination, and the positive impact of the nurturing environments provided by our dedicated foster families.

We are extremely grateful as we acknowledge the divine providence that has safeguarded and nurtured these young lives up to this point.

The journey of education and personal growth for these children has been marked by milestones and achievements, and we are immensely thankful for the continuous support that has made their success possible.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of these bright young minds, we invite you to witness their journey through the captivating photos in our 2023 Newsletter available from our website at <https://fresh-hope.org>. These images beautifully capture the joy, hope, and enthusiasm that characterize the lives of the children under our care.

We look forward to sharing more success stories as they continue to flourish and pursue their dreams.

**Empowering Disciples, Transforming Communities**

contributed by Rev Alusine Massaquoi—Country Director

From the inception of the ministry, our guiding principle has been to set a benchmark of excellence. Through unwavering commitment, we've achieved remarkable success in our church planting and discipleship campaigns. While diligently strengthening existing churches, we've also conducted a series of impactful seminars and outreaches. The outcome has been the cultivation of a thriving community where disciples are not only raised but also mentored to unleash their God-given potential.

Our approach has proven to be highly successful, with disciples being provided valuable opportunities to exercise and develop their unique gifts. This empowerment has resulted in the establishment of vibrant house churches led by these dedicated disciples, and the outcomes are nothing short of extraordinary.

These house churches are not just meeting spaces; they are vibrant hubs of spiritual growth, community engagement, and outreach. The success of these endeavours is a testament to the

effectiveness of our discipleship programs and the commitment of our ministry to fostering leadership and individual empowerment.

As we reflect on the journey so far, we are grateful for the transformative impact we've had on both individuals and communities. The ripple effect of our discipleship initiatives extends far beyond the initial planting of churches – it reaches into the lives of those who have become leaders and contributors to the spiritual fabric of their communities.

This success story is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our ministry, the dedication of our disciples, and the support of our partners. As we look forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to nurturing leaders, planting churches, and making a lasting impact on the spiritual landscape of the communities we serve. Your continued support is pivotal in ensuring that we can extend this legacy of positive transformation and empowerment. Together, let's continue to build a community where disciples thrive and spread the light of faith and love.

## **Harvesting Hope: A Year of Collaborative Growth and Kingdom Expansion**

Building and extending the Kingdom is a collaborative effort, and our commitment to effective partnerships remains at the core of our mission.

To achieve our ambitious visions and goals, we actively collaborate with like-minded churches and ministries in the crucial work of church planting and disciple-raising.

Throughout the year, we conducted impactful seminars and discipleship sessions, culminating in significant baptismal events.

Our collaborative efforts have resulted in the establishment of over fifty churches and ministries with whom we proudly partner. Our role extends beyond mere collaboration; it involves equipping these entities with the necessary tools for successful church planting and providing training to empower their pastors and leaders to actively engage in the process.

This year, we celebrated the successful planting of ten churches through our collaborative efforts, witnessing the baptism of 450 individuals. Moreover, we have successfully trained and deployed 100 church planters, contributing to a total of 400 church planters actively engaged in the field.

Traditionally, at the close of each year, we bring together all our esteemed partners, pastors, and church planters for a moment of refreshment, evaluation, and assessment of the year's work. Unfortunately, due to political instability in the country, we were unable to host this gathering in December. Typically attended by over 600 pastors and church planters, this event serves as a powerful testament to the impactful movement of God in our collective endeavours.

Despite the challenges, we continue to be grateful for the remarkable progress and the transformative work taking place.

## Technical and Vocational Training Institute

Information provided by Fresh Hope's Country Director, Rev Alusine Massaquoi

This institution stands as a beacon of hope and transformation for street girls and vulnerable young people, a testament to the incredible impact of our vocational school. We deeply appreciate and value the fact that our vocational school has not only trained hundreds of girls but continues to empower them to realize their God-given destinies. The unwavering commitment of David and Barbara, and our dedicated donors is instrumental in keeping this dream and vision alive.

The vocational school has become a catalyst for positive change, with numerous street girls experiencing profound transformations and emerging as valuable contributors to their families and society at large. This success story embodies the core mission of Fresh Hope – to imbue the lives of these girls with meaning and seamlessly integrate them into society.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we acknowledge the significant role our supporters play in this journey of empowerment. Thanks to their generosity and dedication, the vocational school has ascended to become one of the leading institutes in the city. Simultaneously, it continues to serve its primary purpose of transforming the lives of street girls, leading them to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The vocational school is not merely an educational institution; it is a vital force for societal change, reaching out to the most vulnerable and providing them with the skills, knowledge, and spiritual guidance needed to break the cycle of poverty and despair. As we showcase the tangible impact through stories of transformation, we invite you to be a continued pillar of support for this crucial project.

Your support is not just an investment in education; it is an investment in the future of these girls, offering them a pathway to self-sufficiency, dignity, and a life of purpose. As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to reaching out to more street girls, giving them the tools they need to build a brighter future. Together, let us continue to be champions of positive change and empowerment for these resilient young women.

## 7 New Babies Rescued and Fostered into Church Families

### Background Baby 1

Discovered abandoned in the bustling market square, found refuge in our care thanks to the dedicated efforts of social welfare workers. Despite exhaustive searches, the child's parents remain elusive.

### Background Baby 2

Born to mentally challenged parents, faced abandonment in a hospital until our rescue centre became a safe haven.

### Background Baby 3

A testament to the harsh realities of street life, was left by a mother engaged in sex work, the father's identity shrouded in mystery.

**Background Baby 4**

Offspring of beggar parents, found sanctuary with us when his destitute family could no longer provide.

**Background Baby 5**

Abandoned in a market with no known family, symbolizes the fragility of life on the streets.

**Background Baby 6**

Orphaned due to tragic circumstances, was brought to us when the surviving family member, an aunt, found herself unable to care for the child.

**Background Baby 7**

An orphan from the moment of birth, has no kin to turn to after losing both parents within months.

## **Sowing Seeds of Transformation: The Ongoing Impact of Our Pig Farm Initiatives**

Our pig farm continues to be a source of tremendous effectiveness in our mission. However, we've taken a strategic step to send the pigs to our community church planting sites, fostering continuity and realizing our dreams. These swine ambassadors have evolved into powerful access ministries, creating pathways for community engagement and transformation.

In the past year alone, the deployment of our pigs to various church planting sites has yielded remarkable results, resulting in the establishment of over six new churches. This achievement represents the fulfilment of a dream that continues to unfold, as we leverage the unique capabilities of our pig farm to not only sustain the initiative but also catalyse positive change in communities.

These pigs, once mere livestock, now play a pivotal role in our broader strategy of church planting. Beyond their traditional role, they have become symbols of growth, resilience, and community support. By integrating them into church planting initiatives, we not only contribute to spiritual development but also provide communities with a sustainable means to raise funds for their ongoing needs.

The success of this initiative underscores the importance of creative and sustainable approaches to community outreach. Through the ongoing support of our pig farm, we are not only fulfilling immediate needs but also fostering long-term, transformative change in the communities we serve. As we look ahead, we remain committed to exploring innovative avenues for impact, ensuring that our initiatives continue to be effective tools for positive change and community empowerment.

## **Income and expenditure**

Our Total income for the year was £17,905. Admin costs amounted to £384. The total amount going out to the work on the ground in Sierra Leone was £17,236 with a balance carried forward of £2,243

We are especially thankful for the ongoing support of dedicated supporters both monthly and one of givers.

Accepted by the Trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 who have regard to the Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Andrea Peterson

*A. Peterson*

Audrey Thompson

*A. Thompson*

Barbara Craig

*B. Craig*

# Appendix

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## Governing Documents

The charity is an unincorporated body founded by a Declaration of Trust by Deed in in November 2003 as Good Shepherd Ministries and amendment by Indenture in 28th February 2006 to Fresh Hope Ministries International.

The 'Objects' of the original Deed are stated as:

To advance the Christian faith in Northern Ireland and elsewhere by:-

(a) Holding Church services and public meetings for praise, worship, bible teaching, prayer, healing and fellowship;

(b) Providing activities, education and teaching for children and young people

Providing other social amenities and activities which are in sympathy with the other aims and objects of this Trust Deed

(d) Radio and television broadcasting;

(e) The recording of audio and audio-visual material and production and distribution of Christian literature and audio and audio-visual material:

(f) The support and encouragement of the Christian Church at home and overseas;

(g) Other activities incidental or conducive to the attainment and advancement of the said objects;

(h) Such other charitable acts and things as will (or will tend to) promote or encourage the Christian faith.

## Trustees

Andrea Peterson

Audrey Thompson

Barbara Craig

Only the existing trustees may choose to appoint other trustees from time to time on an unanimous basis.

**Fresh Hope Ministries International**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101883

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Fresh Hope Ministries International**

### **Unqualified report for a charity that is not a company and income of £250,000 or less**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on the statement of income & expenditure.

### **Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee 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 s65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under s65(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 s65 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 s65(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:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 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 listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.

Stanley Woods & Company  
Certified Accountants  
Alexander House  
49/51 Church Street  
Newtownards  
BT23 4AN

Signed:

*W. Woods FCA*  
*Stanley Woods*

Date: 22nd July 2024

**Fresh Hope Ministries International**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101883

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# Accounts

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# **FRESH HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

**Financial statements for the year ended  
31 December 2022**

## Fresh Hope Ministries International

Year Ended 31st December 2022

### Income & Expenditure Report

<u>Income</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	2021 £
Donations	14,981.73	0.00	14,981.73	30,572.37
Gift Aid	5,873.90	0.00	5,873.90	0.00
Interest earned	1.24	0.00	1.24	0.06
	<u>20,856.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,856.87</u>	<u>30,572.43</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>				
Fresh Hope Ministries International	25,600.00	0.00	25,600.00	25,800.00
Administration fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00
Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel, Monitoring/Promoting	0.00	0.00	0.00	-13.90
Telephone costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank fees	126.00	0.00	126.00	0.00
Accounts fee	276.00	0.00	276.00	264.00
	<u>26,002.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>26,002.00</u>	<u>26,325.10</u>
Total expenditure for the year				
	<u>26,002.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>26,002.00</u>	<u>26,325.10</u>
Net Income for the year	<u>-5,145.13</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-5,145.13</u>	<u>4,247.33</u>

# Fresh Hope Ministries International

Year Ended 31st December 2022

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward	6,718.91		6,718.91	2,471.58
Net Income for the year	-5,145.13		-5,145.13	4,247.33
Balance carried forward	<u>1,573.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,573.78</u>	<u>6,718.91</u>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>				
No. 1 Account			179.17	5,194.19
No. 2 Account			0.00	0.00
Administration Account			1,064.65	1,190.00
Business Money Manager Account			<u>599.96</u>	<u>598.72</u>
			1,843.78	6,982.91
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>				
Accruals			<u>270.00</u>	<u>264.00</u>
			<u>1,573.78</u>	<u>6,718.91</u>

Approved by: - Mrs Audrey Thompson

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# Annual report

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**Also known and referred to as FHMI**

**Report for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Charity Commission for Northern Ireland No. : 101883**

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## Overview

Once again, we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your continuing love and support for what Fresh Hope is doing in Sierra Leone, West Africa. None of this would happen without your help.

Our focus this year covers 3 main projects.

1. Church Planting is the first of our much needy projects areas this coming year. In the past year it has been impacted strongly by the economic state of the country and reduced funds available.
2. The second project area is our Children and Baby Fostering programme, we call it Foster+. This area covers the children's care in an existing family home, their education and medical needs. This mode of care is so much more effective and less costly than dedicated a orphanage. The more support for this project the more children we can help care for.
3. The third project area is the Vocational Training Institute and Workshop. This has been a very successful enterprise reaching very vulnerable adults including prostitutes, those who did not go to school and other marginalised groups. The training is provided by skilled workers which we would like to offer some remuneration to. As the intake grows the Institute also needs materials to provide the training, Cloth, dye, tools, fuel for generators, raw materials etc.

## Church planting contributed by Rev Alusine Massaquoi—Country Director

Church planting and Evangelism has been the centre move of the ministry. Covid is continuing to wreak havoc in the villages limiting our access to support and development of the church network.

We have trained about 300 church planters this year from Fresh Hope and other partner ministries. We have baptized over 250 new believers this year. It is through the churches that we operate the Foster+ project.

Our central pig farm also plays a vital part of the project where a set of breeding pigs are donated so the village can start its own productive farm where piglets are reared and sold to provide for the education and medical needs of the very vulnerable children.

Our annual Pastors conference in Bo, the 2nd largest city in Sierra Leone is vital to the encouragement and building up of the village pastors where they network and build connections with the supportive church planting teams. In December 2022 there will be over 600 people attending. This is a multi-denominational gathering as in the last number of years we have been assisting other churches with the training of church planting teams. We call this Catalytic Church Planting.

Depending on the size of the village we would assist with contribution to either building a church or renovating a building. It is amazing what supporting a few bags of cement, mud blocks and corrugated sheeting can do!

The main way our church planters get out to these remote villages is by motorbikes. The jungle paths are not kind to the bikes and they are in constant need of maintenance to keep the Church

planting project in motion. Support for this project helps to keep all this running and enable expansion of the team to reach more poverty-stricken remote villages.

### **Foster Plus Families** information contributed by Rev Alusine Massaquoi—Country Director

The Church is the backbone and platform that all of our social outreach ministries are based on. Over the last 22 years being involved in ministry we have had several orphanages as that seemed to solve the immediate need of dealing with so many orphans especially after Sierra Leone's 11 year civil war.

Orphanages are now frowned on by many governments. Our Baby Rescue Centre was a bit special, even regarded highly by the local government in that motherless babies had nowhere else to go. We have evolved our orphan and baby care in a much better care model that even other churches are picking up on.

We asked our congregation member families to prayerfully consider fostering a child into their existing home. Fostering is a natural concept that Sierra Leonians have understood for decades as in a village if a mother died a relative or close friends would try and take in the orphan.

The Fresh Hope Church assesses families and gives them suitable training and special pastoral care/monitoring to enable them to take on a new member of their family. This is mentally much better for the child as they become an integrated part of a family with all its God ordained benefits with a firm foundational sense of belonging.

From a support perspective this also takes much less intervention to maintain a good quality level of care. To that end we will be opening a special dedicated support fund that anyone can give into that goes towards the needs of the kids in foster care. As most families in Sierra Leone do not have surplus income we try and help the foster families as the fund allows. This fund supports the kids education, the clothing, bedding and medical care.

### **Technical and Vocational Training Institute**

contributed by Rev Alusine Massaquoi—Country Director

Almost since Fresh Hopes inception around 20 years ago now, we have had some sort of vocational training to enable the disadvantaged and vulnerable to gain a skill that they could practice to avoid either a life of crime or prostitution. Over those years we have learned many lessons, some of them the hard way.

After the students finished their training in the past we gave them a starter pack of a bolt of cloth, tailoring equipment, a loom, or a sewing machine. During their training they had a great sense of community and could minister and support each other as well as receiving pastoral care from the church. What we found was that once qualified where they went back to their local community, we would lose track of the students and the equipment and machines don't get maintained and fall out of use.

Our current model is that as well as equipped training classrooms kitted out with sewing machines where they learn the skill, we also have a separate Workshop building also kitted out with sewing machines where they come post-training to work. They produce dresses and shirts for their own

clients and pay a small charge for the use and maintenance of the equipment. Here they maintain their sense of community and pastorally the church can minister and counsel them as they settle into a new lifestyle. Most of them have become church members. As we only have to buy the machines once we can better use any support we get for this project. We can also maintain the machines in good working order.

The institute has four components: tailoring, catering, hair dressing and Electrical Installation. The computer school also serves as part of the institution.

One of the challenges we have is getting skilled trainers to commit to enough time to provide consistent level of training for the students. We cannot charge the students as the poverty level is so high therefore we would like to offer the trainers a token remuneration for their teaching time.

It is one of the biggest demands on our finances as materials need purchased for the students to practice on during their training and we still like to reward them at the end of their training with a bolt of cloth, tape measures, needles, thread and of course dress makers scissors.

## **Income and expenditure**

Our Total income for the year was £20,856. Admin costs amounted to £402. Admin costs are slightly higher than previous due to HSBC Bank now charging higher fees for Charity accounts. The total amount going out to the work on the ground in Sierra Leone was £25,600 GBP with a balance carried forward of £1573

We are especially thankful for the ongoing support of dedicated supporters both monthly and one of givers.

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Accepted by the Trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 who have regard to the Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Andrea Peterson

*A. Peterson*

Audrey Thompson

*A. Thompson*

Barbara Craig

*B. Craig*

# Appendix

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## Governing Documents

The charity is an unincorporated body founded by a Declaration of Trust by Deed in in November 2003 as Good Shepherd Ministries and amendment by Indenture in 28th February 2006 to Fresh Hope Ministries International.

The 'Objects' of the original Deed are stated as:

To advance the Christian faith in Northern Ireland and elsewhere by:-

(a) Holding Church services and public meetings for praise, worship, bible teaching, prayer, healing and fellowship;

(b) Providing activities, education and teaching for children and young people

Providing other social amenities and activities which are in sympathy with the other aims and objects of this Trust Deed

(d) Radio and television broadcasting;

(e) The recording of audio and audio-visual material and production and distribution of Christian literature and audio and audio-visual material:

(f) The support and encouragement of the Christian Church at home and overseas;

(g) Other activities incidental or conducive to the attainment and advancement of the said objects;

(h) Such other charitable acts and things as will (or will tend to) promote or encourage the Christian faith.

## Trustees

Andrea Peterson

Audrey Thompson

Barbara Craig

Only the existing trustees may choose to appoint other trustees from time to time on an unanimous basis.

**Fresh Hope Ministries International**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101883

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# Annual return

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**Fresh Hope Ministries International**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Income & Expenditure**

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Independent Examiners Report**

**Charity Number 101883**

## **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Fresh Hope Ministries International**

### **Unqualified report for a charity that is not a company and income of £250,000 or less**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on the statement of income & expenditure.

### **Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee 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 s65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under s65(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 s65 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 s65(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:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 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 listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.

Stanley Woods & Company  
Certified Accountants  
Alexander House  
49/51 Church Street  
Newtownards  
BT23 4AN

Signed: *W. Woods FCCA*  
*Stanley Woods*

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023