

# India Link Ministries

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Charity Registration No.	1063882
Address:	15 Edinburgh Way, Basildon, Essex, SS13 3RL
Governing Document:	Deed of Trust dated 27 <sup>th</sup> January 1997
Trustees at 31/12/22:	Mr Ronald J Wright (Chairman) Mr Paul Barnes Mr Juge S. Ram Mr Norman E. Woolcock
Management:	The day to day management of the charity is the responsibility of Mr Paul Barnes.
Object:	To assist Christians in India and the Indian Subcontinent for the relief of poverty and the advancement of the Christian faith.
Bankers:	Punjab National Bank 47 Cranbrook Road Ilford Essex IG1 4PG
Independent Examiner:	Mr. Roger Oxenham 23 Fermoy Road Southend-on-Sea SS1 3HA

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

India Link Ministries is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 1997. The Trust Deed requires a minimum of four Trustees and not more than six. Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees subject to their endorsement of the Statement of Faith contained in The Schedule appended to the Trust Deed.

New Trustees are expected to read 'The Essential Trustee' published by the Charity Commission and to learn about the charity's aims and practices from fellow colleagues, and to demonstrate the personal attributes of integrity and honesty consistent with Christian faith.

The charity's policies and practice are determined by the Trustees. The process of reviewing our policies began during the year. Decisions are made jointly by trustees, mindful of the requirement to ensure that all practice is within the law and to mitigate against financial and non-financial risk.

Mr Paul Barnes stepped down as Chair on 10th November 2021 and Mr Ron Wright was appointed as Chair on that date.

### **Reserves Policy**

The charity does not seek to accumulate funds. Most of our funds are from designated gifts for the charitable support of individuals and organisations for which we are not actively fund-raising. We also maintain a General Fund which is used for a wide range of purposes that accord with the objects of the charity, and we endeavour to maintain a small reserve to allow for unexpected expenditure or shortfall in General Fund income, and to meet certain critical needs among our beneficiaries.

**Deficits**

It is our policy not to allow any funds to fall into deficit.

**Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees are aware of the public benefit requirement and the Trust activities meet this requirement.

**Review of activities**

The charity continued to receive financial support for our beneficiaries in India and Nepal. Funds were transferred to beneficiaries on a monthly basis.

The Trustees were able to meet with various beneficiaries in person and through video link.

**Objectives**

The charity managed its objectives through regular review at the trustees' meetings. The charity's main objective of distributing funds to Indian and Nepalese beneficiaries, and to encourage Christian communities, was achieved. The charity performed consistently in this task.

**Financial review**

NatWest Bank advised that they would withdraw banking services to the charity on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Following the charity's approach to the bank, the closure was delayed until 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022. The charity was not advised of a reason for its closure. The Punjab National Bank remains as our principal banker who provide a commendable service.

Gift Aid claims were managed by a charity trustee.

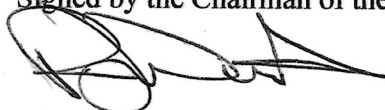
The principal funding sources throughout 2022 were individual donors and churches. Regular support for our most significant funds was achieved once again through monthly standing order donations.

**Plans for 2023**

The charity intended to maintain regular support for organisations, projects and individuals, mainly in India and Nepal, and to review and update its governance requirements.

**On behalf of the Board of Trustees**

Signed by the Chairman of the Trustees:



Mr Ron Wright  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Annual Report and Accounts Approved by the Trustees.

## India Link Ministries

### Income & Expenditure Account – Year Ended 31st December 2022

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds In Hand at 1st January</b>	10,366.61		8,416.36	
<b>Add Receipts During the Year:</b>				
- Donations – General/Designated	72,212.21		34,967.00	
- Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aid)	0.00		3,536.55	
- Interest	0.05		0.00	
	72,212.26		38,503.55	
		<u>82,578.87</u>		<u>46,919.91</u>
<b>Less Expenditure During the Year:</b>				
- India Support	67,307.00		35,750.00	
- Nepal Support	4,440.00		600.00	
- Bank Charges	1,010.40		575.00	
- Postal Services	605.28		361.45	
- Travel & Accommodation (Europe)	257.79		159.78	
- Literature	14.43		0.00	
- Admin	N/A		28.00	
- Publicity	520.37		0.00	
- Miscellaneous	7.24		74.99	
	74,162.51		37,549.22	
<b>Funds In Hand at 31st December:</b>		<u>8,416.36</u>		<u>9,370.69</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>				
- Cash In Bank (NatWest Deposit)	0.00			
- Cash In Bank (NatWest Current)	6,461.00			
- Cash in Bank (Punjab National Bank)	1,955.36			
		<u>8,416.36</u>		<u>9,370.69</u>

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
India Link Ministries

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/23

Charity no  
(if any)

1063882

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

R H Oxenham

Date:

26/10/23

Name:

Roger Henry Oxenham

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

None

<b>Address:</b>	23 Fermoy Road
	Southend on Sea
	Essex SS1 3HA

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

None