



First Chair's Report – July 2022 – Dec 31st 2023

We begin our first official reporting period in July 2022 following our organisations registration under the Charitable Commission of Northern Ireland, Charity No: NIC108584. Our journey as a ministry organisation has started with four Trustees: Katie Namate (Chair), Frank Namate (Treasurer), David Glenn (Secretary) and Anne Glenn who are leading up the committee in Northern Ireland at present.

Trustee Presence In Kenya

Katie Namate (Chair) and Frank Namate (Treasurer) are serving Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation on a full-time basis on the ground in Kenya as missionaries who are overseeing the work of the charity on a daily basis. Their roles on the ground are that of Missionary Directors and they are fully self-funded as a family in order to complete this role.

Over the reporting period, specifically in early 2023, the other Trustees, David Glenn and Anne Glenn have also been able to visit Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation out in Kenya and witness the work taking place there. Anne spent 2 weeks in Kenya and David spent 7 weeks in Kenya.

In addition to this The Murray family, who are some of our supporters from Northern Ireland, came out to Kenya and witnessed the work taking place at our Light-House Rehabilitation and Family Reunification Centre.

How We Operate

For the purpose of operations taking place on the ground in Kenya, Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation is registered as a Community Based Organisation in Kenya under registration No: 1304/20/21/01. Its Purposes and articles mirror those contained in the Trust Deed registered by the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland for this charity.

The work of Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation is overseen closely in Kenya by a committee of individuals who understand the culture of the setting in which Shine his Light – Street Family Organisation is operating and enabling us to comply with government legislation as well as reporting and monitoring requirements in Kenya.

Reporting our activities, programs, finances and results on the ground, as well as following other reporting requirements for charities working with children and vulnerable persons in Kenya, enables us to remain in line with The Children's Act 2022, KE and other necessary legislation that we must follow as an organisation working in Kenya. The Kenyan registration is governed by a committee of ten individuals who make up the main board on the Kenyan side which is also led and Directed by Katie Namate and Frank Namate. It is made of individuals of various capabilities and back grounds; Kenyan pastors, administrators, international prayer room leaders/missionaries, Mission Training School leaders, Kenyan missionaries as well as community youth leaders and those from other organisations in our area.

The activities and operations reports gathered on the ground by the committee in Kenya are then forwarded to Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation's Board of Trustees in Northern Ireland for information. It has been a blessing to have many disciples of Christ come on board to help be a part of the work on the ground and we have seen the fruit of



engaging individuals from many different communities and backgrounds. The success of our purposes being fulfilled and children reconciling both with God, their family and their communities, is without doubt due to the Lord's favour in many ways, not least the organisations close relationship with the community at large in Kenya. The respect the community holds for Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation because of the heavy community involvement in the organisation is evident in the support they offer for the work.

We see the high community engagement is encouraging individuals from various community areas to foster a passion and commitment to seeing the purposes of Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation fulfilled in their home areas. We pray it continues.

Summary of Our Work

Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation has been established to fulfil the following purposes:

- (i) For the advancement of the human rights of people living on the streets of Kenya.
- (ii) For the provision of social services that serve to advance family conflict resolution between children living on the streets in Kenya and their families'
- (iii) For the prevention of poverty among street-connected youth in Kenya
- (iv) To provide mental health support services to people living on the streets in Kenya.
- (v) For the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the wider Street-family communities in Kenya

Summary of Activities:

Activity	No. People 2022- End of Year 2023
Rescued from the streets	60
Under 18s who Accessed Residential Rehabilitation, Scripture Based Counselling and Discipleship	114
Presented with the Gospel	212
Reintegrated with their Family	47
Intern Social workers/Missionaries Trained	3

Above is a short snap-shot view of the results of some of our activities over the past 18 months. This reporting period we have continued to use funds raised for the above purposes to be carried out in Kenya. Currently we have carried out the above purposes primarily through the 'Lighthouse Rehabilitation and Family Reunification Centre' which was established in November 2021 following several years of Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation's missionaries working in other ways with the same purposes and beneficiaries pre-registration.

In addition to the work in Lighthouse Rehabilitation and Family Reunification Centre we have engaged in equipping parents of street children with business training, financial literacy training, business grants and holistic, biblical parenting classes.

We have engaged six older street youth in essential skills training in workshops locally preparing them for reintegration into the community and opening of local businesses.

We have assisted street children in acquiring identity documents, secured registration of their status as students in the Kenyan education systems, ensured their right to education, food and nutrition, medical care, shelter and most importantly parental care has been met amongst many others.



In this reporting period we have also engaged in advocacy work, prevention, capacity building in the community, training of interns and other organisations and of course discipleship. We have offered psychosocial support and counselling services both to children, youth and parents all of whom are street associated. Additionally, we have provided physical aid to communities who are street associated as well as providing aid, parenting guidance, mental health services, emotional and physical support to street girls who are pregnant and/or with newborn babies.

Detailed Report of Activities

Lighthouse Rehabilitation and Family Reunification Centre:

As this is our first report it is important to note: This centre was established for the residential care of street children on a short-term basis. We do not keep children under institutional care over a long-term period residentially. The centre is used for rescuing children from the streets and helping them reconcile with both family and God. This is carried out under our model of care process also known as the 4R's. **Rescue, Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Restoration.**

During the reporting period we have rescued children from the streets and taken them through an addictions and trauma Rehabilitative program. Our program is bible centred and focused on discipleship and deliverance through scripture-based counselling and prayer. Each child upon admission is assessed and receives an individualised rehabilitation program suited to them and their family's unique situation. During their time with us our goal is to help them reconcile with their biological parents, reuniting with them where possible and reintegrating with kin (aunties, uncles, grandparents) where necessary. We work with the family at home at the same time as we work with the child in our centre ensuring both sides are ready to be reunited and helping the parents prepare holistically to receive their child back home.

Once the children have graduated our residential program and returned back to their families' our social workers and missionaries from Lighthouse Rehabilitation and Family Reunification Centre follow them up at home as an entire family unit. We continue to offer the entire family social worker support, discipleship, family counselling and even check in with visits to the child's school to ensure teachers are involved and the child is not showing any signs of problems creeping up again at home or in school. Our goal is to ensure the entire family is restored emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually, giving each child the strong roots they need to build resilience, thrive and develop their story of their new life under Christ.

Throughout the 18-month period we have had our centre full to capacity of 40 children at any one given time. When one child goes home, another child is rescued. Over the reporting period we have rescued 60 new children, rehabilitated 114 and reintegrated 47 to live back home with their family.

Street Youth

Whilst we do not offer residential services for street youth over the age of 18 years old, we have continued to assist them in the acquiring of identity documents, discipleship and vocational skills training following talent identification workshops. Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation's rental property in town remains a central place for these workshops to be held as well as a reporting location for the youth who have begun to start families of their

own with many street girls and street boys over the age of 16 falling pregnant together. Following COVID young street families started appearing in our area in small numbers. We have been able to identify ten girls with young babies less than 6 months old and six others who were pregnant over the reporting period. We offered emotional support at hospital appointments and birth as well as discipling the young couples as a unit. We have offered guidance in terms of biblical principles of marriage, financial management, raising children in a Godly household and practical parenting skills. Aid has been provided in emergencies for newborn babies such as clothing, blankets and hygiene products. We pray how to further progress in this sector going into 2024 in terms of interventions and prevention strategies as there is a need in this area.

Parents of Street Children

We have assisted parents of children who are at risk of going to the streets by providing intervention services such as family counselling and business empowerment as well as school support where appropriate. Parents days have been conducted each quarter and training on the holistic needs of their children and how they are essential to meeting these needs has been provided to many parents of street children we have reintegrated stretching across 8 different towns, 4 different counties. We pray these parents not only apply what they've learned in their own household but feedback to other parents in their areas which will greatly assist prevention. Over the reporting period we started and maintained one parents community support group which the parents of children we reintegrated ran themselves. They were able to find emotional support in each other but also poverty prevention support due to several of them coming together to save. A few even started small local farms to support their families. Parents who had previously engaged in illegal activity such as the illegal sale of drugs, home brewed alcohol and engaging in prostitution have been supported by our staff as they transitioned to jobs that are safer both for themselves and their children. Further family support in terms of empowerment, and aid outreach activities have been carried out quarterly and during holiday periods such as Easter, Christmas, New Year and 'back to school' times. Our goal in offering small support where necessary is to provide an extra cushion for the parents as they build up their own long term stability – this helps retain children at home and stops family separation in seasons where families are in need of a little extra help to get on their feet.

Environmental and Poverty Prevention

Over the reporting period, commencing in mid 2022, we were able to start a project as part of our rehabilitation program in Lighthouse Rehabilitation and Family Reunification centre that centred on Farming in a biblically based way. We had two Kenyan Missionaries volunteer with us for 6 months who had been training in 'Farming God's Way' and we built on the project from there. We taught the children the importance of respecting God's creation and that He has provided all we need in the land we have and the life that sustains it.

Studying farming through a biblical perspective has been lifechanging for many of the children and their families, not least us as we lead. The children realised they didn't need to depend on the government or organisations to give them pesticides and seeds and came to learn that God has provided all they need to cultivate and keep the land they live on. The children have worked to restore a small portion (1/4 acre) of land at our centre and are learning the new skills of regenerative farming and food forestry. Just as their families are being restored, their hearts are being restored and their lives are being made new, they are getting to see a very physical, notable growth in restoring the land to bear good fruit as well.

Throughout the year they have grown spinach, kale, tomatoes, bell pepper, chilli, onions, butternut squash, lemon trees, and carrots. We have been able to use these vegetables to sustain much of the perishable produce needs for our centres food supply, to be exact they produce 60% of vegetable needs each week. This is a skill the children are able to use back home to bond with their parents and bring new skills to their family – one family has actually transitioned from selling alcohol to farming corn and beans as a source of income now.

Education

We have continued to support five boys from the streets who have graduated from our rehabilitation centre through private school education – these are unique cases whereby boys in certain locations have no suitable schools in their area/the schools in their area are highly populated with drug and substance abuse amongst pupils and staff, meaning there is very high chance of relapse.

56 children have engaged in special education tuition within Lighthouse Rehabilitation and Family Reunification centre which focuses on 3 core subjects: English, Kiswahili and Maths. This helps children be prepared to reintegrate into an age appropriate class in the public school system when they return home to their families – most street associated children have either never been at school or dropped out very young. When children are returned home to their families' we also provided either a uniform for the school of the parents' choice, a school bag, shoes or books depending on the families need. In this reporting period we were able to support over 100 children with these kinds of supplies. Being sent home from school because you don't have the correct shoes on or enough exercise books can be reasons that lead to children relapsing and ending up back on the street due to idle time alone at home. We thank God we have been able to provide extra help in this way where parents have needed it. A core element of our education support is that rather than providing all the school fees for private education or purchasing all the required items for school we work together with the parents, setting them challenges in saving for their child's needs and then complimenting with support in smaller ways. It is important that we do not take over the role of the parent in terms of their child's education but that the child sees their parent as the main provider and learns that they can trust them with their needs. This has built a strong relationship between the children we have sent home and their parents and given both sides a new sense of unity, self-worth and confidence.

Capacity Building

On a different level education wise, we have been able to sign onboard as National Government Partners in Kenya of a Department called Street Family Rehabilitation Trust Fund. Through this connection we have been heavily involved in the capacity building of other organisations in our area and are committed to help train and equip the community and other organisations, educating them on the best practices and ways to help street children and children in institutions reunite with their families through our model of care (4Rs).

We have hosted 3 Kenyan social workers on our internship program over the course of 2023 and provided them with the education and training needed to help children reconcile with their families and with God through the transformative power of the Gospel. Equipping other professionals and helping them follow the up-to-date guidelines, administration and legislation protocols, as well as safeguarding children on the journey home to their families, is an essential part of us fulfilling our vision as an organisation. We pray about how to help surrounding ministries and individuals going forward and are enjoying equipping them in our model of rehabilitation; hopefully we will be able to host more interns and capacity building training going into 2024.



Our community education days were held in 4 different areas over the 18 months whereby we aimed to equip the community on how to safeguard children in their area to prevent them ending up on the street and additionally equipped them on how to support children we are reuniting with family in their areas. Anti-stigmatization of street children and advocacy for their rights on public platforms, is essential to resocialize street children with their communities.

The aim has been to help safeguard reintegrated children from being bullied, labelled as thieves and addicts and eventually relapsing due to community exclusion. We were blessed to have a lot of national and local media at one of our community day events in 2023 and we even appeared on 6 different news channels across Kenya! This was a fantastic opportunity that created different avenues of support within the neighbourhoods through education and capacity building of those on the community level. In 2023 we introduced one hotline number that the community can call to report new vulnerable children on the streets or to report children at risk of ending up on the streets in their area. We hope to host more events like this going into 2024.

SHINE HIS LIGHT – STREET FAMILY ORGANISATION (Kenyan Reg, Community Based Org)

As mentioned above Shine His light – Street Family Organisation is registered as a Community Based Organisation in Kenya for operations purposes. The Kenyan side of the organisation and Shine His Light Trustees working full time as missionaries on the ground, have worked very hard over this reporting period to establish good community and government relations in Kenya. We (SHL-CBO) are now signed off under a Memorandum of Understanding as Official Government Partners with the National Government of Kenya. This is under a department called Street Families Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

This department throughout the reporting period has monitored our work closely in terms of finances, activities, programs and results. They expect us to help build capacity of other organisations who are seeking to rescue and rehabilitate children living on the streets, as well as institutions who will be required to transition to family based care. In addition, they also offer us capacity building training ensuring our organisation stays up to date with all the latest policy, legislation and guidance for those organisations who are working in Kenyan communities with children.

We attended two workshops during the reporting period and were able to stay informed and up to date as an organisation. These workshops offered the chance to network with other organisations in Kenya who are doing similar work to ourselves. We are few and seem to be forerunners, trailblazing a family centred style of care in the region. The workshop allowed us to go over with other organisations and benchmark strategies for how we can help other organisations and vulnerable street children in a way that supports and equips families whilst discouraging family separation.

It was encouraging to see the government advocate for the importance of spiritual care and discipleship as the root foundation for raising children who are secure in their identity and families. By 2030 children's homes and any form of residential facility for children will not be allowed to hold them for longer than 6 months. This is going to have a very big impact on many children and families – it is essential that transition in care is done well. This will ensure children are safe and going back to loving homes. As an organisation we are at the forefront of this and look forward to helping other organisations transition their models of care to ensure street children are receiving their right to parental care and establishing identity within the communities they come from.



Thanks and Praise

The trustees would like to thank and celebrate everyone who has participated in praying for and giving financially to the work of Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation over our first 18 month period. Your prayers have brought about more growth and change in the lives of many; more so than we can know in this life. Thank you for trusting us and taking a chance to help us start this journey as an organisation. I'm sure you will agree that the Lord has done so much with our first year as a registered charity. We hope you will continue to walk with us into 2024 and in the years to come as we seek to help bring restoration to street children and their families across Kenya.

A massive thank you also to the individual advisers who have dedicated themselves to serve with their time, talents and resources. We pray to continue in the same spirit with you all in 2024. It is our goal to add 3 new trustees to join us on the board for Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation over the next year. We look forward to seeing what Year 2 will bring and who the Lord will bring to join us.

Katie Namate

Chair
Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation



Financial Review

Reviewing the accounts over the last 18 months we give God all the glory for the finances he has provided through the kindness, generosity and servant hearts of those who support this ministry.

Summarising the figures our income for the year was £25,638.06. Our opening balance as of July 1st 2022 was £865.31 and our closing balance as of December 31st 2023 was £8136. This was after a total sum of £18083 had been transferred to Kenya for use in Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation. Our other expenditure totalled to £283.53 which went towards Administration costs.

We opened July 2022 with 9 individuals donating regularly each month, each varying in amount from £10 to £200. We closed 2023 with 18 individuals regularly giving various amounts each month ranging from £10 to £200.

The reason for the major increase in regular giving was due to two of the Trustees and missionaries on the ground, Francis and Katie Namate travelling to Northern Ireland on a fundraising tour between August and November of 2023. Their aim was to increase regular support for the organisation. As shown above, they have secured a 50% increase. We are grateful for the Lord's provision of generous givers who have come onboard over the 18 month period and for individuals who brought friends alongside to hear about the work of Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation.

Related to the same fundraising tour is the surplus on the account come the end of the reporting period amounting to £7270.84. This is due to a specific fundraising goal of £10,000 that was set to raise funds for the construction of a House of Prayer building at the Light House Rehabilitation and Family Reunification Centre progress of which will be reported on in the next reporting period.

During 2023 we opened a giving account with Stewardship. A well-known and accountable Christian giving platform that exists to connect individuals with opportunities to give online via Direct Debit to ministry work on a regular or one-off basis. Through this we have been able to collect a small amount of Gift Aid on some of our donations that a giving through this channel. We also registered with HMRC and intend to follow up to begin claiming Gift Aid directly going forward.

At the beginning of the reporting period in July 2022 exchange rates sat at 142 KSH = 1 GBP. By mid-2023 they had risen to a wonderful 173 KSH = 1 GBP and by the end of the year they had reached a sky high 196KSH = 1 GBP. As an organisation we reaped the benefits of this exchange rate towards the end of the reporting period, although the inflated rates were not something we could rely on going forward into 2024.

As the cost of living continues to rise in Kenya we are budgeting for a 10% increase in our running costs next year. We hope to continue increasing the number of individuals and churches that come alongside us in the work as financial partners generously gifting regular amounts to the work of Christ in this sector.

Through our Kenyan registered sister organisation - Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation, registered in Kenya as a CBO, we continue to receive generous grants from National Government Trust Funds in Kenya such as Street Family Rehabilitation Trust Fund as mentioned in the Chair's report. These grants to the Kenyan organisation continue to assist in providing two thirds of the running cost needed toward the projects Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation operates. Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation, Northern Ireland makes up around one third of the operating costs for the projects.



It is our aim for sustainability purposes and to meet the increasing need for more staff that our support from individuals and churches increases in Northern Ireland with the aim over the next 3 years being for Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation, Northern Ireland to fund three quarters of the projects operating costs. We seek opportunities to partner with new individuals, churches and grant giving trusts in the UK going forward into the next year.

Conclusion

It is quite miraculous that we have seen such a rise in regular gifting over this reporting period. We are so grateful of the individuals who have given in big ways towards several one-off fundraisers and projects needed to establish and sustain Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation out in Kenya. Additionally, what the organisation has been able to achieve and the wide reach across a high number of beneficiaries in the sector through the regular giving of seventeen individuals and one church is nothing short of the Lord's favour and provision.

Thank you so much to everyone who has decided to partner with us in the generous gifting of finances over the eighteen-month period. You have blessed a lot of people by choosing to be obedient to the Lord's calling on your resources. Your finances have been essential seeds in helping us establish the firm roots of this ministry out in Kenya in these early yet fruitful days.
Be encouraged.

We also want to extend our thanks to those who through telling others about this work and hosting fundraising evenings in their homes and churches, have brought about increase in financial giving for the benefit of those we serve under the Lord as reported in the Chair's report.

Blessings,

Francis Namate
Treasurer
Shine His Light – Street Family Organisation

