Romanian Ministries

Charity No: 1159517

Independent Examiner’s Report

31st December 2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Romanian Ministries		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1159517
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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 31 / 12 / 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:	*Scott Canning*	**Date:**	21st October 2026
Name:	Scott Canning MAAT		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Association of Accounting Technicians		
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Receipts and Payment Account

01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025

Receipts	**£ Unrestricted Funds**	**£ Restricted Funds**	**£ Total Funds 2025**	**£ Total 2024**
Donations and Gifts	123,472	125,436	248,908	225,808
Gift Aid Reimbursements	9,607	12,877	22,484	15,547
Total Income for Year	133,079	138,313	271,392	241,355
Payments				
Ministry Grants / Poverty Relief	100,383	153,933	254,316	276,285
Printing Postage and Stationery	8,265	0	8,265	6,140
Professional Fees	720	0	720	0
Petrol Reimbursements	3,069	0	3,069	965
Travel Costs	0	0	0	1,790
Bank Transfer Costs	826	0	826	1,054
	113,263	153,933	267,196	286,234
Excess of Income over expenditure	19,816	(15,620)	4,196	(44,879)

Opening Funds 01.01.2025 £78,510

Closing Funds 31.12.2025 £82,706

Consisting of:

Unrestricted Funds £65,673 Restricted Funds £17,033

Trustees Annual Report

Romanian Ministries

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1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Romanian Ministries is a charity founded on 8 December 2014. It helps Romanian Christians in ministry and assists the Romanian poor, continuing this throughout the 12 months of 2025. Also, in the last three years, we have extended our assistance to include ministry projects in the Ukraine.

All of those involved are grateful to God for the opportunity of Christian service. We are vastly blessed by fellowship with our brothers and sisters in different lands.

We view ourselves as a conspicuously Christian enterprise and see our work as the active expression of our commitment to God through Jesus Christ. All is done for His glory. We hope to continue operations in accordance with His divine guidance concerning the future.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity's Principal Address: 6 Cedar Row
Park Hill
Bristol
BS110UJ

Charity Trustees: Howard Bilton
Adrian Carey-Jones
Peter Cox
Rachel Jones
James Martin
Cornel Pelea

All of the above individuals served as trustees during the year in question.

Structure Governance and Management

Romanian Ministries has a constitution which was submitted formally to the Charities Commission and accepted prior to the commencement of the charity on 8 December 2014.

The structure of the charity is that of a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

Trustees are appointed for a fixed period, varying according to each trustee, and subject to reappointment following the expiry of each term. Re-appointment must be by the existing trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are

- the promotion of the Christian religion principally but not exclusively in Romania and among Romanian speaking people by the provision of financial or material aid, or by whatever form of support the trustees deem fit, and
- the relief of poverty principally but not exclusively in Romania and among Romanian speaking people by the provision of financial or material aid, or by whatever form of support the trustees deem fit.

Achievements and Performance

The year in question saw the continuation of funding partnerships with various churches and Christian charitable trusts. Donations were also received from individuals aware of our work for the Lord. We were, and continue to be, most grateful for all generosity and support received.

Giving during the year equalled **£271,392** (2024 - £241,355). Of this, **£138,313** was in the form of specifically ringfenced donations (2024 - £157,484). Expenditure equalled **£267,166** (2024 £286,234). This resulted in a surplus for the year of **£4,196** (in 2024 deficit £44,879).

We thank our Lord Jesus Christ both for donations received and for outgoings made possible by accumulated funds.

Our main projects during the year were as follows:

- **Christian Hospice Care –** it was a privilege and blessing to continue sponsorship of staff at Emanuel Hospice, a Christian institution based in Oradea, Western Romania. Payments during the year amounted to £50,976 (2024 - £72,017). Our primary focus was on sponsoring the work of lead doctor Beni Paul and nurse Paula Popovici, with any balance of funds being allocated to other staff as available. We were delighted to visit the Hospice again in November 2025 and to meet two patients who had become Christians.

- **Ukrainian War Widows and Families –** following on from our previous year's activities, we continued to assist Pastor Valerii Shevchuk and his wife Natalia in their administration of aid to 77 families who have lost a loved one in the war (65 families in 2024). This aid amounts to a £40 bag of food delivered in a context of prayer and gospel counselling, when deemed sensitive and appropriate. We also provided funds for evangelistic suppers, to which all participants in the scheme were invited. We visited the Ukraine to meet families in May 2025. Total funds received during the year amounted to £42,641 (2023 - £32,211).

- **Ukrainian Pastoral Support** – we were delighted to add Pastor Ion Patras to the list of ministries we help in 2025. Ion is a graduate of Emanuel Christian University in Oradea, who started a pioneer church planting work in Poroshkovo, Ukraine, in 2010. The unusual characteristic of this area is the number of people speaking an aged dialect of Romanian, in spite of them being located 100 miles from the border. Although

significant numbers attend meetings, poverty in the area abounds, and so we agreed in November 2025 to part-sponsor Ion from January 2026.

- **Village Evangelism** – we were grateful to help Viorel Rete in his work in two small villages, north of Cluj. His ministry consisted of regular preaching, pastoral visiting and also a summer camp in these most rural locations. Expenditure in 2025 equalled £6,375.

- **Abandoned Children** – we continued our construction of a home for abandoned children near the village of Siria, Western Romania. It was another year of significant expenditure, during which building work was completed. This is subject to review and potentially additional requirements from the Local Authority in 2026. The outlay in 2025 equalled £56,340 (2024 - £78,660). By way of update, in 2026 we have needed to wait for significant periods to obtain necessary certifications. Good progress has been made as at the time of writing (August 2026)

- **Missionary Outreach** continued in Scornicesti, the town where the communist ex-leader of Romania, Nicolai Ceausescu, was born and raised. Iosif Varan serves in a range of evangelistic activities and church work, our sponsorship of him in 2025 amounting to £3,980 (2024 – £4,995).

- **Roma Children's Outreach** – a weekly club for Roma children has continued in the town of Hunedoara under the leadership of Dani Hritac. This takes place on Saturday afternoons with up to 40 children in attendance. The provision of food, as well as gospel invitation, is a key to this ministry. We also assisted Dani in his summer camp, paying for disadvantaged children to participate. Expenditure in 2025 equalled £3,745.

- **Youth Drug Addiction** – we were pleased to continue supporting the Preventis group in the city of Cluj, which visits schools, runs a mentoring scheme for vulnerable youngsters and also provides a counselling service for addicts. Our sponsorship was of Andrei Nedelcu, a Christian psychologist, with some additional donations being used as requested by the Program Director. Total grants in 2025 equalled £8,495 (2024 - £7,000).

- **Casa Filip** – cheap accommodation is provided to patients undergoing cancer treatment in the city of Cluj. These individuals live many miles away, but must stay in the city for the duration of their treatment, which is often up to six weeks. Casa Filip is run by Christians and provides accommodation at approximately a quarter of the rates charged by other establishments, or at no cost at all to those unable to pay. Our support in 2025 favoured assistance in the latter cases. The total given was £3,980 (2024 - £6,000), which covered approximately 400 nights.

- **Outreach to Deaf People** in the town of Arad and its surrounding area. 2025 saw the commencement of our sponsorship package for Sami Gorgon, the key worker we support. He had worked previously full-time as a bus painter. This facilitated his much more extensive outreach during the year. The total spent in 2025 was £6,553 (2024 - £2,722). A substantial part of this was allocated by Sami to practical day to day support of deaf families, as well as administration of the deaf fellowship he runs.

- **Football Chaplaincy** through Daniel Zafiris, an ex-professional footballer. Daniel engages in variety of ministry activities, which includes giving his testimony at tournaments run by churches and sending Bible-based messages to 200 people in top flight football in Romania. He maintains a close relationship with the Romanian Premier league club Petrol Ploiesti, spending much time with its players. He played for the club himself as a striker for many years. In 2025 our sponsorship equalled £9,160 (2024 - £7,210).

- **Prison Ministry** – this joyfully continued during the year through Cosmin Ghirghiu and his team. Cosmin has 30 years of experience in this field of ministry, and his work extends to 6 prisons. He and his team run Bible study courses, evangelistic meetings, vocational training and family days, all with a clear Christian emphasis. Our help was directed mainly towards part-sponsoring one of Cosmin's staff and also family days at Cluj prison, at a cost of £8,840 (2024 - £6,000).

- **Bible College Students** – we supported two Bible College students in their training for pastoral ministry, Beni Ratiu and Lukas Tulcan. Both men come from poor families and smaller churches who would have struggled to fund their studies. We were pleased to help both with course fees and other associated costs (such as study texts and in one case rental accommodation), in total amounting to £9,608 (2024 - £2,125).

- **Anti-abortion Counselling –** through the Project Iochebed centre in Suceava. It has been heartening to see abortion rates in Romania decline recently. The team at Project Iochebed assist with counselling in cases where a mother-to-be is considering a termination. They also help with medical visits and, later on, expenses in the first months of a child's life. All staff are Christians. Our support, as in recent years, has covered rent payments on the centre's office and also a gift towards essentials in the first months of life (2025 - £3,495; 2024 - £3,500).

- **Youth Camps** – we were so glad to be able to continue our involvement in this important annual outreach activity. We especially prioritised, where possible, children who otherwise would not be able to attend. Total assistance in 2025 equalled £2,485 (2024 - £3,197).

- **Tractor for Agricultural Project:** we were delighted to provide funds for Pastor Doru Decean to purchase a tractor and renovate several greenhouses associated with our Romanian Ministries land project. This project commenced several years ago with a view to generating funds in-country instead of regular monthly support payments from the UK. Regarding the tractor, we were most grateful to a community of Christian farmers in Ireland for their help (£10,785 being sent in total).

- **Poor Pastors Sponsorship –** supplementing salaries which fall below subsistence level, most especially that of Pastor Sorin Sarbu in the village of Draut (£1,180 in 2025, £605 in 2024)

- **Poverty Relief** - gifts were made to poor families through Casa Grace in Oradea, a Christian Social work agency, focusing especially on very poor families who have multiple problems

Grants are normally made following contact with relevant individuals in Romania and word of mouth recommendations from other known and trusted sources.

We give heartfelt thanks to the Lord for His blessing of the work in 2025 and ascribe all credit and whatever measure of success to His interventions of grace.

It seems fitting to cite at this juncture the well-known verse of God's pre-eminence in all things from Psalm 115 vs 1 *"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory."*

Our aim in Romanian Ministries is to remain as work of God's grace, guided and led by the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit to the glory of God in every particular.

Financial Review

The receipts and payments account for the period in question is attached on the following page and has been independently examined by a suitably experienced and independent individual and duly approved.

The independent examiners certification is found on the page after the receipts and payments account.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: *Adrian Carey-Jones*

Full Name: Adrian Carey-Jones

Position: Trustee

Date: 21 October 2026