Charity number: 1100270

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements** 

for the year ended 31 January 2022

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# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2022

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of Helping His Hungarian Heroes ('4H' or "the Trust") for the year ended 31 January 2022.

#### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name Helping His Hungarian Heroes

Other names used by the Charity '4H' and '4H' / 'Magyar Misszió' (working names)

**Charity registered number** 1100270

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Registered as a charity with effect from 23 October 2003

Registered office Helping His Hungarian Heroes

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### Trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below, along with the dates when they were appointed:

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Mrs Rosemary J Barrett (Secretary) 16th June 2003
Mr Karl A Brunning 7th June 2010
Mr Michael S Bryant 27th January 2003
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None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

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# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2022

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Governing Document

'4H' is a registered charity governed in accordance with its Declaration of Trust made on 16 August 2003.

The Charity Commission granted '4H' registered charity status on 23 October 2003.

#### Organisational structure

'4H' is governed by the Trustees who comprise members of churches from across the South West region of England. The Trustees meet at least twice a year, and normally three times a year, to set policy and review the activities of the Trust. The annual general meeting of the Trustees was held on 12 February 2019.

### Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are nominated and appointed by a vote of the existing Trustees and may serve for a period of up to five years after which time they are eligible for re-appointment. None of the Trustees receive remuneration or any other benefit from their work with '4H'.

### Risk Management

At each of their meetings the Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which '4H' faces. They seek to manage and mitigate these risks within acceptable levels.

### Charity Governance Code

The Trustees have studied the Charity Governance Code and discussed it at length. The Trustees consider that while much of it does not apply to '4H', in areas where it does apply the Trust is in compliance with the good practice the Code recommends, and in several respects significantly surpasses its recommendations. Para 5.7.3 of the Code says that Trustees serving for more than 9 years should be reviewed. The Board agreed at its July 2019 meeting that in future all Trustees should be treated the same, including Founding Trustees.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objective of '4H' is the advancement the Christian faith by providing help and support for Bible-believing Hungarian Churches and Christians and their work in Hungary itself, and among Hungarian speaking communities in regions of Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine which were parts of Hungary before the Treaty of Trianon in 1920.

During the year '4H' gratefully received voluntary assistance from its Trustees, other individuals and partnership churches, without which the effectiveness of '4H' would be severely limited.

The following report provides further information regarding the activities that were undertaken by '4H' during the year ended 31 January 2022.

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### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

As in the year before, the nineteenth year of '4H' activities has been much affected by the on-going Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic. This has continued to affect our activities both in the UK and in the Hungarian-speaking region of Central and Eastern Europe, though rather less than in its first year — not least because of adjustments we and others have learned to make to often fast-changing circumstances and restrictions. At the same time, effects of BREXIT on the charity sector in general and '4H' in particular, since it came into force at the beginning of the year have also had significant influences on some of what we have done, and how, and why.

Directors Dr Eric and Mrs Rosemary Barrett were glad to be able to visit Hungary and Romania in August/September 2021 on a 'Multipurpose Mission' similar to many they have undertaken in previous years, and then Hungary again in October. Sadly, due to the continuing threat from COVID-19, they were unable to cross the borders into Serbia, Slovakia or Ukraine at all, but were pleased when pastors '4H' helps in Romania and Ukraine came into Hungary during their October visit to Hungary so they could meet and discuss projects of mutual interest.

As in 2020, other innovative ways had to be found so that '4H' could continue to 'help Hungarians' across the whole of the Carpathian Basin. For example, a number of journeys within Hungary itself were planned by the Barretts to be undertaken by good friends who are resident in Hungary especially to distribute '4H'-published books and other items, and new financial support was provided for activities to compensate for some of the effects of BREXIT, e.g. in respect of locally-sourced 'Christmas Gift Boxes' for Young People in South-west Ukraine because such boxes could no longer be sent from the UK. The Barretts were glad to be able to speak in more church services and other events including Ladies' Conferences and Summer Camp sessions than in 2020, but still many fewer times than in previous years, and special evening 'outreach' talk events were not possible for the second year in succession.

The pandemic also, for a second calendar year, disrupted the speaker meetings the Barretts could have expected to take in the UK in churches and other venues, whether regular meetings or special events. Responding to the changing UK Government responses to the waves of Covid-19 infections, some churches held Sunday services on site for most of the year, whereas many continued to 'live-stream' them. Few held on-site meetings during the week, though those technically able to do so organised Zoom and/or YouTube events. In total, the Barretts were able to speak in person in 18 church services or other meetings, and input by way of PowerPoint presentations or pre-recorded videos in a further 5. They were also able to give talks or make presentations in another 10 events by Zoom, as far afield in the UK as Scotland, and in Budapest in Hungary. One '4H' Trustees' Meeting was held by Zoom, the other two in person, according to the regulations applicable at the times.

The year 2021-22 witnessed the 'Homecall' of several long-term supporters of '4H', and because public speaker meetings were still less than half those expected in a 'normal' year, there were few new additions to our Mailing List. Meanwhile, the lower-than-usual speaker meetings again resulted in reductions in 'gifts to speakers' from churches, and in gifts received for books and cards with the Bank Rate continuing to run at a historic low, interest received on '4H' reserves held temporarily in savings accounts with HSBC and COIF as in our FY 2020/21 remained at less than 1% of the year's total receipts.

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### Objectives and Activities (continued)

Meanwhile, in comparison with the previous Financial Year, at 39 the number of Standing Orders from personal supporters remained the same by the end of FY2020/21 as it had been at the end of FY 2019/20 – the result of three 'losses' and three 'gains'. Total income from personal Standing Orders continued to run at about 10% of the total receipts for the year. Happily, Gift Aid recovered from HMRC during the year ending 31 Jan 2022 was £14,370, up from £11,946, in our previous FY. '4H' continues to encourage donors to sign Gift Aid forms if they can, though some still mistrust, and many misunderstand, the scheme.

Seven churches now support '4H' regularly via Standing Orders or regular Bank transfers (a net change of plus one), contributing in total about 6% of the total receipts for the year. Some other churches have made contributions during the year, three of them very generously indeed, giving more than most of those that provide '4H' with regular support.

As usual, we are specially indebted to all our 'regular' financial supporters -- but also to our individual 'impulse' donors, who once more gave nearly three-quarters of all '4H' income in 2021/22, either by cheque or, increasingly, by direct Bank Transfer. The total income of the mission in 2021/22 was £152,221, compared with £125,362 in FY2020/21, an increase of 21% -- and the highest total we have had in a year that has not seen any 'legacy' gifts. This is truly a marvellous result in view of all the difficulties faced by churches and individuals this year. The Trustees are grateful indeed for it.

### Support for improvements to church buildings

The expenditure by '4H' on Hungarian projects and ministries in 2021/22 was £146,531 compared with £147,651 in 2020/21. This was some £17,450 lower than budgeted at the beginning of the FY, because of the many difficulties for projects that CV-19 threw up during the course of the year. From the total expenditure, approx. £65K went towards church building and improvement projects, significantly more than originally planned, so good progress was made in this direction, including further progress on four church building projects that first came to receive '4H' support during 2018/19 to 2020/21, and on two new projects begun during 2021/22 itself These were at:

Beregszász (Ukraine): Last year we reported how, in recent years '4H' has helped make possible very significant improvements to the premises of the Hungarian Baptist Church in the impoverished village of Zápszony, 15 km inside western Ukraine — and how its Pastor, Nagy-Kásza Dániel and his wife Lóna have also become involved in church planting in the border town of Beregszász, some 30 km away. In May 2018 the Directors of '4H,' after lengthy discussions with leaders of the Hungarian Baptist World Alliance, joined with them to fund on a 50:50 basis the purchase of two buildings and some adjacent land near the centre of that largely Hungarian-speaking town, to house its growing new Hungarian Baptist Fellowship and enable it to grow further in future. In 2019 the land was cleared with our help, the intention being to develop it for car parking and outdoor games. Stage by stage the main building is to be radically renovated. Despite the pandemic, good progress was made with this project in 2020, both in the grounds — which are now nicely equipped with a tarmacked car park, grassed play areas and a timber-framed summer pavilion — and in the main Worship Room and adjacent facilities inside one of the original buildings.

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### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

Beregszász (Ukraine): In 2021/22 the attention shifted to the demolition of the smaller, older of the two existing buildings on the site, and the commencement of the erection of a new purpose-built Worship Complex in its place. As the regular congregation has continued to grow, so its own involvement in the construction work has increased. By the end of 2021 the shell of the new centre was already complete. We expect it will be opened for church services later in 2022.

Pilisvörösvár (Hungary): '4H' had been aware for some years of the urgent need for proper church premises for a Baptist 'church plant' in this town NW of Budapest. During 2019 alone the Fellowship had to move their place of worship four times — not the best way to grow any congregation. Thus, '4H' was glad to hear that in the Spring of 2019 building work had at last started on the planned new church building on a plot of land not far from the town centre. Work progressed well during that year, and with some additional financial help from '4H' in the Autumn, plus matching funds from the Hungarian Baptist Union, it was possible by that year's end to roof and enclose the structure. Work continued on and off though 2020, as and when the pandemic allowed. In 2021, the project was unfortunately hit by further delaying effects of the pandemic on the availability of both workers and materials, as well as by related and significant rises in building costs. We were therefore very glad to see rapid progress being made on the site in the last few months of 2021, and to learn of a local government grant that had unexpectedly been secured that should see the main public areas of the new church building open by the middle of 2022.

Vecsés (Hungary): In October 2019 '4H' was introduced to the need of a growing 'church-plant' Fellowship in Vecsés (Hungary), one of the south-eastern suburbs of Budapest, for a church of its own. The Barretts were shown a free-standing former nightclub on the edge of the town that could provide excellent facilities if appropriate conversion work. was undertaken on its relatively modern and structurally sound premises. '4H' was glad to make a significant contribution towards the purchase of these in December 2019, and the first service in the renovated main top floor room was held in June 2020. Since then, a thorough refurbishment of the rest of the building has been undertaken, which Dr and Mrs Barrett were very happy to inspect and approve as they visited to speak in a Sunday service there in August 2021.

Kőszeg (Hungary): During 2020/21, there was exciting news about a new possibility in this small town very near the western border of Hungary with Austria, where a Baptist Fellowship that Dr Barrett knew from the start was planted in the town nearly 20 years ago. In the mid-1990s he made an initial visit to Hungary with a Practical Mission Team to work on the house of the Koszeg Lay Pastor and his family that included a severely cerebral palsied son. Sadly, the Fellowship was rendered 'homeless' in mid-2020 when the Music School in which it had been meeting on Sundays had to close at least temporarily because of Covid-19. More happily, in the autumn of 2020 we learned that a small town-centre restaurant had also closed due to the pandemic—but in this case permanently, and its building (ground floor retail area, plus attic and basement) was up for sale. Responding to a request from the Hungarian Baptist Union, '4H' was able and glad to make a substantial, indeed crucial, contribution to the purchase of those premises to become the new 'imaház' (Prayer House) for the Kőszeg Baptist Fellowship. The purchase was completed just before Christmas 2020, along with the blessing of the Town Council for its proposed change of use. The opening Thanksgiving Service was held there on 17 January 2021, and conversion work on it has continued ever since.

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### Objectives and Activities (continued)

**Kőszeg (Hungary):** In August 2021, the Barretts visited the Fellowship, and their new premises, that should be ready for an opening ceremony in the Spring of 2022. They were glad to be able to give a gift to cover the purchase of 50 chairs for the ne Worship Room. It is hoped that the town centre location of the new 'imaház' will be the stimulus the Fellowship needs to grow further and to raise its profile in the town and district.

Újfehértó (Hungary): The new Pastor at Újfehértó, Bognár Benjámin (see under 'Leadership Support', below) has so quickly grown into his new post that, with '4H' help, he is already managing the refurbishment of the old 'Summer Kitchen' in the church grounds so that it can be use as a new centre for youth club activities, and a Mums-and-Tots group. This is involving reroofing it, lowering the floor, equipping it with a new door and windows, and decorating inside and out. By the time the Barretts visited in August, the work was well under way, and should be completed soon.

New KCA Projects in Romania: '4H' has often in the past worked with the indigenous Hungarian-Roma orientated Keresztyén Cigánymisszió Alapítvány (KCA), on several occasions providing the finances for the materials that KCA workers and local church members could use to build new Hungarian Roma Baptist Churches in Transylvania. In October 2021 the Directors of '4H' met with KCA leaders in their offices in Debrecen, Hungary to discuss further joint efforts in the later stages of the Covid pandemic. It was agreed that we would help with two new projects immediately, namely at:

Körtvélyes (Romania): where there is an existing church building serving a growing and vibrant Fellowship and the surrounding community, but a building that needs to be extended, and has a roof that needs to be replaced. We agreed a '4H' grant to make those developments possible, with immediate effect. Ércávás (Romania): where a Roma church-plant now quite urgently a 'home of its own'. We have agreed to purchase three ready-equipped prefabricated units that they can quickly and easily be assembled by KCA on a pre-prepared base to provide a good 'starter' church by the Spring of 2022.

#### **Humanitarian Aid**

Following the financial support that '4H' was glad to give in recent years to Kőszikla ('The Rock'), a Hospice run by leading members of the Reformed Church in Debrecen (north-east Hungary), Dr and Mrs Barrett were able to visit again in late August 2021, to be shown the latest upgrades and improvements that have been made to the interior of the building with our support — and to speak at anal fresco evening meeting for patients and staff, a memorable occasion indeed. We are delighted to note that one of the prime movers of Kőszikla, and a good friend of '4H', Mrs. Győri Katalin was just previously, on 19 August of 2021, invested by the Prime Minister of Hungary with the Knight's Cross of the Hungarian Order of Merit, in recognition for the wonderful service she has voluntarily given over the years to the ministry of Kőszikla and other humanitarian organisations.

In late 2020 we had been able to send further boxes of 'Aid' collected by '4H' for the benefit of Kőszikla and its guests, and others to Christian aid organisations in both Hungary and Romania. Sadly, since BREXIT came into effect on 1 January 2021, our efforts of this kind have only been able to be exploratory, and even more sadly, unpromising for the future. There are two main reasons for this. First, freight costs (including the new requirement for a handling agent at either end) have more than doubled following BREXIT.

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### Objectives and Activities (continued)

Second, because very carefully prepared and meticulously documented test dispatches of one 'Aid' pallet in August, and boxes of books in February and November 2021, have forced us to conclude that 'official regulations' suggesting that 'Aid' from one Registered Charity in the UK (the 'Donor') to another inside the EU ('the Recipient') should be passed 'VAT and Customs Duty free' are not being observed at least by Customs either in Hungary or Romania – we have concluded that the so-called 'VAT' that has been levied on our goods at rates of 27.5% in Hungary, and 25% in Romania is, in effect a flat-rate Import Tax that import agencies have been told not to vary. As a result of all this, we are unable and unwilling to prepare any further shipments until we learn from other agencies that the situation has radically changed. This is sad for we not only have many potential donors of goods eager to give them to us, and Hungarian organisations that are pressing us to send them more 'Aid' because the need in some quarters is so great.

As in 2020/21, because it has not yet been possible for other 'Aid' agencies outside the EU (e.g., Blythswood and Samaritans Purse) to send Christmas Gift Boxes to this region as they did before BREXIT, we made a substantial gift to a Hungarian pastor and his wife in SW Ukraine so they themselves, from local sources, could assemble Gift Boxes for children and Young People in several Hungarian churches in that area. In conclusion, we still hope that the 100+ pallets of 'Aid' that we have sent to 'historical Hungary', and distributed ourselves, since '4H' began 20 years ago, will not prove to have been the whole story, but at present this seems more likely than otherwise.

### **Leadership Support**

In FY 2021/22, '4H' continued to make financial gifts to help support and encourage selected Hungarian pastors and pastors' wives in Hungary, but for the second year running it was not possible to do so in the usual way in Romania, Serbia and Ukraine because of Covid-related travel restrictions. Happily, once more, though the good offices of the leaders of the Hungarian Baptist Convention in Romania it was possible in that country to specially help more than 90'serving and retired pastors, pastors' widows, and a small number of support staff whose needs were greater than usual because of the pressures of the virus during the year on the budgets of local congregations. This was 10 more than in FY 2020/21. We are also glad to have been able to separately help support and encourage some other pastors and other Christian workers in Hungary and Ukraine by direct Bank transfer.

Meanwhile, the '4H' 'Young Workers Project' – by which we help the Hungarian Baptist Union make it possible for several young Christian leaders each year to begin or develop their ministries – continued apace despite adjustments necessitated by the pandemic. In 2021/22, '4H' continued to part-support deaf worker Bokros Andrea (Hungary) and the group under her leadership that has continued its internationally acclaimed pioneer ministry producing 'deaf friendly' videos of selected parts of the Bible, and some Bible-based dramas in Hungarian sign language. We extended '4H' part-support for indigenous Christian charity leaders Ficsor Donát and Barbara (Hungary), and worked with them especially on further new literature projects. We were also glad to be able to go on supporting dedicated Hungarian-speaking 'missionaries' Nagy-Kásza Dani and Ilóna (Ukraine); church-planters Fülöp Miki and Erika in Petőfibánya, Gergely and Krisztina in Dunaharaszti and Fülöp Áron and Mogi in Buda (all in Hungary); plus Roma Pastor Fogárosi Deszó (Akós, Romania).

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### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

We were glad that Apprentice Pastor Bognár Benjámin and Hanni at Újferhéto (Hungary), whom we had helped support for the three years of his Apprenticeship, 'graduated' from our list as Benjamin was offered, and accepted, the Pastorate of that church. They are now doing well in that situation. Last but not least we were delighted that all three of the Pastoral Apprentices we were part-supporting in Hungary during the final year of their studies at the Baptist Seminary in Budapest in 2020/21 graduated successfully in the summer of 2021. Two have been ordained into pastorates (one, a Roma group of churches), and the third to a youth pastorate in Hungary. In their place we have now taken on the part support of one new Pastoral Apprentice under this on-going, successful scheme with the Hungarian Baptist Union: the Covid-19 pandemic has taken its toll on this successful and much-appreciated programme; we hope it will recover in 2022/23.

### Camps, conferences, retreats and other public meetings, and substitutes for them

The pandemic also continued to adversely affect the programme of Camps and Conferences that we would normally have helped support across 'historical Hungary' in 2021/22. However, we were able to provide support for an 'English [Language] Camp near Dunaharaszti (Hungary) in the Summer of 2021, where Dr Barrett also input in person to the Camp sessions. We also part-supported a second 'Widows' and Singles' Camp/Conference in Romania; and a residential Mens' Retreat (in March 2021) and Women's Weekend' (in October 2021) in Carpathia (Ukraine).

We trust that in 2022 it will become possible for more such events to be convened again, as well as various Pastors' and Church Planters' Camps and Conferences that '4H' has been glad to sponsor in pre-pandemic years. We also sponsored a highly-praised and pioneering 'Bible Olympics' event that was held in the SW Ukrainian city of Beregszasz. Because it was such a great success, we plan to support a second such event in 2022 too. Last but not least, we were happy to be able to send financial help to the Hargita Christian Camp high in the Carpathian Mountains of Romania, to purchase a new industrial washing machine, TeqBal table, table tennis table, and replacement trampoline elements: because of long closures of the Camp in 2020 and early 2021, Camp receipts had been lower than expected, and they therefore had no resources of their own with which to buy the items listed.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, for the second year in succession, it was not possible for Dr & Mrs Barrett, during their two 'Field' visits, to speak in Hungarian universities, schools or public arenas during our '4H' 2021/22 Financial Year. Instead, they again accepted invitations to write articles for on-line Christian magazines, denominational papers and other publications in both Hungary and Romania, that have been increasingly widely accessed as the pandemic unfolded. A highlight of the year was when Dr Barrett gave an invited talk on 'Can a Scientist believe in God?' on YouTube for a Jewish Christian mission headquartered near Budapest. It was learned afterwards that, in addition to the 'live' audience on the night, within three days this had received over 900 'hits', confirming that on-line ministry 'from a distance' can reach more people than traditional talks by speakers before a traditional audience.

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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

### Literature preparation, production and distribution

2021/22 has, of necessity, been much quieter than the year before. However, there is still much to report.

FIRST: '4H' has yet again been able to purchase hundreds of Hungarian Bibles and New Testaments at special discount prices from the Hungarian Reformed Church publisher, '4H's sister mission, Kálvin Kiadó in Budapest, and distribute them to churches, pastors and church planters in Hungary and Romania.

**SECOND:** Following the extensive groundwork carried out during 2019/20 by Örömhír Alapítvány and '4H' in respect of our jointly run Third Novel Competition to encourage the writing in Hungarian of new full-length Christian novels for teens or younger children, during 2020/21 we prepared four new titles for printing and publication. Details of these were as follows:

Emma és Bekka, primarily for older teenage girls: First Printing, 4000 copies. A lila cipó, primarily for younger teenage girls: First Printing 4000 copies. Micsoda védés!, primarily for teenage boys: First Printing 4000 copies. Buksi, primarily for under 10-year-olds: First Printing, 4000 copies.

In every case, '4H' paid the printing costs, and is the Copyright holder of the titles. Approaching two-thirds of the total printings of 16,000 copies were subsequently distributed free of charge before Christmas 2020 – nearly half of them through five delivery rounds organised by '4H' from our Clevedon office, with excellent help in the Field by Hungarian friends, to reach most of Hungary itself plus some limited areas of Romania and Serbia. In 2021/22, further large numbers of the books were distributed to Hungarian-speaking churches across the region, and demand for Buksi in particular was so great that we printed a further 3000 copies of this in the Autumn of 2021. Over 1900 of these were requested by Hungarian churches in Romania, and with much last-minute help from local friends, we were able to secure their delivery to Hungarian Baptist Churches across the western third of the country just in time for Christmas.

Because Micsoda védés! was written originally in English as What a Save! by '4H' Director Eric Barrett, it was decided that this book, What a Save!, should be mailed to all our Prayer Partners as the 2020 'thank you' gift from Dr and Mrs Barrett in lieu of personal Christmas Cards, and additional copies have subsequently been purchased by churches and Christian sports clubs to give to teenagers across the UK, whether they are already Christian Believers or not. In the Summer of 2021, several hundred copies (including a substantial number in English) were requested for 'Football Camps' in Hungary led by Kántor Barnabás, the translator of the book into Hungarian. He is a staff reporter with the leading Hungarian football club, Ferencváros.

THIRD: Four years ago, we agreed to publish and print for the Historical Department of the Convention of Hungarian Baptist Churches in Romania a 'dramatised biography' of the life and ministry of one of the greatest church-planter missionaries the world has ever seen: Kornya Mikhail who was active mainly in the second half of the Nineteenth Century in what are now the westernmost regions of Romania. At last, in early 2021 the text was completed. Remotely advising the editor, Pastor Albert Zsolt, on the layout and preparation of the pdfs for the printer, we enabled 4000 copies to be printed, half for distribution in Romania itself, and the other 2000 for Hungary. The resulting volume has been received with widespread critical acclaim, not only among Young People, for whom it was primarily intended. It is quite possible that a reprint will be necessary, as early as 2022/23.

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### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

**FOURTH:** During 2021/22 '4H' continued its support for two Christian magazines produced by Hungarian churches in Romania, namely Eszter (for ladies) and Harmatcseppek (for children). We have arranged for some copies to be sent regularly to groups of Hungarian churches in Serbia and Ukraine, and are now organising a review of the need for regular copies of these excellent periodic publications in Hungary itself too, though this process has been somewhat delayed by the pandemic. We continue to support the preparation of Jelige, the nowadays on-line magazine of Hungarian Youth for Christ.

**FIFTH:** For the future, the Field visit by the Barretts in October 2021 revealed the growing need of Romaorientated Christian literature as the younger generations are now being formally educated — and the growing possibility that some at least of new books could be authored by Roma writers. We wish to encourage this process, and have begun to take appropriate steps in that direction.

SIXTH: It is at this point, perhaps, that mention can best be made of the new wish of '4H' to help improve the Hungarian Baptist Seminary in Nagyvárad (Oradea in Romania): by updating its stock of books and electronic resource materials; modernising the computer workstations available to the student community and their lecturers; and by helping re-roof the Library and extend it into newly-available neighbouring spaces in the central office building of the Convention of Hungarian Baptist Churches in Romania.

### Team of helpers

Throughout our FY2021/22, Professional maintenance of the '4H' financial accounts has now been the responsibility of Mrs Libby Morris who is also a Member of Dr Barrett's home church in Bristol. We are very grateful indeed to her for the cheerful and speedy way in which she gives her services, and for her quick eye for detail. Philip Hodges has continued to serve '4H' as its Independent Examiner, and we are grateful to him for this voluntary service.

Most of the preparation of final proofs of documents for printing continues to be undertaken by Dr Barrett, but many Hungarian – and some English – friends have helped when needed, especially with interpretation, translation and advice on advanced graphic design. Maintenance of the computers used for '4H' in the office in the Barretts' home in Clevedon remains a testing challenge, and this year we have needed help with this from several sources, some commercial and some private. Other local friends and neighbours cheerfully help with the preparation of our quarterly mailings to Prayer Supporters, and more recently in their distribution too.

In summary, because of the global COVID-19 crisis, and the added complexities and frustrations that BREXIT has brought, 2021/22 has proved to be another extremely testing one both for '4H' and for the Hungarian churches and Believers we were established to help. We have had to further quickly change many of our long-established modi operandi to ensure we could still provide significant help in most of our usual ways, and to develop new ones to adjust to the rapidly changing pattern of needs and opportunities.

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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

In our previous Annual Report, we cited a headline in The Guardian from 12 November 2020 that told of: 'A devastating loss of funds': UK charities count the cost of COVID'.

Then, in December 2021, the on-line Economics Observatory reported that: 'Despite an initial increase in donations at the outset of the pandemic, the number of people [in the UK] giving to charities fell in early 2021 compared with previous years. Moreover, charities face challenging long-term trends in donations, in particular an ageing of the donor population.'

Though we have seen a, so far small, decrease in the numbers on our mailing lists -- mainly because of the continued 'less than usual' number of public meetings at which '4H' ministries could be presented -- we are very thankful to be able to say that giving to '4H' actually increased by over £26K during our FY 2021/22 compared with the previous year, even in the absence of any legacies. We are indeed grateful to God, and to all our donors, for this remarkable result. The increase has been all the more necessary because, in the face of needs 'in the Field', our expenditure has run very close to our actual income, and easily exceeded the income we received in the previous year. However, we have been careful to ensure that although our reserves have fallen from a peak of £263,888 in FY 2017/2018 to £208,425 at the end of FY 2021/22, they still comfortably exceed the expenditure that our Board of Trustees is prepared to budget for during FY 2022/23. Thus, our underlying financial position for the year ahead is good.

The Trustees of '4H' are glad that so much was accomplished despite the continuing pandemic, as testified by the achievements 'in the Field' as summarised above, and the warm expressions of thanks we have received from Hungarian-speaking church leaders and others in the Carpathian Basin during this very challenging year. In keeping with our long-established 'business model', a very high proportion of '4H' income has once again been dispensed 'in the Field', with less than 3% spent on home office and ancillary costs; and 0% on staff, because '4H' has no paid employees. We continue to share information on our current projects and ministries via quarterly mailings to those who have signified a wish to receive such items from us, plus additional information from time to time with those on our email contact list. We also respond by letter or email to those UK churches that regularly ask for up-to-date topics for prayer, and personally acknowledge every gift that is received for the work.

### **Public benefit**

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. The Trust is essentially an 'enabling organisation' in that it seeks to help Hungarian speaking Churches and Christians to achieve more of their goals by enabling friends in the UK to help them to do so.

Working closely with its UK supporters and churches, '4H' seeks to advance the Christian faith by providing help and support for Bible-believing Christians in Hungary and in regions of Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine.

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** for the year ended 31 January 2022

### **Financial Review**

The financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 January 2022 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and should be reviewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from unrestricted and restricted gifts received from individual supporters and churches. Expenditure includes office administration and printing costs and field ministry costs associated with travel to and from Hungarian speaking countries to encourage and support church pastors and their local initiatives.

'4H"s total receipts in the year ended 31 January 2022 were £152,221 (2021: £125,362), and its total payments were £146,531 (2021: £147,651), resulting in net receipts for the year of £5,690 (2021: net payments £22,289).

As at 31 January 2022 '4H"s cash funds were £208,425, comprising unrestricted general funds of £208,425 (2021: £202,735) and restricted funds of £Nil (2020: £Nil).

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees are committed to maintaining an adequate level of reserves for general funds. As at 31 January 2022 the Trustees recognised that the Trust had reserves in excess of that needed to cover its normal operating costs. As a result the Trustees continue to actively seek opportunities for '4H' to support Hungarian-speaking church initiatives in the areas of church building and restoration projects, literature projects, pastoral support and supporting youth and disabled Christian camps.

Mrs Rosemary J Barrett

Declaration

Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Eric & Barrett

Chairperson Secretary Date

# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 January 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts	148,035	4,162	152,197	125,103
Interest received	24	-	24	259
Sub total	148,059	4,162	152,221	125,362
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	•	-	
Total receipts	148,059	4,162	152,221	125,362
Payments Church building projects	£4 212	1 252	ee eee	24.070
Church building projects Literature projects	64,313 17,147	1,352 2,390	65,665 19,537	34,070 36,243
Pastor support	38,134	2,590	38,134	63,556
Disabled support	399	_	399	03,330
Camps & Subsistence	15,639	420	16,059	7,735
Field ministry expenses	3,121		3,121	2,272
Printing, postage and stationery costs	2,116	_	2,116	3,108
Sundry costs	1,005	_	1,005	-,
Bank charges	495	-	495	667
Sub total	142,369	4,162	146,531	147,651
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	142,369	4,162	146,531	147,651
Net receipts / (payments)	5,690	-	5,690	(22,289)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	202,735	-	202,735	225,024
Cash funds this year end	208,425	-	208,425	202,735

# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 January 2022

### **STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

			As at 31 January		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021	
	funds	funds	Total	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Cash funds					
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	70,770	_	70,770	70,760	
HSBC Bank PLC	137,655	-	137,655	131,975	
Total cash funds	208,425	-	208,425	208,425	
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Other monetary assets Gift aid recoverable from HMRC	10.015		10.015	14.166	
dir alu recoverable from niviko	18,015		18,015	14,166	
Investment assets	-	-	-	_	
Assets retained for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	
Liabilities					
Supplier accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-		

The financial statements were appr	roved by the Trus	tees and sig	gned on their behalf by:
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	on		
Dr Eric C Barrett Chairperson		Date	

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF HELPING HIS HUNGARIAN HEROES

I report on the financial statements of Helping His Hungarian Heroes for the year ended 31 January 2022 which are set out on pages 13 and 14.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (financial statements and Reports)
   Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

P E Hodges CPFA	Signed:	P. E. Hodgres
Independent Examiner		' /
74 Cottrell Road	Date:	18/6/22
Bristol BS5 6TN	_	//