

Turkic Belt Ministries

Registered Charity Number: 1163762



**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 30th September 2019**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30th September 2019. The trustees have opted, under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'), to prepare receipts and payments accounts

Objectives and Aims

The charity's objects as set out in the charity's Trust Deed are:

The advancement, encouragement and support of the Christian religion for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively amongst Turkic-speaking peoples though its education, literature, support and training programs for persecuted Christians.

The "Turkic Belt", from which the charity takes its name is a swathe of land stretching from the Balkans in the West, to China and Siberia in the East, occupied by peoples who linguistically speak one of a number of Turkic languages. In view of the size of the charity, the trustees, in consultation with the CEO Elnur Jabiyev, have decided for the present that the main (but not exclusive) focus of the charity should be towards working with Turkic peoples living towards the Western end of the Belt.

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's aims and objectives are to:

- Organise, provide speakers and stage conferences for Christian teaching and the encouragement of the faith of Christians living within the Turkic Belt.
- Provide literature including translated Bible material in the main languages in the Turkic Belt region.
- Provide support for church leaders and Christians who may have been imprisoned and tortured for their faith .
- Educate Christians in the UK and other European countries about the conditions facing Christians living within Turkic Belt countries and providing them with opportunities to visit and take part in training conferences in Asia.
- Establish links with churches in the USA and Europe to encourage them to be part of TBM's work and mission within the Turkic Belt. This has quickened their interest in this area and has led to a number of people participating in the work of the charity.
- Provision of financial and material support for a number of workers from some of the countries in the region.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that the activities of the charity meet its charitable objectives and provide a benefit to the public.

Achievement and Performance

Charitable activities

Overview

TBM celebrated its fifth birthday in 2019 and witnessed further growth in its ministry during the year. Three visits were made to Turkey and two conferences were undertaken in Georgia, one to train church leaders and Christians in discipleship and, the other, our first ever marriage conference. Support has been provided to Christian leaders facing persecution in the Turkic Belt region. A special UK conference was held in April 2019 to mark our fifth anniversary, including Trustees, Advisory Council members and supporters. Our relationships in Norway continued to deepen, culminating in the launch of TBM Norway in June 2019.



*The Turkic Belt countries in which TBM seeks to operate.
Current work is focused in Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkey*

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Ministry in Turkey

We held three conferences in Turkey during the year, ministering to Iranian refugees. In October 2018 we visited the church in Izmir with which we have ongoing links, to provide teaching and encouragement. It was a rewarding, but tiring time. We started at 9am and often didn't finish until midnight. Five people gave their hearts to the Lord. During this visit a lady was healed of cancer in her throat, later confirmed by her doctor, and a gentleman was healed of deafness.

In March 2019 we visited again to minister to Iranian refugees who have become Christians. Revd Jonny Pozzo, Chairman of TBM and minister of New Malden Baptist Church, accompanied the CEO Revd Elnur Jabiyev on this visit. We had a very powerful time of teaching and ministry – most of the sessions lasting into the small hours until all who wanted prayer had been prayed for. We saw the Holy Spirit powerfully at work and people coming to Christ. It included almost everything – conversions, a wedding blessing, baptism of five new Christians and commissioning of the first deacons to assist in the church. By the end of our time there, seven people had made a commitment to Christ. The final session was a very powerful time. So many wanted prayer that we were not able to spend a long time praying for each person, but the Holy Spirit was quite obviously at work as illustrated by these two stories:



- One lady had been suffering with such severe tinnitus that she had difficulty sleeping. The condition had been going on for six years. During the October visit, Mrs Aygun Jabiyeva, TBM administrator, prayed with her and one ear was healed. This time she came to ask for prayer for the other ear. Following prayer, she was completely healed and reported the next day that she had the best night's sleep in years!
- Some of the teaching was based on the book of Malachi, which promises God's blessing as a response to our generosity. One lady, hearing this, was inspired to give what money she had, despite the fact that she had been saving it for something else. Soon after, she was given a gift of ten times more than she had given and she was miraculously given a job - very rare for Iranian refugees in Turkey. We serve a generous God!

This is still a very young fellowship, but it is growing. When we first went there in 2017, they were about 25 in number. This time, 50 came on Saturday, and more than 70 on Sunday.

In May 2019 we made our third visit. The congregation is growing weekly as members eagerly introduce their friends to Jesus and bring them to the teaching sessions. Other faith people are regularly coming to Christ, and this time we saw eight, including a couple who had just arrived from Iran. Jesus is showing them His love and is working miracles among them and us during our visits. As well as bringing teaching to the congregation, this time centred round the work of the



Holy Spirit, we also spent time ministering to personal problems, mostly family and work issues but also questions about their new Christian faith. These are new Christians, who want to live their whole life dedicated to Jesus, and so need to work out what that means in their own circumstances. They are curious to understand Jesus, and His loving Father. Building hope is challenging when most, if not all, are suffering with difficult personal circumstances such as lack of employment, low income, lack of accommodation and no welfare system. But we have a miracle-working God!

We conducted five baptisms. All of the candidates are required to commit themselves to a baptism course conducted by the church leader to ensure they are ready to be baptised. It is a privilege to be involved in baptising these highly motivated, mostly young people. We were also asked to rededicate and bless a marriage. This couple had spent some time apart, with the husband working in Turkey while his wife and son stayed in Iran. When they were finally together in Turkey, the husband introduced his wife to Jesus. Now they wanted to rededicate

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their marriage before God as a Christian couple. Other couples have expressed their desire to do the same, so we expect we will have more of these services.

Conferences in Georgia

In March 2019 we had an amazing conference in Georgia. It was so good to spend time with more than 70 believers from the UK, Norway, the USA, Azerbaijan and Georgia. We spent about a week worshipping together, praying together, sharing, learning and fellowshiping. The Holy Spirit was powerfully present with us. During the conference, Azerbaijan was celebrating the Spring Festival so we organised an Azerbaijani evening with home made sweets, Azerbaijani dancing and traditional dress and also some talks about this Festival and Azerbaijani culture.

There were many miracles of healing. On the first night we prayed for a 5-year-old boy who had been suffering from breathing difficulties for a month. These were sometimes so severe that his father did not dare to sleep much, and more than once had to assist his son to breath. After prayer they suddenly realised that they were all sleeping well - the problem had disappeared!



Shortly before the conference the mother of one of the delegates had a heart attack, and was taken into hospital in a coma. He had decided not to come to the conference, but when she regained consciousness his mother insisted that God had something important to say to him at the conference so he must go. He told me afterwards that every part of the conference seemed to be aimed at him personally. He had been feeling so discouraged by the situation in Azerbaijan and had nearly stopped going to church altogether but afterwards he felt renewed and reinvigorated. He said he felt like a new person.

We had the great joy and privilege of ordaining our first minister. In fact, he planted a church and has been serving as a pastor since 2002. We have seen him grow and felt that God was now calling us to anoint him and his family for the task. His vision is to plant more churches in Azerbaijan. Another couple was a Christian husband and a Muslim wife. She was so touched by the love she experienced at the conference that she prayed to invite Jesus into her life. She now has many questions, and is avidly reading the Bible.



In July 2019 we held a Marriage Conference in Georgia. This was for Christian Azerbaijani couples – whether ministering individually or as a couple – who have no means to refresh their own marriage. Such conferences do not exist in Azerbaijan. Twelve couples and 22 children from Azerbaijan attended. Barrie and Eileen Jones from the UK led the main conference on the “Eight Biblical Principles of Marriage” from Genesis. Separate evening sessions were also held for men and women.

The conference was very much appreciated by the participants – both for their own lives and for the teaching to take back to their churches and friends. Some couples commented that, although married for many years, they had never before been taught how to pray together, nor to support each other in prayer. One

particular couple was close to divorce, but the Holy Spirit worked powerfully in them during the conference. They went

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back changed and determined to invest in their marriage.

Support to Christian workers

We have been able to continue our provision of financial support to our missionaries in Georgia, enabling them to work amongst the Azerbaijani population there, and also to pastors in Azerbaijan and in Turkey. One of our missionaries sadly died and his widow and son have continued to work for the Gospel in Azerbaijan. His widow is working with other mothers, which involves her in a lot of travelling, and is interested to develop her work for TBM. We have been able to support her and also our TBM team leader for Azerbaijan, who organises the logistics of our conferences, including catering and shopping, and advises on who should be invited.

Norway

TBM Norway was launched at Filadelfia church in Mysen, not far from Oslo, at the beginning of June 2019. This church has a great heart for the persecuted church, and our partnership dates back to 2002. Many of the church members have come with us to our Georgia conferences and in January of 2019 God began speaking to them about starting TBM Norway, not a branch of TBM UK, but a separate charity.



People from the UK came to the launch in Norway. It was so encouraging to spend a weekend with these dedicated British and Norwegian believers. God revealed to one of the UK participants that he was calling ten of them to be “pillars” of TBM. Elnur shared the message of God’s calling based on Matthew 4:18-21 where Jesus calls Peter and Andrew to leave their nets and become fishers of men. TBM Norway also held its first meeting of Trustees under the direction of the Chairman, Ingar Nicolaisen.

UK

Elnur continued to speak at churches in the UK throughout the year about the work of TBM with a total of over 22 speaking engagements.

In April 2019 TBM celebrated our fifth birthday at the beautiful Brunel Manor in Torquay. Although it was billed as a conference, it really had the feel of a family party as we worshipped and fellowshiped together. Visitors joined us from all over England and two guests came from Norway. Our main speaker was Revd David Coffey, a member of the TBM Advisory Council, who spoke on our journey over our first five years. Elnur talked about how the Lord has helped us to achieve all of our short-term vision over this period. He then shared our vision for the next five years. In particular, we are praying toward establishing a permanent training facility in Georgia. There is no Bible college or Christian University serving Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkey or any of the other Turkic Belt countries, so there is great need of a place where training can take place. We were also able to speak to two of our partners in the Turkic Belt region via live links. Hearing their testimonies was very powerful - it really felt that they were in the room with us.

Staffing and future plans

In September we were very pleased to welcome Peter Grant as our Programme Support Manager working one day a week. Peter and his wife Stella participated in our marriage seminar in Georgia in July.

At the end of the year we were able to look back with thanks to God on five years of TBM’s operations and to develop a new three-year plan for the period 2020-2022.

Volunteers

The charity relies on voluntary help for the organisation and running of its conferences and training sessions. Over the past 12 months, 20 volunteers have taken part in these sessions (2018: 20 in the year).

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Financial review

Donations increased in the year to £86,925 (2018: £77,016) whilst expenditure increased to £83,929 (2018: £79,434) giving a net surplus for the year of £11,297 (2018: deficit £1,668).
Unrestricted reserves are £37,912 (2018: £26,615)

Reserves policy

The trustees consider the reserves held at the year end to be sufficient for the ongoing needs of the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Charity is governed by Trust Deed dated 8th January 2015 (as amended 28th September 2015)
Trustees are appointed by seeking people with relevant skills and experience. Induction and training are provided on a personal basis as appropriate.
The day to day running of the charity is committed to the Chief Executive Officer. Policy and major financial decisions are made by the Trustees, whilst the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for applying these decisions.
The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Charity administrator.

Reference and Administration Details

Registered name

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Rachel Greenwell	Secretary	
David Trim		
Pierre Okusi	Chairman	Appointed

Independent Examiner

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Approved by the board of trustees on 30th July 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



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Pierre Okusi
Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TURKIC BELT MINISTRIES

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Turkic Belt Ministries

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Turkic Belt Ministries (the Trust) for the year ended 30th September 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: 23rd July 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the Year ended 30th September 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2019 Total	2018 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	58,775	28,150	86,925	77,016
Gift aid received	3,881	0	3,881	0
Other	0	4,420	4,420	750
Total receipts	62,656	32,570	95,226	77,766
Payments				
Salaries	19,653	24,000	43,653	48,936
Pension	9,160	0	9,160	14,113
Overseas conferences	9,220	4,420	13,640	234
Donations to pastors	2,300	4,150	6,450	4,800
Meeting expenses	121	0	121	307
Insurance	603	0	603	913
Postage and stationery	429	0	429	167
Telephone	438	0	438	285
Travel and accommodation	8,978	0	8,978	5,821
Office charge	0	0	0	1,979
Office equipment	287	0	287	1,709
Subscriptions	170	0	170	170
Total payments	51,359	32,570	83,929	79,434
Net receipts / (payments)	11,297	0	11,297	(1,668)
Reconciliation of funds				
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward	26,615	0	26,615	28,283
Total Funds carried forward	37,912	0	37,912	26,615

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
At 30th September 2019

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2019 Total £	2018 Total £
Fixed Assets				
	0	0	0	0
Current Assets				
Debtors	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank	37,912	0	37,912	26,615
Current Liabilities				
Creditors				
• Pension costs	741		741	705
• HMRC PAYE	663		663	883
	1,404		1,404	1,588
Total Assets less Liabilities	36,508	0	36,508	25,027

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th July 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Pierre Okusi,
Chairman

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by law for smaller charities.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Movement in Funds

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 st Oct 2018				30 th Sep 2019
General Fund	26,615	62,656	(51,359)		37,912
Restricted:					
Administration support	0	24,000	(24,000)		0
Pastor support		4,150	(4,150)		0
Overseas Conferences		4,420	(4,420)		0
Total Funds	26,615	51,359	(32,570)		37,912

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 st Oct 2017				30 th Sep 2018
General Fund	28,283	50,703	(52,371)		26,615
Restricted:					
Administration support	0	27,063	(27,063)		0
Total Funds	28,283	77,766	(79,434)		26,615

3. Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity

4. The CEO & Administrator are salaried.