

**The Mission Worldwide
Company limited by guarantee**

**Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 30 September 2023**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The purposes of The Mission Worldwide (TMW), as set out in the Company's Memorandum of Association, are as follows:

To provide development and support to local communities, primarily but not exclusively in developing countries, for the furtherance of the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and health care and other purposes beneficial to the community by the following means:

- a) relief, development and building projects which seek to relieve human distress and need; and
- b) community development programmes to provide improved education and other facilities for communities in need.

TMW operates in Cambodia as an international NGO recognised by the Cambodian government. Within the framework of the three main purposes set out in the governing document, i.e. relief of those in need, advancement of education and advancement of healthcare, work in Cambodia focuses more narrowly on the issue of child sex slavery and human trafficking, with the aims of rescuing and restoring children who are abused, exploited or trafficked, and working with at risk individuals to prevent exploitation and abuse. The organisation has a strong Christian ethos which shapes its vision and motivates staff and volunteers.

The benefits flowing from TMW's three main purposes include rescue of trafficked and abused children, prevention of harm to children at risk of trafficking and abuse, placement of rescued/at risk children in a secure setting, if possible with their own or an adoptive family; improved housing, nutrition, job security and income for families of at risk children; enhanced understanding by parents and children of risks of sexual exploitation and how to avoid it; enhanced understanding of basic hygiene; greater participation in formal education/training and improved educational standards; improved standards of hygiene and nutrition in beneficiary group; reduction in drug abuse/addiction in beneficiary group.

TMW currently manages two main projects in Phnom Penh. The Set Free Project is based on a Day Centre in one of the most impoverished communities in Phnom Penh where children and families are most at risk of being trafficked and abused. The True Light Outreach provides support for children and families in one of Phnom Penh's red-light areas.

The projects are run by trained Cambodian staff supported by long and short-term volunteers from several other countries. Throughout the week staff lead Kids' Clubs, in the Day Centre or on the pavements, where they organise games, provide food, and teach lessons on various topics, including trafficking prevention, hygiene, and instruction in English and Khmer language. The programme includes scripture teaching and worship in line with TMW's Christian ethos. Adult classes are also provided in line with TMW's aim to reach families as a whole.

TMW's social work team regularly visit families to support and empower them into a better life. They apply observational and interview techniques to children who are experiencing trauma or difficulty at home and intervene appropriately to secure their safety. They educate parents on the importance of sending their children to school, and financially support the children with uniforms and stationery at the start of term. This includes practical help with children's education, finances, accommodation, food, and clothing as well as spiritual encouragement and support.

In some extreme cases TMW's social workers partner with local authorities to rescue children, individuals and families being abused and/or trafficked.

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Public benefit statement

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and they believe that this has been met through the achievements outlined in this report.

Achievements and performance

Set Free Project

TMW's new Day Centre (opened in early 2022) continues to be a place of refuge where both children and adults are welcomed with open arms and participate enthusiastically in the Kids' Clubs and family education classes led by TMW staff, as described under 'Objects and Activities' above. Both children and adults receive regular advice on how to avoid the risks of exploitation and trafficking. Highlights of the year included the distribution of school supplies in November and the Christmas parties in December.

In the past year work has started at a second location within the Set Free Project in the Samaki community. TMW staff stumbled across this almost hidden community of 2,000 families in late 2022 when they were seeking to house a family of five who were living in a Tuk Tuk (a motorised rickshaw). They were able to rent a room for the family, and then, recognising the high level of need in the community, they approached the local chief who willingly agreed to their proposal to start a Kids' Club and adult life education class in his area. Attendance has grown rapidly and at the end of the year under review steps were being taken to find a larger venue.

True Light Outreach

During the past year the Kids' Clubs and Youth Soccer Program run by TMW in one of Phnom Penh's red-light districts have continued to provide support and learning opportunities for vulnerable children and young people and their families. In May 2023, assisted by the generosity of a donor, a long-standing dream was fulfilled with the rental of a property in the area. It has been named 'The Well' and is being used as a prayer room and base for staff of TMW and other anti-trafficking NGOs working in the area, and as a meeting place for life education groups. Over the coming year it is likely to be used as a centre for training and counselling. In summer 2023 the weekly bar outreach, suspended during the Covid-19 outbreak, was officially relaunched. TMW staff and volunteers visit the bars and brothels in the red-light area to befriend and support the girls working there, many of whom are very young (14-16 years old). Several of the girls are now attending a weekly ladies life education group at The Well.

Social Work

TMW's social workers continued to work across all projects to support children and families, as described under 'Objects and Activities' above.

Outreach

In March 2023 TMW staff, supported by a visiting mission team, and by the local church, led a weekend outreach in a village on the outskirts of Phnom Penh where children are at risk of exploitation and human trafficking. The program was designed to raise awareness of the dangers of both labour and sex trafficking, and offer guidance on how to stay safe through separate training sessions for adults and children. It also included fun activities, kids' clubs, games, worship, and snacks. Children received school supplies and families were given food packages.

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Rescue and cooperation with other organisations

Although TMW is no longer directly involved in investigative work, TMW staff in the course of their work often receive information about cases of trafficking and exploitation, which they pass on as appropriate to other organisations, such as Agape International Missions (AIM), the Hard Places Community (HPC) and Destiny Rescue, and to the authorities. In the past year information provided by TMW led to the rescue of several children and young people who had been trafficked, and in one case to the arrest of a trafficker and the closure of a massage parlour. Following the opening of TMW's base in the red-light district in May 2023, there have been regular meetings with representatives of other organisations to share information and coordinate plans for rehabilitative work with victims of trafficking.

Impact summary

October 2022 to September 2023

Children attending Outreach Kids' Club	Children attending Kids' Clubs	Children receiving Education Support	Meals Provided (one-time support)	Family Food Packages (ongoing support)	Cans of Baby Milk (Formula) Provided	People receiving Medical Support
270	260	323	778	169	150	29

People receiving Housing Support	Microloans given	Preventative rescues	Trafficking rescues	Traffickers prosecuted	Ongoing support (rehab/ counselling)	Attendance at adult life education classes
4	1	8	6	1	3	25

In 2022 the trustees approved the recommendation from the leadership team in Cambodia that TMW should focus its efforts on social and educational work with children and families in the two areas of Phnom Penh in which it has been working for several years. The work in these areas was soon restored to pre-pandemic levels, and the past year there has been significant growth, as new opportunities have opened.

The trustees are deeply grateful to every member of TMW's team of staff and missionaries for their vision, commitment, faithfulness, and hard work, and to the many teams and individuals who have visited our projects and shared in the work in Phnom Penh on short-term placements. They also offer heartfelt thanks to the leadership of Iris Global and Iris Global UK, and to the churches, organisations and individuals around the world who partner with us. Our work would not be possible without their prayers and generous financial support.

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Financial review

The financial results are as set out on pages 11-12 of the accounts. The charity's main source of income is through donations. Total income for 2023 was £50,741 (2022 - £19,458). Total expenditure increased from £4,574 in 2022 to £93,751 in 2023. The reason for the large increase in activity is due to the inclusion of Cambodian transactions in the accounts, in compliance with guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Structure, governance, and management

The Mission Worldwide (TMW) is a company limited by guarantee and as such it does not have share capital.

Every director, being a member of the Company, undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, for payment of debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before they cease to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

The Company was incorporated on 28 September 2007 and its governing instruments are the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The address of the Company's Registered Office, which is also its principal address, is shown above. The Company is registered with HM Revenue and Customs as a charitable body for taxation purpose (HMRC Charity Number XT7906).

The trustees were delighted that Miss Elizabeth Peppiatt agreed to join the board in September 2023, bringing her invaluable experience in social work, church leadership, as a trustee of other charities, and as a former member of the TMW team in Cambodia.

Leadership Team in Cambodia

During the year under review the leadership team comprised: Mitch Stiner, Country Director; Say Sdam, Assistant Director; Jillian Stiner, Steve Brown, Mollie Brown, Associate Directors.

Staff Team in Cambodia

The TMW team in Cambodia comprises paid Khmer staff (Social Workers and Children and Family Support Workers) and long-term self-supporting international volunteers. During the year under review the number of international volunteers, including the leadership team, has increased from five to twelve. Most of the new volunteers have worked with other NGOs in Cambodia or elsewhere. They bring with them a range of experience and expertise in areas such as administration, social work, counselling, outreach, training and social enterprise which will enhance the quality of TMW's work going forward.

Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Memorandum of Understanding between TMW and the government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, which authorises TMW to operate in Cambodia as a foreign NGO, was renewed for a further three-year period on 1 August 2023.

License Agreement with Iris Global

Since May 2022 TMW has operated as Iris Phnom Penh under a license agreement with Iris Global. The board is deeply grateful to Iris Global for its continuing support of TMW's work in Cambodia.

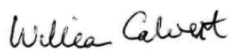
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Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the board on 23rd April 2024 and signed on behalf of the board by:



**William Calvert
Chair of Trustees**