

Decision Ministries

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Decision Ministries
Charity registration number NIC100440
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The trustees

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Structure, governance and management

Decisions Ministries is a registered charity. It is governed by 3 trustees, being Mr David Middleton, Mr Jonathan Middleton and Mr Neil Snoddy.

Risk Management Statement

The board conducts an ongoing review of the charity's operational risk management processes. Corporate risk is managed by ensuring that appropriate insurance cover is in place, adhering to internal financial controls, and ensuring statutory returns are up to date.

Structure and Management

It is governed by 3 trustees, being Mr David Middleton, Mr Jonathan Middleton and Mr Neil Snoddy. Day to day management of the charity is undertaken by Mr Henry Middleton, an employee of the charity.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance produced on public benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the period the charity has continued to provide public benefits through the programmes and services we offer.

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Objectives and activities

Decisions Ministries is a Christian mission whose aim is to work with children and young people living on the streets in Mexico City, providing them with food, clothing and support, and to help them to hear about a loving God who wants to rescue them from their situation, both spiritually and physically. Groups of children and young people living on the streets may comprise those who have been born there, as well as those who have been living there for many years. Survival rates are low due mainly to the unhealthy conditions they are living in, as well as infections and lung and nerve damage secondary to the substances they may take as some form of escape from the reality of the situation.

To this end, the Mission focuses on two areas. Firstly, on the ongoing outreach on the streets of Mexico City to reach those living in dreadful conditions in sewers, derelict buildings, or in makeshift tents. Secondly, to provide a place away from the City where children and young people can have time away from the streets, and where they can be fed, clothed, cared for, and receive Christian love, counsel and support in an environment that is free of drugs, fear and hunger.

The second area of operation is the ongoing development of a piece of land approximately one hour outside the city, outside a small village called Otumba. Mission to Mexico purchased this land a few years ago, and has since engaged local builders to construct a perimeter wall, dormitories, kitchen and dining space and a small building to house caretakers for the property. There has also been construction of a basketball court and an outside shelter, as well as paths, cisterns, showers, bathrooms, etc. It is envisaged that groups of street children will shortly be able to come to the site for camps, where teams of Mexican co-workers will work with them to help them to see other options for their lives apart from the streets.

Decision Ministries funds and supports our Mexican co-workers with support for their own living expenses, and to enable them to provide food, medicines, etc. to the street children. The Mission also provides and maintains 2 cars to enable them to transport large containers of food when visiting the streets

Achievements and performance

During the year, teams supported by the Mission continued to work on the streets of Mexico City, visiting groups of street children and young people, and bringing food, clothing, Christian counsel and support. The teams visit the streets 3-5 times a week, working with several different groups of street children. As well as physical assistance, the team have also been able to help young people who want to leave the streets, either by helping them return to their families, or by supporting them to make the move to settled accommodation.

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Financial review

The 2023/24 financial year produced good results for the charity. Decisions Ministries measures its success through the following Key Performance Indicators (KPI's):

Level of Donations

The charity received donations of £66,364 during the 2023/24 financial year, compared to £51,099 in the previous year. This represents an increase of 29%, and we would like to thank all of those people who donated.

Net income and net movement in funds

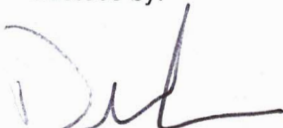
Due to the increase in donations, the charity had a surplus of £20,766 for the 2023/24 financial year, compared to a loss of £4,015 in the previous year. The charity incurred travel costs of £11,430 in the 2023/24 financial year, compared to £12,581 in the previous financial year.

Plans for future periods

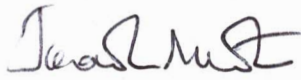
Decisions Ministries intends to carry out further work within Mexico, with the aim to work with children and young people living on the streets in Mexico City, providing them with food, clothing and support, and to help them to hear about a loving God who wants to rescue them from their situation, both spiritually and physically.

To do this, we rely upon the support of our donors, and again we thank you all for the support that you have given us over the past year.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 6 January 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr. David Middleton



Mr. Jonathan Middleton



Mr. Neil Snoddy

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