

THE OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: The Open Door Ministries

Charity Registration Number: 107223

Principal Address: 47a Annaghreagh Road, Richill, BT61 9JT

Trustees serving during the year:

Neville Garland, Frances Holland and Janice Niblock

Bankers: Ulster Bank

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Open Door Ministries is a charitable organisation established to provide practical and financial support to individuals and communities experiencing poverty, hardship and disadvantage, with particular emphasis on overseas mission and humanitarian projects.

The charity is governed by its trustees, who are responsible for the overall direction, governance and management of the organisation. The trustees oversee the charity's activities and ensure that its resources are used in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

Trustees consider the needs of the projects and communities supported by the charity when making decisions regarding the allocation of resources.

The trustees are committed to ensuring that appropriate records are maintained and that the charity operates responsibly, transparently and in accordance with its governing document and applicable charity legislation.

3. Objectives and Activities

The principal objective of The Open Door Ministries is to provide charitable assistance to individuals and communities in need.

During 2021, the charity continued to support established overseas projects, particularly in **Haiti and India**.

The charity's principal areas of activity included:

- support for the **Bellanton project in Haiti**;
- sponsorship and support connected with **Grand Goave in Haiti**;
- sponsorship and support for **Angel House in India**;
- receiving donations and sponsorship from individuals, churches and other supporters;
- transferring funds to overseas projects and individuals responsible for delivering charitable activities locally; and
- maintaining relationships with supporters and overseas contacts to enable assistance to reach the intended beneficiaries.

4. Achievements and Performance

Throughout 2021, The Open Door Ministries continued its established charitable work despite the difficult circumstances affecting many of the communities it supports.

Haiti – Bellanton

The charity continued to provide support for its work in Bellanton, Haiti.

Funds received for this purpose were used to support the charity's established activities in the area. The charity maintained contact with individuals involved locally and continued to facilitate the transfer of support to Haiti during the year.

Support for Bellanton remained a significant part of the charity's activities during 2021.

Haiti – Grand Goave

The charity continued its sponsorship activities associated with Grand Goave.

Regular donations received from supporters enabled the charity to maintain ongoing assistance connected with this project.

The trustees are grateful for the continued commitment of individuals who provide regular sponsorship and donations towards the charity's work in Haiti.

India – Angel House

The charity also continued to receive regular sponsorship donations in support of **Angel House in India**.

These donations form part of the charity's continuing commitment to supporting vulnerable individuals and communities through established overseas projects.

5. Fundraising and Supporters

The charity relies substantially upon the generosity of individuals, churches and other organisations who support its work.

During the year, donations were received from both regular supporters and organisations. Some supporters make regular monthly contributions, providing an important degree of continuity for the projects supported by the charity.

The trustees wish to record their sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed financially, assisted with fundraising, volunteered their time or otherwise supported the work of The Open Door Ministries during 2021.

Without this continued support, the charity would not be able to maintain its overseas activities.

6. Volunteers

The contribution made by volunteers remains important to the operation of the charity.

The trustees recognise that much of the administration, organisation, fundraising and support associated with a small charity depends upon individuals giving their time voluntarily.

The trustees would therefore like to thank everyone who assisted the charity during the year.

7. Public Benefit

In planning and carrying out the charity's activities, the trustees have considered the charitable purposes of The Open Door Ministries and the benefits provided to the individuals and communities it supports.

The charity seeks to provide practical assistance to people experiencing poverty, hardship and disadvantage and to ensure that the resources entrusted to it are directed towards furthering its charitable objectives.

The trustees consider that the activities undertaken during 2024 were consistent with the charity's purposes and provided identifiable public benefit.

8. Risk Management

The trustees consider the principal risks facing the charity as part of their ongoing management responsibilities.

Particular consideration is given to risks associated with:

- transferring funds overseas;
- ensuring funds are applied for their intended charitable purposes;
- maintaining appropriate financial and administrative records;
- safeguarding the charity's funds;
- reliance upon voluntary donations;
- changes in circumstances within the countries and communities supported; and
- maintaining appropriate communication with individuals responsible for projects overseas.

The trustees seek to manage these risks through appropriate oversight, record keeping and review of the charity's activities.

9. Safeguarding

The trustees recognise the importance of safeguarding, particularly where charitable activities may benefit children or vulnerable individuals.

The charity seeks to ensure that its activities and relationships with overseas projects are managed responsibly and that safeguarding considerations remain an important part of the trustees' oversight.

10. Plans for the Future

The trustees intend to continue the charitable activities of The Open Door Ministries and maintain support for the communities and projects with which the charity has established relationships.

The charity will seek to:

- continue supporting its projects in Haiti and India;
- maintain existing sponsorship arrangements;

- encourage continued and new donor support;
- ensure donations are directed appropriately to their intended projects;
- maintain effective oversight of overseas transfers and activities;
- improve the charity's administrative and financial record keeping; and
- review its activities regularly to ensure that its resources continue to be used effectively in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

The trustees recognise the importance of maintaining a sustainable level of support while ensuring that the charity remains focused on the needs of its beneficiaries.

11. Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for the governance and administration of the charity and for ensuring that appropriate accounting records and records of the charity's activities are maintained.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have prepared this Annual Report to describe the charity's activities, achievements and governance during the year ended 31 December 2024.

12. Approval

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the trustees of **The Open Door Ministries**.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee: Kim Laverty

Name: Kim Laverty

Date: 15/01/2022