



Iraqi Christians in Need (ICIN)



Report of the Trustees And Financial Statements For the year ended 31st March 2014

ICIN (Iraqi Christians in Need)
UK-registered Charity no. 1119427

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December 2014

Report of the Trustees

During this year, ICIN's 8th year, ICIN has seen the persecution and displacement of Christians continue unabated in Iraq and Syria. Profound atrocities continued on a daily basis and were fully unleashed by ISIS in Northern Iraq in June 2014. The personal needs of the displaced and persecuted Christians continue to grow and like many other charities and NGOs, ICIN was able to play its part in the relief effort, thanks to its enthusiastic, generous and loyal supporters who have continued to help ICIN fulfil its objectives. Over a million pounds has been raised during these 7 or so years to finance important aid projects that benefited thousands of persecuted Iraqi Christians in Iraq and the neighbouring countries.

Two main factors that impacted on ICIN's normal operations were the illness and death of a most active founding member, the late Suhail Michael, who died in May 2013 and the indisposition due to ill health of another active founding member, Adil Marmarchi, who subsequently passed away in June 2014. Both are missed by all. To enhance income during the Year, ICIN embarked on a programme of major fund-raising and early results of these efforts to date have been most encouraging. ICIN's name in the UK among supporters and charitable institutions is now far wider and better known than it has ever been and the result of this activity is already evident from the level of donations and contributions made to ICIN's coffers and this will be reported in detail in due course.

During this last year and as a result of the widening problems of Christians in Syria and the Middle East generally, the trustees took the decision to widen the scope of ICIN's objective to include helping other persecuted Christians of the Middle East and this was formally approved by the Charity Commissioners in June 2014.

A few noteworthy examples of fundraising events in the Year were the 3rd Christmas musical evening in December 2013 which was attended by the Mayor of Richmond and 250 people. In summer 2013, ICAW in Wales had their annual fund raising day and all who attended had a most enjoyable time.

Finally, the trustees wish to express their sincere thanks Enpeyz, Chartered accountant for their continuous help with the annual accounts, and to all who have given so much of their valuable time in running the charity and guiding its development. ICIN's profound thanks also go to all our donors and supporters who helped and continue to help in making such a difference to the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. In administering this help, ICIN is indebted to the clergy and lay people In Iraq, Syria and Jordan who oversee the delivery of aid programs under the most difficult circumstances.

May God bless you all.



Aims and Objectives

ICIN's main objective is the relief of financial hardship, sickness and distress of Iraqi Christians living in Iraq and the neighbouring Middle Eastern countries. Financial aid is generally provided through local church hierarchies to cover the financial, medical and educational needs of those in need.

Since the Iraq war of 2003 and the collapse of the Iraqi State, the Christian community has been targeted by extremist elements. Killings and intimidation have driven Christians out of their homes and a large number ended up as refugees in neighbouring countries or displaced within Iraq.

Over the last few years, the intimidation and persecution of Christians engulfed most of the Middle East and in response to the increasing need of such displaced and needy Christians, the trustees decided to widen the scope of its objective in June 2014 to allow it to assist other Christians of the Middle East. The objectives of the charity are now "The relief of hardship, sickness and distress of Iraqi and other Middle Eastern Christians through financial, medical and educational aid".

Structure and Governance

The charity operates under a Model Trust Deed (GD2) dated 30 April 2007 and the Charity Commissioner's approval to register the charity name dated 31 May 2007. A chairman is elected annually and the trustees and Executive Council generally meet on a monthly basis to discuss the affairs of the charity and decisions are taken by a majority vote.

ICIN subcommittees

- A - Fundraising
- B – Events
- C - Projects
- D - Accounts
- E - Media and Public Relations

Fundraising Activities

Although ICIN's main fundraising activities take place in England and Wales, donations are received from all over the UK as well as other parts of the world. Our



main sources of income are social events, personal donations, sponsorships, and Gift Aid and church appeals.

During the Year, the services of a professional fund-raiser were sought and a decision was taken to seek funding from UK-based grant-making trusts and foundations. The impact of this decision has already borne fruit and future years should see a growth of this important source of income.

Fund generating activities:

A- Church Appeals

B- Events

C- Donations and Grants

D- Gift aid

Aid Projects

Aid is channelled through programmes researched and supervised by the project subcommittee with the approval of the EC. Several projects are ongoing in Iraq, Syria and Jordan. Other one-off aid grants are made in response to emergency situations. All aid is channelled through Bishops, priest and supporting laity.

Iraq Projects

Baghdad Educational programme

A programme established in 2007 that is still ongoing financially supports students from primary and secondary schools and university. Regular reports are provided by the supervisor on the project's progress.

During the academic year 2012-2013 ICIN supported 29 students who either lost their parents or whose parents were unable to provide for their education.

Baghdad Medical Aid



Through the support of the Dominican priests in Baghdad, ICIN provides financial aid to help poor people with their medical expenses. Reports with names and condition of recipients are regularly sent to the projects committee.

Since inception, ICIN has been able to help more than 250 individuals.

Mosul Good Shepherd Centre

A centre that is supervised by sisters of Daughters of the Sacred Heart in Mosul look after mentally-disabled or marginalised female guests of various ages, almost all of whom have no family support.

The Myrrh-Bearers fraternity, Qaraqosh

ICIN provides financial help to needy families through a group of consecrated laywomen. ICIN started supporting its program in 2012 and receives regular reports on the progress of families receiving aid.

Qaraqosh Medical Centre

ICIN supported the idea on establishing a medical centre to provide basic medical services for refugees families in the area. ICIN provides ongoing financial support for the operation of the centre.

Mahaba and Farah Community

Set up in 1986 under the auspices of the local Chaldean church, this organization grew from its initial group of 3 dedicated lay Christians in Mosul to over 27 groups spread throughout Iraq including Baghdad, Basra and Erbil. Each group is responsible for providing care and support for the mentally challenged.

Syria Projects

With the ongoing tragic situation in Syria, Iraqi refugees there suffer further hardship and some have had to leave and find refuge in other places. ICIN continues to support the needy Iraqi Christians in Syria and although communication is difficult, a great effort is made to keep in constant contact with the clergy and other representatives in Damascus to ensure that aid is delivered as planned. Specifically and due to the migration of young people from Damascus, the computer course that benefited hundreds of young Iraqi refugees for four years has sadly had to cease.

Damascus Widows Financial Help Programme

This year the Number of widowed or needy families has ranged between 23 to 27 (was 22 in 2012-2013) they are given a monthly allowance of 100 to 300 USD. The



families are visited monthly by an ICIN representative and a monthly report is provided to the projects committee

Jordan Projects

Jordan Educational Aid Programme

This programme supports needy students of displaced families taking refuge in Jordan and because of their displacement; students usually lag behind in their academic studies.

Presently ICIN supports 67 students a year at different stages of schooling. Regular visits by a member of the Charity to Jordan and periodic reports from the programme supervisor Fr Khalil Al Jaar ensures that the programme achieves its target

Achievement and Performance:

ICIN aims to help the neediest Iraqi Christians inside and outside Iraq in neighbouring countries. It aims to do this by appointing senior local church clergy to oversee its aid projects. Such projects are then monitored regularly.

Visits by members of the Council are carried out at no cost to the charity. Project committee members are in constant contact with the recipients of aid grants, making sure that the aid is received and that the recipients are genuinely needy individuals or families.

During the outgoing year members of ICIN's Council visited, Jordan and Iraq, to study Iraqi Christians' needs and to report back on ongoing projects.

Financial Review

Accounts Summary

All amounts in Stg

	<u>31.03.2014</u>	<u>31.03.2013</u>
Incoming resources		
Voluntary Income		
General donations	73,163	77,088
Activities for generating income		19,071
OTHER INCOME	10	27
Total incoming resources	73,173	96,186
Total resources expanded		
Total Aid Out	73.000	103,844

While overall income fell during the Year ended 31 March 2014, the accounts do not reflect the significant fund-raising activity that was begun during this accounting year. This resulted in a significant increase in donations during the following year, namely the year ending 31 March 2015.

Detailed accounts

All amounts in £ Stag

Income resources	31.03.2014	31.03.2013	31.03.2012
General donations		77,088	79,628
Activities for generating Income		19,071	18,860
Other income Bank interest		27	41
Total incoming resources	77,173	96,186	98,529
Cost of generating funds			
advertising			
Bank charges		752	713
exchange difference		3,203	(136)
Cost of generating funds Total		3,955	577
Fundraising costs			
Stationery & Printing		765	
Sundries		155	7
Fundraising costs Total		920	7
Charitable activities			
Charity Dinner /		3,400	1,818
Governance costs			
Annual dinner			
Total	6,761	5,330	1,818
Aid-Out	73,000	103,362	100,604
Total resources expanded (Total Out)	79,761	110,352	103,006

Grants made to Institutions	31.03.2014	31.03.2013	31.03.2012
Widows Support Support of displaced Iraqi Christian families in Syria, Widows and skill Computer courses Through Bishop Audo	12,620	29,787	34,762
North Iraq Educational aid Displaced families in Northern Iraq ().	3,092	3,119	3,230
Mahaba and Farah Community Disadvantaged I care home, in Mosul.	6,823	6,257	3,137
Good Shepherd Centre Vulnerable young girls Looked after at Sacred Heart convent	6,257	6,404	3,215
Jordan Educational Aid programme. School fees of 60 students at different schools in Amman.(Fr Khalil Al Jaar)	17,964	26,372	26,938
Baghdad I Medical Aid. (Dominican Fathers)	3,050	6,229	3,329
Medical Centre Qaraqosh To provide basic medical facilities for the displaced families in Quaraqosh.(Bishop Moshe)	9,498	3,138	3,049
Baghdad Educational Support Programme. Fees of students studying in schools and universities in Iraq.	12,201	15,819	16,554
The Myrrh Bearers Fraternity Northern Iraq poverty relief programme.	3,193	6,238	3,193
Total grants to institutions	73,000	103,363	100,604



Structure, governance, and management:

ICIN is structured around a Board of Trustees which consists of 7 unremunerated trustees headed by a Chairman. The serving trustees are listed on page 2.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall management and day to day operation of the Charity and is assisted by an unremunerated Executive Committee.

Priorities for the year 2015

At the time of writing this report major events are taking place in Mosul and the surrounding Christian villages. Islamic fundamentalist have taken over and driving all Christian inhabitant out of their homes. ICIN will mobilise all its resources to help ease the suffering of the displaced and persecuted.