



Registered Charity Number NI102078

Company Number NI607018

(Company Limited by Guarantee with Charitable Status)

Annual Report and Accounts

for the year

1 May 2023 - 30 April 2024



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Trustees / Directors: David Nigel Davies
William Thomas Jennings (resigned July 31st 2023)
Joseph Matthew David Maclane
Martin Meharg McNally
Sara Rosemary McNally

The above served throughout the year, as Trustees of the Charity and Directors of the Company except for William Thomas Jennings who resigned on 31st July 2023.



Annual Report

Charitable Purposes

The declared charitable purposes of the Ministry for Europe Trust are:

the advancement of the Evangelical Christian Faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, the advancement of community development, and the improvement of the holistic life of communities in countries within Europe and carried out exclusively in a manner that is beneficial to the public and is recognised by the law of Northern Ireland as being charitable.

Charity Governance

The charity trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, are responsible for the management and the day-to-day running of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits in their role as trustees.

Financial Review

Total income for the year amounted to £34,307 (prior year, £59,375) with total expenditure of £34,759 (prior year, £69,039) resulting in a deficit of £452 (prior year, deficit £9,664). As a result, the year-end cash balance decreased slightly to £14,991. At just over 40% of annual expenditure the Trustees consider this to be an acceptable level of reserves to meet emergency needs as they arise.

Achievements and Performances

During the year, MET continued to support partners engaged in the promotion of the Christian faith and the well-being of people primarily in Greece, Ireland, Israel, and Moldova, while seeking to further encourage Christian testimony in Croatia, Hungary, North Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey, and Ukraine amongst other countries. Grants totalling £33,063 (95.1% of total expenditure) were made over the course of the year.

Whilst no in-person visits to partners in mainland Europe were made during the year, regular and frequent contact was maintained via telephone, email and social media to ensure that the directors / trustees were aware of developments and needs.

The following are typical of the work which MET grants have supported over the year:

Israel:

MET has previously reported on the pioneering work of known partners in reaching out to sex workers and substance abusers in Israel, particularly in Tel Aviv and Be'er Sheva, but also other cities such as Ashkelon and Haifa. In 2023/24, MET was able to provide further grant assistance to this work, which brings direction into the lives of individuals as well as helping to relieve the suffering of their children and families. These men and women are honourably befriended while they are still living on the streets and invited to a daycentre run by our partners Aviv Ministries in Tel Aviv. While there, they are offered free food, clean clothing, rest, medical advice and the offer of a free placement at the rehabilitation centre, in Be'er Sheva in the south of the country. More recently a safe haven for women has also been opened in Be'er Sheva to which MET has continued to make

significant grants. We wish to continue to financially support these unique, laudable, and on-going works, which bring together Israelis, Arabs, and Russians.

Moldova:

Our partner in Moldova continues to operate a variety of community focussed ministries which are also opportunities to present the Christian message. MET was again able to provide several grants towards meeting the cost of free distribution of New Testaments and other Christian literature in the language of the recipients.

North Macedonia:

MET's partner in North Macedonia travels long distances to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to teach and encourage small groups of Christians in remote rural areas, as well as meeting very practical needs such as the heating of church buildings in the cold winter months. Annual summer camps for the poorest of children were again freely offered and some 80 children attended. There, they were given new clothes, fed well, offered any required medical help and teaching from the Bible. These works are on-going and MET wishes to continue to financially support them.

Ireland:

Closer to "home", poverty in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland is also very real and often compounded by unemployment, or families split through alcohol and/or substance abuse resulting in the children and young people in many homes being left in need. MET continues to provide finance to partners who are providing both humanitarian and spiritual help to these people.

The majority of the above projects are on-going, and we look forward to being able to visit them once again and to see the lives of more people changed, as well as the local living conditions built to allow a greater standard of living in some of the most deprived areas of Europe.

On behalf of all who so selflessly supported the work of MET over the course of the year in any way, we give our heartfelt thanks.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 01/11/24 and signed on its behalf by:



J M D Maclane
Trustee / Director

Date: 01/11/24