

India Link Ministries

Income & Expenditure Account – Year Ended 31st December 2023

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Funds In Hand at 1st January		8,416.36		9,370.69
Add Receipts During the Year:				
- Donations – General/Designated	34,967.00		33,647.98	
- Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aid)	3,536.55		12,878.59	
		38,503.55		46,526.57
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		46,919.91		55,897.26
Less Expenditure During the Year:				
- India Support	35,750.00		36,341.20	
- Nepal Support	600.00		0.00	
- Bank Charges	575.00		495.00	
- Postal Services	361.45		0.00	
- Travel & Accommodation (Europe)	159.78		----	
- Admin	28.00		----	
- Miscellaneous	74.99		1,253.51	
		37,549.22		38,089.71
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Funds In Hand at 31st December:		9,370.69		17,807.55
Represented By:				
- Cash in Bank (Punjab National Bank)				
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity Registration No.	1063882
Address:	15 Edinburgh Way, Basildon, Essex, SS13 3RL
Governing Document:	Deed of Trust dated 27 th January 1997
Trustees at 31/12/23:	Mr Norman E. Woolcock (Chairman) Mr Paul Barnes Mr Juge S. Ram
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 Steven Farrow Estuary Accountancy Services 42 North Street, Great Wakering Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS3 0EL

Structure, Governance and Management

India Link Ministries is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 27th 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. 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.

Our former Chairman Mr Ronald Wright (aged 78 years) died unexpectedly on 8th November 2023. Mr Norman Woolcock was appointed as Chairman at an emergency Zoom meeting of the Trustees on 10th November 2023.

Policies

Following a process of reviewing and updating the charity's policies during the previous year, the Trustees agreed upon and adopted an updated Policy Set on 31st January 2023 covering the following policies:

Child Protection Policy
Complaints Policy
Conflicts of Interest Policy
Data Protection Policy
Due Diligence Policy
Equality and Diversity Policy
Financial Policy
General
Expenses Policy
Reserves Policy
Risk Management Policy
Whistleblowing Policy

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. Funds were transferred to beneficiaries on a monthly basis.

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

A Trustee visited India during the year and met with some of the beneficiaries.

Two of our major beneficiaries visited the UK at separate times during the year and met with Trustees and some of their principal donors.

Objectives

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

Financial review

Gift Aid claims were managed by a charity trustee.

The principal funding sources throughout 2023 were individual donors and churches. Regular support for our most significant funds was achieved once again through monthly standing order donations.

Plans for 2024

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 Founding Trustee:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Barnes". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

Mr Paul Barnes

Date: 30th October 2024

Annual Report and Accounts Approved by the Trustees.

Independent examiner's report to

India Link Ministries

I report on the accounts of India Link Ministries for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 and 387 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed: _____

Name: STEPHEN JAMES FARROW

Relevant professional qualification or body: FMAAT

Address: 42 NORTH STREET, GREAT WAKERING, SOUTHEND ON SEA, ESSEX, SS3 0EL

Date: 24 OCTOBER 2024