

FAITH IN ACTION MISSIONS, NEWTOWNARDS

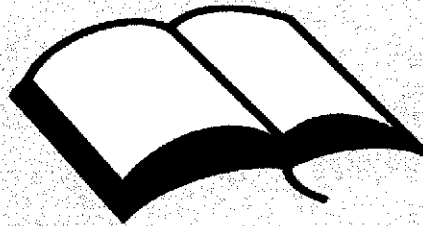
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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR

Ending 31st March 2023

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REGISTRATIONS

Charity Registration No NIC100261

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Faith in Action Missions was constituted on the 8th November 2002 and is managed by the Committee named, in accordance with its adopted Constitution. Although Trustees have a legal responsibility for the activities of the mission and meet at least 3 times a year. The mission employs one full-time worker who is responsible for Overseeing the ongoing charity work in the Ukraine. He is also responsible for the day today organizational arrangements in Northern Ireland. Faith in Action Missions Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 2nd June 2014.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These are attached as a separate document.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES

FAITH IN ACTION MISSIONS, NEWTOWNARDS 2022 – 2023

Faith in Action Missions (F.I.A.M.) thank the Lord for all his ongoing provision. We thank, and praise Him for providing the finances for this financial year. This money has been used to great effect to support and help many people living in very arduous conditions, in the Ukraine (FIAM) employee and volunteers continue to speak at many different church meetings. Donald, Joe, and Colin[→] provide verbal reports and show PowerPoint presentations highlighting the ongoing work in Eastern Europe. It is the financial support provided from these church meetings and sponsors that allows FIAM to continue to support a variety of different projects for the relief of many deprived and disadvantaged people.

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Because of the war in Ukraine F.I.A.M. have been limited in their travel to Ukraine throughout this year, and were unable to make any visits, however we did travel to Poland to pass finances to our contacts to help the people.

War in Ukraine

Sadly in February 2022 war broke out in Ukraine, Fiam were unable to go to Ukraine but were still able to send finances through to the frontline churches in Kharkiv, who in turn were able to feed people and help them through the terrible time they were going through. People who had lost their homes and were now hiding in subways, and also in basements. We were also able to help people in the surrounding villages, through those finances. Many people were helped with food and medicines, many were also given refuge in the schools and churches that we supported.

FIAM were also able to purchase 2 ambulances, 2 vans, and 3 cars and send them to Ukraine to help rescue people from the areas that were being bombed.

Northern Ireland

FIAM were able to rescue 41 people from Stari Saltiv in Ukraine, a village was taken over by the Russian army and became very dangerous for the people

there. We were able to help 41 of them and bring them to safety in Northern Ireland. All of the families now live in the Ballymoney area and they were also helped by Hebron Free Presbyterian Church. All of the families have now secured employment, and have their own homes.

Life has been very difficult for the Ukrainian families, they arrived here traumatized and depressed. They had seen their lives disintegrate before their eyes, but through the ministry of FIAM we have been able to offer assistance and to settle them down. All is now good with the people that we have rescued. We were able to hold two camps for them, one 3 day camp in Sheep island view on the Antrim coast, the other 3 day camp in Gannaway in Millisle. The camps gave valuable support and a relaxing time for them all to come together and talk with one another, and to comfort and support one another. The people were deeply traumatized and the camp was a wonderful way of helping them to have fellowship and bonding together as they settle down here in Northern Ireland.

Stari Saltov village

Faith in action missions were able to bring a number of people to safety from the village of Stari Saltiv, the village is now under heavy shelling. The church building that we built 14 years ago has now been destroyed by the shelling. We also supported the ongoing humanitarian effort in that area financially to help those most in need.

Drug & Alcohol rehabilitation Centre

The Centre has been a very big help to many who have suffered with addictions for many years, we have been able to support them through the war financially as the rehab continues to work with people who have addictions. Through the finances that we help them with they have been able to keep their programs going within the Centre. We are also able to help the people in nearby villages through our finances. A large 13kw generator was also purchased for the Centre as there was no light or water. A car was also purchased for the work of the Centre. We also supported the work of the rehab financially, this enabled them to purchase provisions, and also bake bread in their large ovens to help the people.

Light of the Gospel church

FIAM were also able to send finances through to this church, the light of the gospel church. The church is helping to feed many people In-between when the bombing in Kharkiv has stopped. At such times they were able to go to nearby villages and subways. Transport was also purchased to support this work by transporting food, medicines, sleeping bags, blankets, clothing, and many more items to the people who had lost their homes.

A 7 seater car was also sent to this church to assist them in rescuing people from dangerous areas.

A new heating system was also installed to keep the people warm through the harsh winter

One Pastor is being sponsored monthly from this church as he continues the work of Faith in Action Missions.

FIAM were also able to support a camp for disabled people, they were given food and medicines to take home with them, they were also taught the Word of God

A camp was also held for young people.

A used car was also purchased for the Pastor of this church, this enables him to have more control and give guidance and care over the areas that they are helping.

The Help and Happiness Fund

FIAM have also supported this fund with finances as they reach out to many people in the badly bombed City of Kharkiv.

Through the finances that are sent to them they also take part in feeding the people who have lost their homes due to the war. In this process they feed people living on the streets, basements, subways, and reach into villages to help families

House of Hope

The house of hope continues to work well despite the war in Ukraine, presently over 45 elderly residents are now being sheltered there from the war, the residents who are living there were truly underprivileged people. Now they are

being loved and cared for through the house of hope. We were also able to leave finances with the Pastor to help look after the sick and elderly as well additional finances given to purchase new items for the home. All of the residents of the house of hope received a Christmas gift, and the carers also received a Christmas gift.

Sokolova Church & School

F.I.A.M. also took part in an outreach to the elderly and needy families from the villages in Sokolova, which included all of the elderly receiving a gift of various food items. We also helped many families with finances to buy medicines as many were suffering from Covid 19. We were also able to help people who were very sick, and had to be hospitalized.

Due to the war we were able to send finances to help the Sokolova church to give many people refuge, and also to feed them. Through this ministry thousands of people have been helped through the finances that have been sent.

FIAM were also able to set up and support the online school in this location. Finances were sent that enabled them to continue to educate the children in that area.

From the church in Sokolova and the authorities in Kiev

Yesterday was six months since the war in our country. God has allowed our church to help many people during these times. This was possible thanks to your help and the help of friends from other countries. Your mission was a good start to the war and helped us survive the early days of the war when everything was closed. Even through to this day.

Our activities are monitored by lawyers and the tax service. Information for 5 months of the war was sent to us from Kyiv. At the moment, about 15,312 people were evacuated by the volunteers of the Public Organization "Platform for the Improvement of Society"; 9,321 food kits were purchased and distributed; 34,689 aid kits were created from humanitarian aid. 72,798 portions of food were prepared. 6 buses, 17 cars, 5 buses were involved. Currently, 63 people are volunteers in our organization. 5869 people received medicine from us. 4382 men were resettled. God helped us to this place!!!

FIAM have been very much involved in all of this work.

Kherson

This is a City that was under Russian occupation for many months, but when they retreated we were able to support the people of that area also, we supported many people by giving them generators, there was no light, heating or water due to the war so generators were a great help for the people, and as result they now have water and light through them. Stoves, were also purchased and provided to elderly people along with firewood to help them through the very cold winter. Sleeping bags and duvets were also given to the people to keep them alive throughout this terrible war. Other essential items were also provided.

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Approximately 2000 children were helped by presenting them with Christmas presents.

Bakhmut

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Kharkiv

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Prisons

We were also able to support the prison ministry with finances to purchase food for the people who were suffering through war, we also purchased a van that enabled the prison ministry to travel to villages to feed people. Many people are now attending the church here.

Many people are now attending this church because of the war, and are now being helped.

We were also able to purchase tables and chairs for the many people who were now attending this church

Red Oskol Orphanage

Due to the war in Ukraine this orphanage moved all of the children and adults to the West of Ukraine, we were able to support the orphanage with finances to help to buy pampers, food, hygiene products, and many other items.

Farm ministry

The farm ministry has now been an ongoing work for almost 5 years, Pasha and Natasha do a wonderful work there. Through the farm needy people are helped on the Russian border, we are also able to give needy people milk, cheese and meat. As well as their physical need we are also able to minister to their Spiritual needs. Through this ministry many people were helped with food throughout the year, especially at winter.

Faith in action through our sponsors are able to support Pasha and his wife Natasha, who run the farm, and reach out to the needy families with food on the Russian border. Pasha and Natasha continue the work of F.I.A.M. when we cannot be there.

Due to the war the farm ministry has now been closed as this area was being very badly bombed, Pasha and Natasha have safely left the area.

Bethany House Sokolova

The building of Bethany house has been cancelled due to Covid, and also to the sad loss of the Architect who passed away.

Beginning of wisdom school

F.I.A.M. have been supporting this school for about twenty years, but this year due to Covid 19 the school began to suffer financial hardship. Some of the parents of pupils could no longer work because of the pandemic and therefore were unable to pay their children's school fees. As a result this left the school in deficit, and we were able to step in and help the school financially to reopen and keep working. Sadly today because of the war the school has been closed, many of the pupils and teachers have been scattered all over Ukraine, and into other Countries.

Through the ministry of FIAM many people have been helped through the war, others have been rescued from Ukraine and brought to Northern Ireland. The ministry of God's Word has been their strength, many people have repented, and now follow after Jesus Christ, many lives have been changed, the war in Ukraine has made the people very God conscious.

Future Projects

Future projects are on hold due to Covid – 19 pandemic, and also due to the ongoing war. Faith in Action Missions at this time would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports the Lords work in Eastern Europe. We thank you for your financial support your help and your much valued prayers.

This report has been compiled and agreed by the trustees of Faith in Action Missions, Newtownards (Management Committee) on Date AGM DATE 22nd September 2023

Chairperson – Pastor Joseph Beggs