

ACTS MINISTRIES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2023

The trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Reference and administrative details.

The Charity Name.

The legal name of the charity is ACTS Ministries

The charity's areas of operation and UK charitable registration

The charity works for the benefit of disadvantaged children and adults in India.

The charity is registered in Northern Ireland with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland (CCNI) charity no. 105730.

Legal Structure of the Charity.

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated charity, established by a written constitution. The governing document of the charity is the written constitution approved by the members and endorsed by the Charities Commission in Northern Ireland (CCNI).

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by the Charity law.

The trustees are all individuals.

The principal operating address, telephone no, e mail and web site addresses of the charity

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Trustees

The trustees in Office on the date the report was approved were:-

Raymond Thompson

Ashok Thomas

David Thompson

Lorraine Thompson.

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period are as shown above.

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Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

ACTS Ministries was established for the advancement of religion and the relief of poverty and to promote the benefit of disadvantaged people in developing countries without the distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

- a. Support of the charitable work of the Little Hearts Organisation in India.
- b. To advance education in accordance with Christian principles.
- c. The recruitment, selection and sending out of volunteers for short term service within the area of benefit.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes and for the public benefit during the year

We exist to raise funds and receive donations for the benefit of children and adults under the care of Little Hearts Orphanage, Little Buds School, Balwadi Pre-School (South India) and Harvest Mission Workers and Harvest Mission Schools (North India).

There are many disadvantaged people in India who need support and protection.

Little Hearts Orphanage cares for almost 130 children and adults who have moderate to severe and complex learning difficulties. Children and adults with these difficulties are often neglected, sometimes abused and often abandoned. Little Hearts Orphanage provides a caring environment for these vulnerable people. They are fed and clothed, given physio treatment where needed and medical attention and cared for by the dedicated staff. Not all of the children and adults are orphans some do have parents, however they often struggle to care for children with these levels of disability. Little Hearts Orphanage with their trained staff provides exactly what these vulnerable people need.

Little Buds School – The school has now closed and the children are attending the local government schools.

Balwadi Pre-School - this school is based in the slum area and draws in the local children to prepare them for moving to the Little Buds School when they have reached the required age or standard. These slum children have no basic literacy. There are at present about 50 children (aged 2-5) registered and about 25-30 children coming to the pre-school every day. The children are under the supervision of a trained primary school teacher and classroom assistant. The children also enjoy a good meal in the school before going home.

In addition to basic literacy the Pre-school is also homework club where the children from the the slum, who are in the government schools, can receive help with their school work. The teachers in the pre-school also have a social role connecting with parents about how their children are managing both in government schools and in Pre-school.

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Harvest Mission Schools - in rural North India in the smaller towns there is often no government school and families cannot afford to send their children to school by bus. Harvest Missions have opened schools in these areas, at present 4 schools with about 300-500 pupils in each. Their standard of education is very high which is attractive to the families. They want to see the children learn and develop and be equipped for life.

All the funds raised and donated to ACTS Ministries are used for the support of the above people directly and/or indirectly (teachers and staff salaries etc; school uniforms; building maintenance; etc).

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

We have continued to support the beneficiaries mentioned above during the year.

The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity and to the wider society

Our continued support of the following projects have had a positive impact on the lives of the beneficiaries and also on the wider society:

Little Hearts Orphanage

Balwadi Pre-School and Homework Club

Harvest Mission Schools

Structure, governance and management of the charity.

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The charity recruits and appoints trustees with a range of skills, experience and knowledge in keeping with the pursuance of its objects.

The trustees' bankers and advisors

Bankers: AIB, University Road, Belfast, BT7 1ND

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 5 April 2023

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

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Policies on reserves.

The charity aims to hold an amount in reserves that is at least equivalent to the running costs for 3 months. As at 5 April 2023 the charity held £6,696 in reserves and this would be sufficient to run the charity for 3 months based on current levels of expenditure and also provide an amount for contingencies.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Details of The Independent Examiner

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

In particular, charity law requires the Trustees, if they prepare accounts on an accruals basis, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to :-

- prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law);
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial

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statements comply with regulations made under the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 31st January 2024.

Signed



Raymond Thompson
Trustee

Date: 10th March 2024