

## **Trustees Annual Report**

### **Romanian Ministries**

**Charity number 1159517**

**1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020**

Romanian Ministries is a charity founded on 8 December 2014. It has continued its ministry of helping Romanian Christians and the Romanian poor to the glory of God throughout the 12 months of 2020. All involved are grateful to God for the opportunity of Christian service and vastly benefitted by fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the land of Romania.

We view ourselves as a conspicuously Christian enterprise and see our work as the active service of God and done for His glory. We aspire to the continuation of operations in accordance with divine guidance as we look to the future.

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity's Principal Address: 6 Cedar Row  
Park Hill  
Bristol  
BS110UJ

Charity Trustees: Howard Bilton  
Adrian Carey-Jones  
Peter Cox  
Rachel Jones  
James Martin  
Cornel Pelea

All of the above individuals served as trustees for the full length of the period being reported on.

### **Structure Governance and Management**

Romanian Ministries has a constitution which was submitted formally to the Charity Commission and accepted prior to the commencement of the charity on 8 December 2014.

The structure of the charity is that of a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

Trustees are appointed for a fixed period, varying according to each trustee, and subject to reappointment following the expiry of each term. Re-appointment must be by the existing trustees.

## Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are the promotion of the Christian religion in Romania and among Romanian speaking people by the provision of financial or material aid, or by whatever form of support the trustees deem fit, and the relief of poverty in Romania and among Romanian speaking people by the provision of financial or material aid, or by whatever form of support the trustees deem fit.

The year's activities were affected dramatically by the advent of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. This resulted in the cancellation of numerous meetings in churches to present on the work, as well as no visits being made to Romania itself. This was the first year of no visits to Romania by Romanian Ministries volunteers since 2008.

## Achievements and Performance

The year in question saw the continuation of funding partnerships with various churches and Christian charitable trusts. Donations were also received from individuals aware of our work for the Lord. We were, and continue to be, most grateful for all generosity and support. Giving during the year equalled £106,424 (2019 £106,534). Of this, £70,818 was in the form of specifically ringfenced donations (2018 £66,606). There were 433 individual donations during the year (452 in 2019).

The main projects sponsored during the year were as follows:

- sponsoring five members of staff at **Emanuel Hospice** in part or in full. Total donations for the year equalled £52,945 (£50,120 in 2019), although amounts relating to latter months were transferred in early 2021. Those sponsored were hospice doctors, a social worker, a physiotherapist and a psychologist. The work of Emanuel Hospice continues to inspire all visitors with its selfless resolve and evangelistic impetus despite immense challenges.
- **paintings from Florina Pater** were brought to the UK for sale at £100 apiece, all proceeds being returned to Florina in Romania. Florina is 21 years old and afflicted with *epidermolysis bulosa*, a severe skin disorder which has caused her the loss of both hands.
- we sponsored Bible college students in financial hardship at **Emanuel University** in Oradea. Expenditure equalled £3,300
- £4,800 was allocated to a **home for Abandoned Girls** close to the city of Constanta to assist with staff costs and also to arrange an excursion (£8,485 in 2019).
- financial gifts and material aid was given to a **home for Abandoned Children** in Beliu, The aid this year was primarily sent to help the ministry of David and Flavia Muntean, who arranged the purchase of furnishings for the home and also the transport of children to a local church for its youth meetings.
- support of a **missionary in Scornicesti**, Iosif Varan. Sponsorship of £5,000 was passed to Iosif in 2020.
- our **land project** in the village of Radesti, close to Aiud, generated profits for the support for Pastor Doru Decean and also returned £900 to Romanian Ministries for the support of other projects.

- financial **assistance for a number of trusted pastors**, supplementing their salaries, which sometimes fall below subsistence level.
- a specific program to **support Christian widows** was continued, now focusing on older women in rural areas
- we continued our investment in **Christian book translation** through Facia Publishing. The amount allocated in 2020 was £617.
- outreach among **deaf people** in the town of Arad and its surrounding area was continued by Sammy Gorgan.
- 2020 saw the continuation of help to **sports evangelist Daniel Zaifiris**. Daniel is an ex-professional footballer who now engages in evangelistic outreach and chaplaincy roles among the top tier of Romanian football clubs.
- we continued to support Claudiu Calin in his **outreach to young people**, especially those with no church connections in the town of Arad. This ministry to adolescents and late teens is ideally suited to Claudiu's gifts and abilities, and he came to us warmly recommended by his fellowship.
- Gifts were made to poor families through **Casa Grace** in Oradea, a Christian Social work agency, focusing especially on very poor families affected by the pandemic
- In 2020 we began to help **Romanian families in Bristol** from the Roma community or those claiming to be homeless and living on the streets.

Grants are normally made following contact with relevant individuals in Romania and word of mouth recommendations from other known and trusted sources.

We give heartfelt thanks to the Lord for His blessing of the work in 2020 and ascribe all credit and whatever measure of success to His interventions of grace.

It seems fitting to cite at this juncture the well-known verse of God's pre-eminence in all things from Psalm 115 vs 1 *"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory."*

Our aim in Romanian Ministries is to remain as work of God's grace, guided and led by the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit to the glory of God in every particular.

## **Financial Review**

The receipts and payments account for the period in question is attached on the following page and has been independently examined by a suitably experienced and independent individual and duly approved.

The independent examiners certification is found on the page after the receipts and payments account.

## **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name:

Position:

Date:

**Romanian Ministries****Charity Number 1159517****Receipts and Payment Account****01.01.2020 – 31.12.2020**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£ Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>£ Restricted Funds</b>	<b>£ Total Funds 2020</b>	<b>£ Total 2019</b>
Donations and Gifts	26,391	74,622	101,013	100,926
Gift Aid Reimbursements	2,822	2,589	5,411	5,608
Total Income for Year	29,213	77,211	106,424	106,534
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry Grants / Poverty Relief	9,460	65,942	78,778	67,114
Printing and Stationery	1,330	1,500	2,830	3,153
Petrol Reimbursements	0	0	0	107
Travel Costs	0	0	0	359
Advertising	744	0	744	248
Bank Transfer Costs	581	0	581	558
Total Payments	12,115	67,442	82,933	71,539
Excess of Income over expenditure	17,098	6,393	23,491	34,995

**Opening Funds 01.01.2020** £55,505**Closing Funds 31.12.2020** £78,996**Consisting of:**

Unrestricted Funds £48,228

Restricted Funds £30,768

# Romanian Ministries

Charity No: 1159517

Independent Examiner's Report

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Romanian Ministries

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1159517

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2020.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Scott Canning*

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Name: Scott Canning MAAT

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Association of Accounting Technicians

Address:

10 Meadow Street, Avonmouth

Bristol

BS11 9AR

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**Comprising:**

Bank and Cash Balances

Consisting of -

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