

ACTS MINISTRIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

The Board of Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting 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).

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) (see notes below).

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

Little Hearts Orphanage situated in Panayur, ECR, Chennai, 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.

Balwadi Pre-School - this school is based in the Ghandi Nagar slum area of Shollingonallur, Chennai. The school draws in daily the local children to prepare them for moving into Mainstream education (government schools) when they have reached the required age or standard. These slum children have no basic literacy. There are at present about 50 children (aged 2-8) 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.

A Sunday school is also held in the school for all the local children who wish to come.

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Harvest Mission – At our ACTS meeting in December 2023 it was agreed that we had completed our support for Harvest Missions and therefore will be ending support in 2024. The Charity set out to help Harvest Mission in 2008 and have supported regularly since that time but now feel that we have completed our task. It has been a worthwhile partnership with Harvest where we have assisted in many projects, new classrooms, bicycles for workers in remote areas, flood victim support, funding boreholes and funds for teacher salaries.

The CEO of Harvest was informed in January 2024 of our decision and was in agreement. We also have written to all the Harvest supporters to inform them of our decision to cease our funding of Harvest Missions and to finalise this by the 31st March 2024).

There are still some funds in the Harvest account which we will send in due course when the new bank details and FCRA details are received.

Funding - 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 main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

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

The Trustees of the charity confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4(6) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 to have regard to the CCNI's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity in the year ended 5 April 2024.

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 2024

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

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The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) shows the extent of and movement in, all charitable funds differentiating between restricted funds (monies provided for specific purposes) and unrestricted funds (monies that can be applied to any charitable objectives within the organisation's objectives).

Total Incoming resources for the year were £27,626 (2023: £21,769). Total expenditure on charitable activities for the year was £18,680 (2024: £23,665). Total funds of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2024 were £14,363 (2023: £6,697).

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 2024 the charity held £14,363 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;

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- 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 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 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 *30th Jan 2025*

Signed

Raymond Thompson

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Trustee

Date: *30th Jan . 2025*