

# **TURKIC BELT MINISTRIES**

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 

1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

To 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Charity name:** 

**TURKIC BELT MINISTRIES** 

**Charity registration number:** 

1163762

### **Objectives and Activities**

**Purposes** 

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.

Summary of the main activities

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

- 1. Organise, provide speakers and stage conferences for Christian teaching and the encouragement of the faith of Christians living within the Turkic Belt.
- 2. Provide literature including translated Bible material in the main languages in the Turkic Belt region.
- 3. Provide support for church leaders and Christians who may have been imprisoned and tortured for their faith .
- 4. 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.
- 5. Establish links with churches in the USA and Europe to encourage them to be part of its work and mission within the Turkic Belt. This has quickened their interest in the area and has led to a number of people participating in the work of the charity.
- 6. Provision of financial and material support for a number of workers from some of the countries in the region.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our

Public benefit

activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2).

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 (2017: 20 in the year).

#### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Overview**

This has been a year of ministry and consolidation for TBM. Five visits were made to Turkey and a conference was undertaken in Georgia to train churches in discipleship and evangelism. Support has been provided to Christian leaders facing persecution in the Turkic Belt region A very successful vision day was held in January 2018, including Trustees, Advisory Council members and supporters, which has helped to develop plans for the next few years. Contacts in Norway continued to increase laying foundations for the creation of TBM Norway.



The countries in which TBM seeks to operate. Current work is focussed in Georgia, Azerbaijan and Turkey

#### **Ministry in Turkey**

TBM continues to support Iranian Christians in Turkey. Five visits were undertaken during the year. We experienced the great joy of spending time teaching and discipling Iranian Christians in Turkey. We have seen the church that we visit growing, with people giving their lives to Christ and being baptised.



#### Conference in Georgia

At a conference in March 2018 we were able to meet and encourage persecuted Azerbaijani Christians - in particular members and pastors of a church that in November 2017 had been banned from meeting. This conference provided the only opportunity for them to meet. Quite a number of partners attended. We were grateful to Senior Minister of New Malden Baptist Church, Rev Johnny Pozzo, and a dear friend and TBM supporter Ingar Nicolaisen from Norway who joined us to be part of the Conference. They have made a huge impact in the life of the people though their teachings and prayer intercessions at the conference. Christians attended from different parts of Azerbaijan including two of the pastors with their families who were fined, following the arrest in



November 2016 and some of their church leaders. Their group are continuing to meet in secrecy in small house groups, but with constant fear of being arrested again.

Johnny Pozzo, Chair of TBM, prays for believers at the conference

The Conferences are an effective avenue for supporting and equipping our persecuted brothers and sisters. Quite a lot of the attendees expressed the blessings

they have experienced from attending conferences and pleaded that we hold them more often.

#### **Support to Christian workers**

This year has brought home the reality of persecution and suffering for the church in the region. Pastors that we support face the threat of arrest and imprisonment, as well as personal and financial challenges. During the year, four pastors amongst our contacts suffered imprisonment. These included an Iranian pastor who escaped to Turkey, but was arrested and returned to Iran and is currently in prison. Three Azerbaijani pastors and their families are having to go through each day in torment knowing they could be arrested at any time and be sent to Iran to serve a ten-year prison sentence. Churches are often banned from meeting.

We were able to continue our provision of financial support to a missionary couple in Georgia, enabling them to work amongst the Azerbaijani population there and also to one pastor and one missionary in Azerbaijan and one church leader in Turkey.

#### Norway

Visits have continued in Norway with increasing numbers of contacts and enthusiasm from supporters in the country, including those who have participated in TBM conferences in the region. This has paved the way for the future launch of TBM Norway, which will be a major extension of TBM's work and funding base.

Elnur continued to speak at churches in the UK throughout the year about the work of TBM with a total of over twenty speaking engagements. In June he was at the Christian Vision for Men Gathering 2018 in Swindon. This is an annual evangelistic conference for men that hosts over 2,000 men from all around the UK. As well as sharing with contacts about TBM, Elnur was able to witness to three men who accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

#### **Future plans**

Early in January, we held a Vision Day under the leadership of Rev. David Coffey, a member of our Advisory Council, at the home of one of our supporters in Devon. Board members, supporters and a number of our partners were also at the meeting. The aim was to seek God for the vision for TBM. Plans were discussed to develop a training centre in the region as the focus of our next phase of work. We really felt uplifted in our spirits, renewed and fired up to face the days that are ahead of us!

#### **Financial Review**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The trustees consider the reserves held at the year end to be sufficient for the ongoing needs of the charity. There was an 11% increase in Receipts in the year to £77,766 and a 2% decrease in expenditure to £79,434 resulting in a net deficit of £1,668 (2017 deficit £11,875)

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Reserves held at 30th September 2018 after taking into account outstanding pension and payroll costs represent 4.0 months expenditure (2017 2.5 months)

Amount of reserves held

Total Unrestricted Reserves held at 30th September 2018 were £26,615 (2017 £28,283)

# Structure, Governance and Management

Charity constitution

The Charity is governed by Trust Deed dated 8th January 2015 (as amended 28th September 2015)

Trustee selection

Trustees are appointed by seeking people with relevant skills and experience. Induction and training are provided

on a personal basis as appropriate.

Structure

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, the Chief Executive Officer and the Charity

#### administrator.

#### **Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name

Other name the charity uses Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

**Turkic Belt Ministries** 

1163762

22 Lewin Road

Streatham **SW16 6JR** 

Names of the charity trustees.

Trustee name

Jonathan Pozzo

Rachel Greenwell

**David Trim** 

Office

Chair

Secretary

**Dates acted** 

May 2016

April 2014

February 2018

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Elnur Jabiyev

#### **Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature:

J. Pops.

Full name:

**Jonathan Pozzo** 

Position:

Chair

Date:

23/7/19



# Independent examiner's report

Report to the trustees of

**TURKIC BELT MINISTRIES** 

On accounts for the year

ended

30th September 2018

Charity no

1163762

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### 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 accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 have no concerns and 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 accounts to be reached.

Date: 04/07/2019

Signed:

Name:

Magnus Proctor

Professional body Institute of Financial Accountants

Address: Lindisfarne, Landkey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 9BW

# TURKIC BELT MINISTRIES



# Receipts and payments accounts 1st October 30th September 2017 To 2018

For the period from

Receipts and payments							
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year			
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £			
Receipts							
Donations	50,703	26,313	77,016	69,22			
Other	0	750	750	150			
Gift Aid received	0	0	00	843			
Total receipts	50,703	27,063	77,766	70,22			
Payments							
Salaries & Stipends	21,873	27,063	48,936	41,96			
Pensions	14,113	0	14,113				
Rent	0	0	0	6,24			
Council Tax	0	0	0	1,54			
Overseas Conferences	234	0	234	9,88			
Donations to Pastors	4,800	0	4,800	7,31			
Meeting Expenses	307	0	307	4			
Insurance	913	0	913	88			
Postage & Stationery	167	0	167	41			
Telephone	285	0	285				
Travel and accomodation	5,821	0	5,821	8,04			
Office Charge	1,979	0	1,979	1,18			
Office equipment	1,709	0	1,709				
Website	0	0	0	69			
Subscriptions	170	0	170	32			
Accountancy	0	0	0	2,10			
Operating lease	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0_	1,47			
Total payments	52,371	27,063	79,434	82,09			
Net of receipts/(payments)	(1,668)	0	(1,668)	(11,875			
Transfers between funds	(.,,,	0	0				
Cash funds last year end	28,283	0	28,283	40,15			
Cash funds this year end		0	26,615	28,28			

		Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash funds	Cash at bank	26,615		26,615
	Total cash funds	26,615		26,615
Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
	Employee Pension costs		Unrestricted	705
	HMRC PAYE		Unrestricted	883
				1,588
Signed on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Name		Date of approval
	J. Pops.	Jonatha	n Pozzo	23/7/1