

Annual Report for
Rabboni Mercy Trust NIC100523
6th April 2022 – 5th April 2023

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Purpose of Charity

The charity is governed by a Trust deed. The Trust is managed on a voluntary basis by a Board of Trustees who meet regularly and have responsibility for the financial management and strategic direction of the organisation. There are no payments made to the Board of Trustees and there is no private benefit to them or anyone else. The Trustees have all reviewed the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland AR08 Guidance and are aware of its requirements.

The trustees named below were the only ones who served through this reporting period (6/4/22–5/4/23). These three are also the only trustees who continue to serve at the date this report was approved.

Michael Ewan

Adrian Gregory

Ronnie McIlwaine

The Trust provides or assists in the provision of medical and health care expenses and treatments, educational bills and food relief measures. The Trust particularly supports the work of the Rabboni Mercy Orphanage in providing accommodation and care in the area of benefit for children. The Trustees aim to demonstrate practical love to those in need and to provide food, clothing, shelter and education in a Christian environment.

From its base in Northern Ireland (UK) the Trust seeks to send both financial resources together with supporters and assistance to its projects in Karnataka (India).

At least one of the trustees make periodic visits to oversee the work carried out in India in order to check on the financial affairs of the overseas work and to provide support and encouragement to the local community and representatives of Rabboni Mercy Orphanage in the Karnataka region. Supporters normally accompany the trustees on these visits.

Report for the year up to 5th April 2023

We are encouraged by the Lord's provision and help for Pastor Raja and Jebasheela and the children over the year. Jebasheela's health has remained stable, and she continues to serve with energy and perseverance. Pastor Raja had a serious back problem during the year from which he has now recovered. The children have kept well.

Children

The children despite all the challenges and difficulties they face are doing well. Their education has continued, and they have completed and passed all of their exams. They have been able to receive spiritual instruction through the church and Sunday School. Sam & Mary look after them in the home on a daily basis while Pastor Raja and Jebasheela oversee the work and monitor school-work, physical and spiritual progress. They are caring for 16 children.

Sponsors and finance

We have 18 regular individual sponsors, and two church sponsors (Greenisland Baptist and Whitehead Baptist). There have been others who have regularly given and a number of one-off gifts as well. The amount of regular sponsorship was £11, 515 - and one-off gifts totalled £3,773. Of the total amount given £8,754 was gift aided. The total amount of income for the year was £18,259 with expenditure of £18,596. This £337 deficit was funded by a surplus in the working account leaving an end of year balance of £888. The reserve account had a balance of £2,020 at the end of the year.

Future needs

To compensate for inflationary costs, we agreed as trustees to increase the amount sent each month by 10%. We have been informed of necessary repairs to the building which we will need to consider for the coming year.

Conclusion and Thanks

We are thankful to God for once again providing the finances to care for the children in India and for the help received from our supporters and sponsors. It is always a challenge to meet the needs over the year, but we look back with grateful hearts for all that has been given.

Mike Ewan

on behalf of the Trustees

26.10.23