

FRONTIERS IRELAND

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's object are the advancement of the Christian faith.

The directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

In the fulfilment of our charitable purpose, the advancement of the Christian Faith, we seek with love and respect to invite all Muslim peoples to follow Jesus, prioritising those peoples, places and cities with least access to the Gospel. This is done through church planting teams who live locally using their professional skills to demonstrate and share the love and compassion of Jesus in word and deed, through their lives together, learning the local language and culture.

We continue to have a family serving in SE Africa, who are involved in church planting and engaging in a number of humanitarian projects. The team were able to publish two more composite books of Scripture, adding the books of Matthew, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians and Hebrews in two volumes, to their collection of printed Scripture.

They had the joy of baptising a local believer, who came to faith partly by listening to an audio-bible provided by the team.

The Sending Base Director and his wife were able to visit the family in July 2022, a trip postponed from the first Easter of Covid. It gave a valuable insight into the levels of poverty in the area and also was a great encouragement to the team there.

Bible study groups are continuing separately with men and women in several different groups. During the year, the women's bible study group began, which has been a great encouragement. The couple had to return to NI during the autumn for corrective surgery on a broken arm, following the husband's motorbike accident. The original surgery done in a neighbouring country, was inadequate.

In partnership with the team there, we completed a 30 day prayer guide for the people group among which they serve. This will be used for an international focus of prayer during July 2023.

We again saw a further gift from The Henderson Charitable Trust of £62,500 for several initiatives: funding for more boreholes in SE Africa; further funding for the midwifery centre of the team in N. Africa; funding for mobilisation and for the mission guesthouse in Groomsport.

Through funding from the TBF & KL Thompson Trust we were able to help revise the Momentum Yes course in order to amend and anglicise the American online missions mobilising course. The full version of this course is now available to the public.

Personal funding also came from the Lynas Charitable trust and the Belmore Trust. The Open House Trust also contributed to our work again this year, as did the Ardbarron Trust, which has partnered with us for over 20 years.

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The social media campaign in North Africa continues to bear fruit. Fortnightly, 20,000 people watch a new clip of a video on the life of Jesus. A local responder continues to do follow up with those who show and interest in learning more and he meets up with those who are keen to learn more face to face.

The family in North Africa also had the joy of seeing new team members from France join their team this year to move to a new town, where there has not been a Christian witness before in living memory. The family will stay part of the team for 2 years, before splicing off and recruiting their own team.

The midwifery clinic in North Africa continues to see hundreds of women each month, treating them with kindness and compassion in the name of Jesus.

Prayer continues to be the bedrock of our ministry. Regular daily staff prayer, as well as quarterly days of prayer are part of our prayer rhythm. Our prayer groups in Belfast, Coleraine, Lisburn and Lurgan continue to meet regularly. The Belfast and Lurgan groups are meeting on Zoom, with the Coleraine and Lisburn groups meeting in person.

We held a celebration of the Pray for Zero initiative at the T3 Conference Centre at the House of VicRyn. 86 people groups have become adopted and there are 77 people groups that became engaged with a church planting team and there are reports of 11 more engagements, still to be confirmed by the partnership of agencies who keep the official statistics.

We used this event to pay tribute to Robert 'Robin' Watson, a founding Board member who passed away on 4th July 2022, still active as a Board member up to a couple of weeks before his death. We give thanks to God for his life and ministry to many organisations, including Frontiers Ireland.

We also acknowledged the service of Hugh McCormick who this year stepped aside as Chairman, a role he has had since our formation in 2000. We are grateful to God for the service of both of these men and the support and encouragement given by their wives too. We welcomed David Best into his new role as Chairman.

At the celebration, we also launched the follow on from Pray for Zero, which is Pray for Thirty. The vision of this is to pray for thirty churches to send out thirty workers in the next three years. The main thrust of this is mobilisation, prayer and training. We are asking churches to commit to pray for three years using three prayer guides and to consider sending out one worker at the end of the three years.

The first of the three prayer guides is on 30 occupations, the second is on 30 priority cities, as highlighted by our Field Leadership Teams and the third is on 30 Unengaged People Groups.

Our commitment to the churches is to provide training on areas such as Waiting on God, Entertaining the Stranger, Islam, Discovery Bible Studies, Momentum Yes and Kairos.

This year again we have been the coordinator in NI for the 30 Days of Prayer, which encourages Christians to pray for Muslims across the world during the month of Ramadan. We had 30 partner churches and mission organisations involved this year with over 1200 prayer guides purchased and distributed.

We continue to play an active part in the Mission Action Partnership (MAP), a group of mission agencies seeking to work together to resource the church for global and local mission. We regularly attend the quarterly general meetings which are a good opportunity to network with others in the mission community and also to pray and encourage one another, as well as share resources.

A new initiative developed this year is the quarterly Global Disciples programme which has been a partnership with AWM, SIM, Latin Link and OMF. It is designed for young adults to help gather together in a larger number, rather than doing smaller events individually. It has been a real encouragement to be able to work together as agencies, but also to do more together than we could have done otherwise by ourselves, for the benefit of those who come along.

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This year we have also continued to play an active part in the Irish Mission Agencies Partnership (IMAP). Our director has served for a second year as one of the Exec members of IMAP. This helps develop our reach into Ireland and also gives a good insight into some of the challenges, needs and opportunities within the island of Ireland. One of our staff participated in an online event during the year. We have consolidated our links with the Elim network in Ireland over the year. We also invited their leader to speak at one of the IMAP quarterly members' meetings and his presentation was very much appreciated.

We had a very strong presence at Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention and we used hospitality as a theme, which brought a lot of attention and interest in our main focus, which was the Pray for Thirty material. We were thus able to introduce the new initiative to a wide audience including to several people from Irish churches.

A new couple of workers who were approved late last year were able to visit North Africa and meet up with a team leader. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, they will not be able to join this team, so the search for a new team continues.

We are delighted to have recruited a new single female worker to serve in the Gulf. She will be working alongside an established team, which has a focus on prayer. She is the first person to be sent out as part of Pray for Thirty.

We ran a shortened Candidate School for her, given that she had completed a YWAM Discipleship Training School in the region recently. She will serve from September 2022 until June 2023.

We provided the financial administration for a major international prayer event, held in Europe before Easter. The director was able to travel to participate in this multinational and multi-agency prayer event.

At the end of the year in March 5-10, we were able to host the Field Leadership Team Gathering (FLTG), an annual event for 38 of our international organisation's senior field leaders. It was a real privilege to be able to host this group at the Castlewellan Christian Conference Centre, providing them with our famous hospitality and a tour of St Patrick's heritage around the Downpatrick area.

We continue to speak regularly in churches to promote our work and ministry.

Financial review

The results are set out in detail on pages 8 to 19. The company returned net incoming resources for the year of £7,265 (2022 : £13,415) unrestricted funds of £227,520 (2022 : £235,760) and restricted funds of £56,398 (2022 : £40,893). The unrestricted funds are required to provide sufficient funds to cover any unforeseen costs which may arise and fulfill legal obligations of the charity in the event that current levels of income are not maintained.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves as are consistent with the ongoing financial requirements of the charity.

The directors has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Plans for the future

We plan to provide training with each of the Pray for Thirty churches over the next 12 months.

We plan to continue to offer the MomentumYes course, which has been revised.

The Director and his wife will visit our new workers for a pastoral visit in the Gulf at Easter 2023.

We plan to send a prayer team to the Gulf region in June 2023 and also possibly one later in the year.

Supporting churches will pray during the month of July 2023 for a people group in SE Africa.

We will again provide financial administration for the international prayer event in 2024.

The Irish couple hope to move to North Africa in early 2024

The team in SE Africa plan to drill 4-5 boreholes and acquire 100 more audio-bibles.

The one day a week secondment for one of our staff to the Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention will come to a close at the end of July 2023, after 5 years. The Director met with the secretary of the event and it was agreed that the secondment had been very valuable for both parties.

We aim to recruit two or three new Board members.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 8 March 2000 and registered with the Inland Revenue on the same date. The charitable company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is not for profit and limited by guarantee, the liability of the members is limited to £1. The organisation is governed by its Board of Directors who meet regularly.

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr H McCormick

Miss R Baxter

Mr D W Best

Dr S A Rodgers

Mr R Watson

(Deceased 4 July 2022)

New directors are appointed by the members of the charity at the annual general meeting.

All directors are required to participate in training relating to good governance and directors are regularly updated on legislation that impacts upon the running of a charitable organisation e.g. recent changes in legislation introduced by the Charities Commission and the GDPR.

The Board of Directors oversees the work of the Sending Base Director, who in turn is responsible for the volunteers. The Sending Base Director is not a director under Company Law.

Frontiers Ireland is affiliated to the Frontiers network worldwide.

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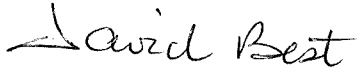
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Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The Board consider the board of directors and the chief executive as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All board members give their time freely and no board remuneration was paid in the year. Board members are required to disclose all relevant conflicts of interest and register them at each monthly board meeting and in accordance with the Trust's policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

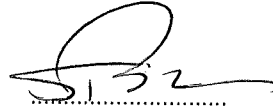
This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemptions.

The directors' report was approved by the Board of Directors.



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Mr D W Best
Director

Dated: 11/9/23



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Dr S A Rodgers
Director

Dated: 11-9-23