



Iraqi Christians in Need (ICIN)



Report of the Trustees And Financial Statements For the year ended 31st March 2012

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

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Report of the Trustees

Letter from the Chair

ICIN in its fifth year continues working towards its objective: Distress Relief of Iraqi Christians who have been subjected to a series of profound crises over the last nine years.

With the support of the general Public and the commitment of the Iraqi British community, ICIN although young and small, managed to raise substantial sums and finance several important aid projects, which benefited thousands of persecuted Iraqi Christians in Iraq and the neighbouring countries.

The Trustees and Executive Council are proud that over £650,000 was raised, financing projects and granting aid of around £500,000. What these figures do not reveal is the degree of care exercised by the EC, acting in prudence and charity, ensuring the funds reach those most in need.

A major tragedy took place on 30th October 2010 with the massacre at the church of our Lady of Deliverance, in Baghdad. ICIN responded immediately, mobilising all its resources, helping out at services with Syrian Catholic Mission in UK, and launching a Massacre Appeal, liaising with clergy in Iraq and Paris where the injured were taken for treatment. Two of ICIN trustees visited the victims of this atrocity in Paris. Financial aid was provided by ICIN to the families affected in Iraq and to the injured in Paris.

Over the last year the situation of Iraqi Christians still living in Iraq has not improved. Requests for help from ICIN are increasing, but income has stayed more or less the same,

With the unsettling situation in Syria, the Iraqi refugees in that country are suffering further hardship, and some have to leave and find refuge in other places. ICIN continues to support the needy Iraqi Christians in Syria and in constant contact with the clergy and our representative in Damascus.

My deep, and sincere thanks, go to all who have given their valuable time and effort, making sure that the charity runs efficiently with no administrative cost., also to all our donors and supporters, who helped in making a difference to the life of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

May God bless you all.

*Faiz Tappouni
Chairman*



Aims and Purpose:

Since the Iraq war of 2003 and the collapse of the Iraqi State, the Christian Community has been targeted by certain extremist elements. Killings and intimidation have driven them out of their homes and a large number ended up as refugees in neighbouring countries or displaced within Iraq. ICIN was formed to help needy Iraqi Christians and to raise awareness of their plight in western countries.

Objective, Structure and Governance:

ICIN is committed to aiding Iraqi Christians who have lost their homes and livelihoods as a result of persecution. Its objectives are the relief of financial hardship, sickness and distress amongst Iraqi Christians living in Iraq or who have formerly lived in Iraq. Aid is provided to cover their needs, which could be financial, emotional, medical or educational.

To achieve these objectives ICIN is structured as a Trust, with an Executive Council (EC) running the day-to-day business and conducting monthly meetings. There are five subcommittees.

ICIN subcommittees:

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

The Charity has so far managed to run without incurring any administrative or travel costs with all money raised through social events, donations and church appeals going undiminished to aid programmes.

Fundraising Activities:

To achieve its objectives, ICIN carries out its main fundraising activities in England and Wales. It receives donations from all over the UK as well as other parts of the world. Our main sources of income are church appeals, social events, personal donations, sponsorships, and Gift Aid.

Fund generating activities:

A- Church Appeals:

This subcommittee is dedicated to organising Church appeals for donations and raising awareness of the plight of the Iraqi Christians. It also seeks sponsorships for projects and standing order donations. The following appeals were carried out during this year:

Total from Church Appeals £12,055.00

B-Events:

- **Concert Nov 11**

Organised by Mr Joe Bahoshy at St Margaret Church Twickenham, London. Attended by about 200 people, was a great success.
Total raised £13,887.00

- **Wales BBQ July 11**

- Fundraising trip to Wales in aid of ICIN on Saturday, A day of bonding and fun organised by a group of ICIN supporters in Wales and hosted by the Sahar and Nagam Rassam and family, with the help of the Iraqi community in Wales. This has become a popular annual event. Great success. . Total raised £2,135.00

- **Charity Lunch**

- Lunch at Chelsea restaurant , London, organised by Mrs. Anita Lasso was a sold out activity

Grants and Donations

B- Projects :

Aid is channelled through programmes researched and supervised by the project subcommittee with the approval of the EC. A representative of ICIN visits Syria and Jordan and Iraq at no cost to the charity. 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 and still ongoing supports students from primary secondary, intermediary schools and university. Regular reports are provided by the supervisor on the project's progress. The number of student being sponsored has increased from 50 to 67.

- **Baghdad and Mosul Medical Aid**

ICIN provides aid to help poor people with medical expense. Reports with names and condition of recipients are regularly sent to the projects committee.

- **Northern Iraq Widows Aid**

- ICIN has provided aid through Sr Sanna to five widows and their families in Northern Iraq.

These are families who have lost their main provider and have moved to the north of the country.

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- **Needy families financial aid**

A program supervised by the Bishop of Mosul, providing financial aid to poor families and supporting the orphans being cared for by Sisters

Total for Iraqi Projects £32,479

Syrian Projects:

- **Damascus Computer Course**

This course started in March 2009 and is still running. Each course runs for six weeks and teaches basic information technology, Windows, Internet, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Photoshop. We receive a report at the end of every course from the organizers.



- **Damascus Widows Financial Help Programme**

12 widowed or needy families 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.



Total Grants for projects in Syria £34,756.00

- **Miscellaneous**

ICIN sponsored Children's Summer Camp and children's Christmas parties in Aleppo and Damascus. Also a grant for medical aid.



Jordanian Projects

- **Jordan Educational Aid Programme**

The educational programme is carried out on behalf of ICIN, supporting needy students of families taking refuge in Jordan. The students usually had lagged behind in their studies because of displacement. Presently we support 67 students a year at different stages of schooling. Regular visits by a member of the Charity to Jordan and periodic reports from the supervisor ensure the programme achieves its target.



Total Grants to Educational program in Jordan £28,392.00

D- Accounts Sub committee

Monitors all the charity financial affairs. As well as transferring aid money needed to projects supervisors in different countries. The committee is also responsible for auditing annual accounts.

E- Media and Public Relations:

Responsible for general correspondence, managing the website, and preparing and publishing the Newsletter. Also prepares and supervises the ICIN meetings.

ICIN cooperated with ACN in organising the visit of Bishop Bashar Warda and Bishop Antwan Audo to the UK. With Archbishop Nichols celebrated mass at Westminster Cathedral and spoke on the Iraqi Christians' plight, as well as commending ICIN's work in helping the suffering Iraqis.

Achievement and Performance:

ICIN aims to help the neediest Iraqi Christians in and outside Iraq. It aims to do this by maximising its income and it endeavours to appoint trustworthy, reliable supervisors to its aid projects. This is done mostly by selecting local churches, clergy, or reliable organisations to monitor its programmes of aid.

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 Syria, Jordan and Iraq, to study Iraqi Christians' needs and to report back on ongoing projects.

This year we have been successful in raising funds to finance our ongoing projects and to provide some aid to meet emergencies and crises.

Financial Review

As a small and relatively new charity, we feel rather proud to have raised about £500,000 during our first 5 years. The decline in income during the 4th year is probably due mainly to the following factors:

- The recession, which has had an impact on the income of most charities-
- A slowing of the initial enthusiasm for fundraising, which is not untypical for a charity that has been in existence for just three years and which is run entirely by volunteers.
- For a while, Iraq was not front-page news, but the problems of the Iraqi Christians did not go away. For that reason, we continue with determination to do whatever we can to support the displaced and persecuted Christians of Iraq.

Accounts Summary

All amounts in Stg

	<u>31.03.2012</u>	<u>31.03.2011</u>
Incoming resources		
Voluntary Income		
General donations	79,628	110,818
Activities for generating income	18,880	15,328
Other income	41	40
Total incoming resources	98,529	126,186
Total resources expanded		
Total Aid Out	100,006	108,844

Detailed accounts

All amounts in £ Stag

Income resources		31.03.2010	31.03.2012	31.03.2011
General donations		76,020	76,628	110,818
Activities for generating Income		36,963	18,860	15,328
Other income	Bank interest	47	41	
Total incoming resources		113,030	98,529	126,186
Cost of generating funds				
	advertising	200		681
	Bank charges	1,074	713	876
	exchange difference	(65)	(136)	(1,412)
Cost of generating funds	Total	1,209	577	664
Fundraising costs	Stationery & Printing	765		414
	Sundries	155	7	236
Fundraising costs	Total	920	7	650
Charitable activities	Dinner / Dance	4,302	1,818	11,490
Governance costs	Annual dinner			
Total		6,431	1,818	15,109
	Aid-Out	113,597	100,604	108,844
Total resources expanded (Total Out)		120,028	103,006	123,953

All amounts in £ Stg

	31.03.2010	31.03.2012	31.03.2011
Net incoming (outgoing) resources (<i>balance</i>)	(6,998)		2,233
Net movement in funds	(6,998)		2,233
Debtors	6,263		
Cash at bank and in hand	84,215	97,476	92,712
Total current assets (cash in hand and at bank)	90,478	97,476	92,712
Voluntary Income			
Memorial	1,155		5,516
Church appeals	23,422	12,055	7,495
Donations	40,684	52,126	47,693
Gift aid	10,759	15,477	10,759
Massacre			24,012
Bank Interest			40
Total	76,020	79,628	90,515
Activities for generating funds			
Bena Hana	1,670		
Home sales	355		
Anniversary dinner	12,025		15,918
Layla restaurant	1,835		
Bridge seminar	2,095		1,700
Marathon		1,104	
Concert	8,235	13,887	
G2 Thorp park		1,670	
Trip to Wales	1,250	2,135	2,068
Talent Show	3,650		
Mama mia		64	2,240
Tia Cycling			5,594
Christmas fair and sales	5,848		
Albert Table			3,726
Total	36,963		31,296
Total Funds generated	112,983	96,488	126,186

All amounts in £ Stg

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	Advertising	200		681
	Bank Charges	1,074	713	876
	Exchange difference	(65)	(136)	(1,412)
	Total	1,209	577	2,969
Fundraising costs				
	Stationery & Printing	765		414
	Sundry	155	7	236
	Total	920	7	650
Charitable activities				
	Charity Dinner / Dance	4,302	1,818	11,490
	Total	4,302	1,818	11,490
Governance costs				

All amounts in Stg

Grants made to Institutions	31.03.2010	31.03.2012	31.03.2011
Our Lady of Deliverance massacre victims aid Baghdad			16,915
Support: Support of displaced Iraqi Christian families in Syria, through clergy. Widows and skill courses		34,762	34,756
Project: Food and fuel to needy displaced.	3,132	3,230	
Miscellaneous Project: Children's Summer Camp in Aleppo and Damascus. Also a grant for food, fuel parcels, and other emergency necessities.	47,426	3,137	
Project: Baghdad and Mosul aid to displaced families in Northern Iraq, through Iraqi Churches.	4,511	3,215	13,217
Project: Jordan Educational Aid programme. School fees of 60 students at different schools in Amman.	25,234	26,938	28,392
Project: Baghdad and Mosul Medical Aid.		3,329	
Project: School education, Northern Iraq		3,049	
Project: Baghdad Educational Programme. Fees of students studying in schools and universities in Iraq.	18,795	16,554	12,295
Project: Northern Iraq poverty relief programme. Support poor families and orphanages through Iraqi Churches.	14,499	6,390	3,169
Total grants to institutions	113,597	100,604	108,844



Structure, governance, and management:

ICIN is structured around a Board of Trustees which is headed by a Chairman, an Executive Committee and several Sub-Committees. The Board of Trustees is responsible overall for the management and operation of the Charity. The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Charity and its membership includes individuals who are not trustees.

The Sub-Committees are responsible for specific areas of the Charity's business, e.g. Projects, Fundraising, PR, and Administration. These are headed by members of the Executive Committee with support from volunteers as needed.