

MISSIONARY CONTAINER SERVICE TRUST

(Company Limited by Guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2023

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Administrative details

Company number: NI 062697
Charities number: NIC 105857
Registered Office: 64 Parkfield Road
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Co. Antrim
BT42 1LY

Bank: Danske
1 Broadway, Ballymena, BT43 6EA

Solicitors: McFarland, Graham, McComb
41 Bachelors Walk, Lisburn, BT28 1XN

Charity Trustees/Directors

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of Company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are as follows:

W J Biggerstaff
R Carson
S K Craig
J S Hamilton
J Harkness
P J Stevenson
T J Wallace
G G Wilson

Independent Examiner

W R Crymble
3 Governors Gate Lane, Hillsborough, BT26 6FX

Structure, Governance and Management

Missionary Container Service Trust is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was incorporated in Northern Ireland in 2007.

Objectives and Activities

The charity carries out a number of activities in furtherance of its objects. We collect donations of practical items eg clothes, toiletries, food, powdered milk, medical equipment, tools, building supplies, bedding, school desks, chairs, sewing machines, bicycles, toys and books etc from donors in Northern Ireland and arrange the shipping of the donations in 40ft containers from the charity's warehouse to Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania. The donations are taken in the container by road to a distribution point in Zambia. All goods are shipped for use by the missionaries for the public benefit and wellbeing of the African people. The goods and materials are distributed free of charge to the beneficiaries - the African people who are in need. The charity carries out its missionary and outreach work to advance the Christian faith by supporting the practical needs of the beneficiaries in Africa (mainly Zambia) with whom certain missionaries are working. The missionaries are connected to our Church Grouping (Gospel Halls throughout the UK and further afield), and have the full confidence of the church elders and the trustees of MCST. The donations supplied by the charity is directly applied by the missionaries to the beneficiaries for the relief of poverty, advancement of education, and relief of sick and disabled persons and the promotion of their physical and

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spiritual welfare. All items are in an inventory provided to the recipient missionary. The costs of the shipping and internal transport are paid for by the charity. The charity supplies medical equipment, education equipment and practical needs in this way and often the recipients are in the "bush" far away from towns. Donors are assured by the charity that their donations reach those in need and are applied for the purposes of the charity to advance the Christian faith, relief of poverty, advancement of education and relief of sick and disabled persons with the promotion of their physical and spiritual welfare.

Public benefit statement

Purpose 1 – Advancement of the Christian Faith

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are the enhancement of spiritual teaching to meet the spiritual needs of the people through the practical support of the charity for missionary and outreach work by the supply of goods and materials to missionaries (religious persons) for communicating of the Christian faith to change the lives of the beneficiaries to help them find a new purpose and joy in life and live happier and more productive lives. This is evidenced by the number of beneficiaries who have learned of the Christian Faith through the materials supplied (and medical assistance given) by the Charity and used by the Missionaries in Africa. The beneficiaries of this purpose are people living overseas/ in developing countries in particular in Zambia, Africa particularly those in the "bush" and remote areas.

Purpose 2 – The Relief of Poverty

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose is that the beneficiaries in Africa have their basic needs met through practical assistance from the charity by its donations of food, clothing, equipment and goods to the beneficiaries with which to enable them to have a better life. This is evidenced by the number of people helped by the donations from the charity who are living in poverty. The beneficiaries of this purpose are the people living overseas/ in developing countries in particular in Zambia, Africa particularly those in the "bush" and remote areas.

Purpose 3 – Advancement of Education

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include the provision by the charity of desks, chairs, books, and other educational materials and equipment which enables the education of children, young people and adults preparing them to find employment, a trade or to start a business to support themselves and their families in the future which in turn lead to better health and a reduction in poverty. This is evidenced by the number of children/young people/adults attending school and utilising the educational equipment and materials provided by the charity. The beneficiaries are those people living overseas/ in developing countries in particular in Zambia, Africa particularly those in the "bush" and remote areas.

Purpose 4 – The Relief of Sick & Disabled Persons on the Promotion of their Physical and Spiritual Welfare

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include the provision of medical assistance through the equipment, appliances, apparatus and supplies provided by the charity for the relief treatment and rehabilitation of poor, sick and disabled persons. This includes medical equipment and expertise and practical items such as furniture and stationery, and to assist with the construction of buildings for example through provision of steel girders, roofing sheets, windows and doors, shipped out and supplied to a Hospital and constructed for the benefit of the beneficiaries such as Dipalata Hospital in Zambia for the construction of a male ward as an addition to the Hospital infrastructure in 2014/15. This enhances and supports a healthy lifestyle for all the beneficiaries assisted by the charity through the supply of medical equipment, building materials and expertise. These benefits are evidenced through improved provision of services and improved medical welfare of those who have been the recipients of these supplies including the poor, sick and disabled persons. The beneficiaries are the poor, sick and disabled people living overseas/ in developing countries in particular in Zambia, Africa particularly those in the "bush" and remote areas. Harm None of the purposes led to any harm. Private Benefit There is no private benefit flowing from any of the purposes.

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Achievements and performance

A total of four containers were shipped in this year (2022:4).

Financial review

Total income for the year was £77,351 compared to £64,437 in the previous year.

Shipping costs were £50,433, cost of goods purchased was £20,431, administrative expenses £6,579 giving a total expenditure of £77,443 (2022:£78,783).

This resulted in a deficit for the year of £92 (2022: deficit £14,346).

Total funds were £59,944 (2022: £60,036)

Responsibilities in respect of the financial Statements.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the congregations and the financial activities for the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Funds will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the funds transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregations and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by charities (1 January 2015)'. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Special Provisions relating to Small Companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

By order of the board



S K Craig
Trustee

25/04/24

Date