

Annual Public Benefit Report April 22- March 23

Since its inception, Mizpah Trust has had to adapt its working methods in order to make its ministry more effective. We reach out to men, women and children by

- Teaching the Word of God
- Distributing the Word of God to those who want it
- Sharing basic humanitarian needs
- Mentoring youth in Christian Ethics and morals
- Care for the Refugees who have come from Arabic and other lands to Europe
- Reaching out to Jewish visitors to their heritage sites in Greece
- Informing interested groups and individuals of the needs

Since April 22, our volunteer workers have continued to work in the Refugee camp at Vereia and also at the Alexandria camp when needed. They continue to provide medical and surgical supplies to those who need it and to bring people to and from Drs, dentists and hospital appointments and also a few who need glasses to opticians. This finance is provided by Mizpah Outreach donors. Counselling of women has been especially required often and help with filling in paperwork from the Greek government, or for the government of the country that the refugee is hoping to be transferred to. This is very important for them as wrongly filled in paperwork often results in their applications being refused!

Those refugees who have decided to settle in Greece and now have homes, get visits to make sure they have all they require and to get advice on various things about the country and culture that will be helpful for them. Hospital visitation is still restricted but has been allowed in circumstances where spiritual help has been requested or is deemed to be necessary for the patient.

Clothing was distributed as needed to all the refugees and especially the new influx of Ukrainian refugees, who are mostly women and children. These Ukrainians are still coming in and are mostly given temporary homes and places to live. Those who have to be in the camps require a lot of help as they really don't want to be there.

Our field workers in Greece, due to Brexit rules, had to spend 90 days in and 90 days out of Greece throughout the year, meaning an increase of costs of travel back and forth. Services were taken, as churches opened up again and people were informed of the progress of the refugee work and the youth camp in Greece. A Gospel Tent Mission was arranged in the summer in Southern Ireland, where souls were reached and comforted, counselled and helped with their spiritual and emotional needs. Following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, we have experienced an increase in refugees fleeing these countries because of homelessness and fear, especially of Syrians, who received much less help from foreign governments after they lost their homes and possessions and many of their family members. These refugees need a lot of counselling and help following these traumatic situations.

As usual church services were visited and taken in both Greece and Northern Macedonia as well as in UK, with the purpose of encouragement, comfort, counselling and help in understanding the complexities for refugees living in a foreign country, and to raise awareness of their situation.

1. One female student who lives below the poverty line has been supported to go to University, and £1206.56 has been sent for her education for the school year. [600 paid from Field workers personal support]
2. Hundreds of New Testaments were provided in various languages for the Spiritual and emotional comfort of people who asked for them. [850]
3. Other literature was provided to answer questions or help solve problems faced by the refugees and other interested peoples. [2000 pieces]
4. Literature was provided for visitors arriving in Greece and Northern Macedonia [1100]
5. Grief counselling was provided for those who had suffered bereavements, were given terminal diagnosis, or suffering from the effects of longer term lockdown. [60 families/76 couples/235 individuals]
6. Information letters and documents were provided on a 3 monthly basis to inform people in the United Kingdom of the various works going on to help others in Greece and Macedonia. [1200 people x4 times per annum - £2,859]
7. Where church services and close contact venues were not able to be used for preaching or informing others of the situation in Greece and Macedonia, drive in and zoom meetings were carried out to make sure people remained informed for the purpose of praying for and helping those in need. [many hundreds of individuals in various church/social venues, or online]
8. A month long Gospel mission was held as a drive in in Monaghan, Southern Ireland in July 2022, giving all members of the local communities the opportunity to hear the message of the Gospel, to seek spiritual and emotional help and to be informed of the needs in the lands we have outreach into. [hundreds of people nightly, [drive in and also online.]
9. We could not do our work without the help of our volunteers. We have Greek volunteers helping with the refugee work and also with the upkeep of the camp, but without any form of recompense [except hospitality where needed, when they are working]. Other volunteers, mostly from Northern Ireland pay their own flight tickets and work very hard every day they are in Greece, helping to finish the camp and also by speaking, testifying and providing entertainment at various churches in Greece and North Macedonia at the weekends and in the evenings. They receive no payment, except accommodation and hospitality when they are with us in Greece. We are so thankful for their commitment and help in these ventures.
10. The Discipleship camp for the training of young persons in the Ethics and moral expectations of life is reaching completion. We have had teams this year and will continue one more year, when we hope to be able to obtain the final certificates to operate on a voluntary basis from the Greek government and be able to welcome the first groups to the place in 2024.

Summary of costs:

	£
Literature given and posted: In Greece and UK, Including administration expenses	4,712.17
Vehicles, fuel,	10,832.36
Travel for field workers	3,662.62
Personal allowances	25,200.00
Accommodation in UK during home stays	760.57
Student support [600 paid from field worker support]	1,206.56
Camp supplies, sundries and food	<u>8,925.23</u>
 Total costs for the year	 £ 55,299.51

[Any excess to the mission accounts was paid from Personal allowance]

I certify that this is a true estimation of the help given through the Mizpah charity during the year April 1st 2022 and March 31st 2023.

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