

## Annual Report year ending 31st March 2024

The Light of the Gospel Ministries is constituted by Deed of Trust is a registered charity, No. 1064271. The address is at 39 Berwick Drive, Burnley, Lancashire, BB12 0TN.

The Charity Trustees during the year to 31 March 2024 were:

Mrs Margaret Pendlebury - Treasurer

Mr Ian Ferguson - Chairman

Mr Mark Woodward

Mrs Elizabeth Ferguson

The object of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Serbia and in other parts of the world. To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve distress caused thereby in Serbia and in such other parts of the Europe or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

The charity is dependant on gifts and/or donations from different sources, the charity maintains a married couple, in Serbia to advance the Christian faith. They work in several locations in Serbia, i.e. Pozarevac, Uzice, Nova Varos, Kragujevac, Cacak, and Kraljevo, the latter being their home base.

During the last year the field workers have passed on reports to the trustees and others who support the work on a regular basis by means of a regular newsletter.

They continue to help those in need in different ways from the support that is sent to them.

Aid Ministry – They are regularly helping over 20 families with food parcels, medicines, medical supplies, medical examination bills and therapy. General cost of food has risen sharply and there are always people in need to be helped. They distributed 350 Christmas parcels to children, they donated furniture – a complete three-piece suite to a very poor family in Chacak.

Community Centre – The field works are using a community centre in Kraljevo covering the costs of running it and open it to people to come in and they help them with their Christian faith sharing pastoral counselling and providing hospitality.

Evangelism – Events were organised in the community and hosted in the community centre, invites were given for people to come. At these events guests came to speak from Sweden, England, USA and from other churches or evangelistic organisations from Serbia itself. Conferences were organised with over 200 people attending. They invite people to come through their online advertisements using social media.

They distribute their own literature written by the field workers and people receive it well and ask questions about faith in God.

Christmas outreach events were hold with almost two hundred people present. Everyone present in each event heard the Gospel, received as a present a New Testament and other good Christian literature.

They held presentations in schools, reaching almost 300 pupils, their teachers, staff and parents with the Good News of Jesus through a Christmas programme. Every child received a Christmas parcel as a gift.

Regular church ministry led by the Field Workers - Lighthouse Church has regular services. The renovation work continues for the church hall in Chachak, so the field workers travel to families in Chachak to pastorally care for them and bring practical help where there are needs. They have regular services on Zoom where people attend from various cities. The field workers are active in teaching and preaching the Word of God, worship, prayer, fellowship, encouraging, strengthening and supporting them in their faith and life challenges. The church is increasing and growing. Hospitality refreshments are provided in all regular services for everyone who is present.

Online Ministry – They broadcast live Sunday services that reaches people all over Serbia, Balkan countries, Europe and beyond, even as far as USA and Australia. They have an online ministry in English called “Step Closer” available on social networks with written and video messages of encouragement and building up.

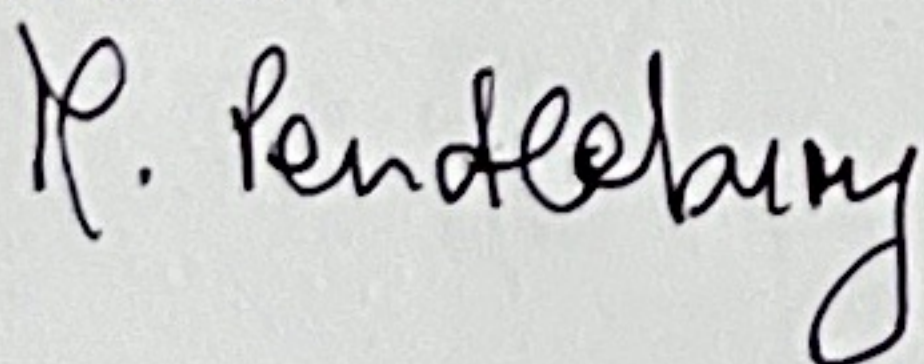
Regular Pastoral Visits - to believers in their homes, bringing practical help of groceries, praying for and encouraging them and witnessing as always in homes there are unbelievers present. Believers live from Vrnjacka Banja to Nova Varosh – central to western Serbia, to the border of Bosnia which is four and a half hours drive. The field workers are reaching with the Gospel a vast unreached area in central and western Serbia travelling by car to all these places. A better vehicle was provided so the field works can do all the travelling to care regularly visiting believers in Kraljevo, Vrnjacka Banja, Chacak, Mrcajevci, Novo Varos, Kokin Brod.

Training new field worker – Theological and Christian leadership training is essential to do the work, and now they are training a young person who is attending a Bible College for this training.

Ministry in Serbia and Balkan countries – the field workers travel to other cities in Serbia to strengthen, build up and support churches and leaders – Pozarevac, Sabac and Kragujevac. In Pozarevac they did teaching in a Bible School. Also, regularly supporting the church in Pozarevac and Kragujevac financially, so that they do their ministry of preaching the Gospel and reaching the lost. They travelled to Slovenia to do teaching in two churches there, in Maribor and Vadarci.

Margaret Pendlebury

Treasurer



Signed

On behalf of the Trustees

Date:



**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of  
Light of the Gospel Ministries**  
Charity No. 1064271

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 March <sup>2024</sup> which are set out above. As the charity's trustees are responsible for the accounts and for the preparation thereof you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of the procedures specified in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 42(b) of the Act, whether particulars have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence what would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

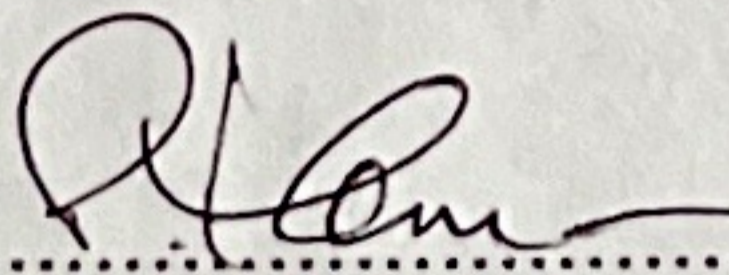
**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 41 of the act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

Have not been met or

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

Signed..... .....  
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Occupation..... Accountant (Retired).....  
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