

Turkic Belt Ministries

Registered Charity Number: 1163762



**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 30th September 2022**

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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 2022. 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".

The "Turkic Belt", from which the charity takes its name is a swathe of land stretching from the Balkans in the West to China 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 Founder and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Rev 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 Turkic Belt countries in which TBM seeks to operate. Current work is focussed in Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkey

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 support for church leaders and Christians who may have been persecuted, imprisoned or 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 the region.
- Provide literature including translated Bible material in the main languages of the Turkic Belt region.
- Establish links with churches in the USA and Europe to encourage them to be part of its work and mission within the Turkic Belt.
- 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.

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Achievements and Performance

The year began in October 2021 with a relaxation of COVID restrictions and a chance for our CEO, Elnur Jabiyev to travel to Turkey. He visited our partner Ismail in Istanbul, whom we provided with regular support for his evangelism and pastoral ministry in the city. Ismail continued to share the gospel with people from all over the region who are drawn to Istanbul. He and Elnur spoke with some Christian students from Azerbaijan studying in Istanbul and range of other people from different nationalities.

Ismail and Elnur then travelled to visit the Iranian church in Izmir, to which we have provided regular support during the year. The church is doing a great job to support refugees and is seeing many people come to Christ. Many of the Iranian Christians in Izmir have been scattered around the town, but by hiring a car Elnur was able to visit many of them to encourage them. Five people were baptised. Elnur also had the opportunity to speak in a Turkish church

This was followed up by a trip by Elnur to Azerbaijan in November 2021, the first time that he had been back after 12 years away. He met many friends including those who had attended TBM conferences in Georgia. He was invited to preach at a large church in Baku, which has a congregation of 400 and has seen 64 people baptised over the last year. Elnur noted that a lot had changed in the country over the past 12 years. He saw many new and beautiful buildings. Things have also changed spiritually and the door for Christian witness had opened a lot. Some churches that had been applying for registration for years have finally received it and are able to meet for midweek activities. Everyone Elnur met was very open to the Word of God.

During the year we were also able to provide support to a Christian women imprisoned in Iran and subsequently released on bail. This has helped to pay for her medical treatment following mistreatment in custody and to partially recover from the injuries that she experienced. She is now out of prison but has continuing physical and psychological needs

On 29 December 2021 we were saddened by the death of David Trim, one of our Trustees. David was an amazing friend, supporter and trustee of TBM over many years. We hugely appreciated his devotion to our Lord, his godly wisdom and his good humour. The TBM Board held an awayday to seek God for the year ahead in Devon on 5 February 2022. In the weeks before and after this meeting we invited five experts on the region to speak to us and give us insights to help guide our strategy. We heard about the need for teaching and unity in the churches. Two particular challenges were for us to be focused in our objectives and to develop our team in the region.

Elnur visited Turkey again in February 2022. He spent a week with the Iranian church in Izmir. He also visited a Turkish church in the city and participated in the launch of a new Turkish church plant. He taught 30 students on the subject of evangelism and outreach. Students were asked to go out and share the Gospel with Turkish and Iranian people who do not know Christ. Elnur had the joy of baptising three new Iranian believers. As well as the training, he spent time with Turkish pastors and church leaders.

Our final visit to Turkey was in June 2022. Rev Craig Downes, Senior Minister of Stockton Baptist Church, Peter Grant, chair of TBM, and Elnur visited Izmir, Turkey from 4 to 13 June 2022. The aim of the visit was to deliver a teaching programme for an Iranian church and to encourage the church members. We delivered evening teaching sessions on Discipleship led by Craig and Domestic Abuse led by Peter. After each session we had a meal together. We were involved in services on the two Sundays, including three baptisms, and we saw three people coming to Christ. During the week Craig and Peter accompanied Elnur on a packed programme of pastoral visits and we were all treated to wonderful meals and hospitality. Life is tough for the members of the church. Many of them are refugees with uncertain immigration status and the threat of deportation back to Iran hanging over their heads. It is hard for them to find work and, when they do, it is often for low wages and they may be subject to exploitation by their employers.

From 24-26 June TBM had a stand at The Gathering, a men's conference run by Christian Vision for Men for over 1400 men "in a field near Swindon". It was a great weekend of worship, talks and evangelism, with over 60 men giving their lives to Christ. This was the first time that TBM has ever had a stand of this sort and we were able to meet many existing supporters, get some sign-ups for the newsletter and talk in depth to a number of new contacts. We were very grateful to the men of Upton Vale Baptist Church for their warm hospitality and excellent barbeques.

Elnur Jabiyev, our Chief Executive Officer was suspended from his duties at the end of July 2022 and dismissed in December 2022. Subsequent to the period covered by this report, trustees have been considering the future of the charity, with decisions to be made during the coming financial year.

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Volunteers

The charity relies on voluntary help for the organisation and running of its conferences and training sessions. Due to COVID restrictions and other factors, we have held less events this year. Over the past 12 months, 2 volunteers have taken part in these sessions (2021: 20 in the year).

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<p>The trustees consider the reserves held at the year-end to be sufficient for the ongoing needs of the charity.</p> <p>There was a 2.9% decrease in receipts in the year to £77,497 and a 11.3% decrease in expenditure to £77,439 resulting in a net surplus of £58 (2021 deficit: £7,479)</p>
Amount of reserves held	<p>Total Unrestricted Reserves held at 30th September 2022 were £29,231 (30 September 2021: £28,891)</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Charity constitution	<p>The Charity is governed by Trust Deed dated 8th January 2015 (as amended 28th September 2015 and 1st September 2022)</p>
Trustee selection	<p>Trustees are appointed by seeking people with relevant skills and experience. Induction and training are provided on a personal basis as appropriate.</p>
Structure	<p>The day to day running of the charity is committed to the Chief Executive. Policy and major financial decisions are made by the directors, whilst the Chief Executive is responsible for applying these decisions. The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer, supported by a part-time volunteer working on planning and fundraising.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<p>Turkic Belt Ministries</p>
Registered charity number	<p>1163762</p>
Charity's principal address	<p>PO Box 3393 South Croydon CR2 1QJ</p>

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Names of the charity trustees.

Trustee name	Office	Dates appointed
Rachel Greenwell	Secretary	April 2014
David Trim		February 2018 (died December 2021)
Pierre Okusi	Chair until Jan 2022	October 2019
Peter Grant	Chair from Jan 2022	November 2020
Daniel Webb		January 2022
Nial Aliyev		January 2022

Chief Executive Officer Rev. Elnur Jabiyev (to July 2022)

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature:



Full name: **Peter Grant**

Position: **Chair**

Date: **24th April 2023**

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 2022.

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: 24th April 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the Year ended 30th September 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	44,681	18,914	63,595	79,858
Gift aid received	13,902	0	13,902	0
Total receipts	58,583	18,914	77,497	79,858
Payments				
Salaries	38,389	0	38,389	44,396
Pension	5,800	0	5,800	8,450
Missionary support	13,912	11,951	25,863	30,548
Meeting expenses	0	0	0	522
Insurance	1,731	0	1,731	1,184
Printing, postage and stationery	516	0	516	365
Telephone	519	0	519	461
Travel and accommodation	3,402	0	3,402	300
Office equipment	6	0	6	576
Subscriptions	473	0	473	235
Bank charges	25	0	25	0
Legal and professional	215	0	215	300
Independent examination	500	0	500	0
Total payments	65,488	11,951	77,439	87,337
Net receipts / (payments)	(6,905)	6,963	58	(7,479)
Reconciliation of funds				
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward	36,136	0	36,136	43,615
Total Funds carried forward	29,231	6,963	39,194	36,136

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
At 30th September 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fixed Assets				
	0	0	0	0
Current Assets				
Debtors	0	0	0	833
Cash at bank	29,231	6,963	36,194	36,136
	29,231	6,963	36,194	36,969
Current Liabilities				
Creditors				
• Pension costs	667	0	667	600
• HMRC PAYE	3,895	0	3,895	642
	4,562	0	4,562	761
Total Assets less Liabilities	24,669	6,963	31,632	35,608

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24th April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Peter Grant, Chair

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 2021				30 th Sep 2022
General Fund	36,136	58,583	(65,488)		29,231
Restricted:					
Iran	0	3,935	(1,740)		2,195
Azerbaijan	0	8,248	(3,480)		4,768
Turkey	0	6,731	(6,731)		0
Total Funds	36,136	77,497	(77,439)		36,194

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 st Oct 2020				30 th Sep 2021
General Fund	37,912	58,796	(53,093)		43,615
Restricted:					
Administration support	0	20,000	(20,000)		0
Pastor support	0	1,928	(1,928)		0
Overseas Conferences	0	8,522	(8,522)		0
Total Funds	37,912	89,246	(83,543)		43,615

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.