

ICIN TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

Charity Name: Iraqi Christians in Need (ICIN)

Registered Charity No. 1119427

Charity's principle address: 43 Queens Drive, Thames Ditton, KT7 0TJ

Names of Charity Trustees:

Name	Office
Faiz Tappouni	Chairman
Joseph Bahoshy	Treasurer
Suha Rassam	Projects Coordinator
Amal Allos	Accounts
Usam Rassam	
Maysoon Juma	IT Supervisor
Claude Bahoshy	

Charity Trust:

The charity is constituted as a trust and is governed by the terms of a trust deed, Model Trust Deed GD2, whereby the trustees are elected for a set number of years by the trustee board.

The charity is managed by Executive Council which meets monthly and is formed of the trustees and six others:

Janan Allos
Amal Razouk
Basil Marogy
Ziyad Rassam
Zaid Bunni
Mayad Rassam

The main objective of the charity is to provide financial, educational, medical and welfare aid to the persecuted and displaced Christians in Iraq and the Middle East.

During the year 2015-2016 the charity carried out its activities in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Over the last year, total grants made to projects amounted to over \$500,000:

Mahabba & Farah Community	A non-residential specialist care offered to those living at home and a residential home which provides care for those who have lost their parents or who are too ill to be looked after at home.
The Myrrh Bearers Fraternity	Consecrated lay-women have taken upon themselves to help the poor and the marginalized families forced to abandon their homes and seek refuge in Northern Iraq.
Baghdad Educational Support Program	Supports students at different stages of their education, from primary school to university level.
Baghdad Medical Aid	Provide financial aids towards medical expenses of various individuals who, otherwise, are unable to pay for medicines and basic health needs.
Al Karma Housing Centre	This project is for payment of rents to accommodate 300 displaced families in Erbil who escaped Mosul and the surrounding region.
Jordan Educational Aid Program	Assists the needy students of refugee families living in Jordan.
Amman Refugee Relief Project	Relief aid is being provided to the increasing numbers of Iraqi Christians fleeing Iraq to Amman, Jordan.
Blessed Mercy Care Home	Following their expulsion from Mosul, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart set-up a new care home in Erbil to look after the elderly and infirm left behind by their families.
Medical Clinics in Erbil	As a longer-term measure, the three main local churches in Erbil established medical clinics to dispense medicines and provide a primary level of treatment and medical services to the refugees.
Erbil Summer School	Following their traumatized escape from Mosul and the surrounding area, children from those regions were enrolled at a summer school in Erbil organized by the local church hierarchies to provide welfare and personal support.
Damascus Widows Financial Help Program	Supporting Widows, Iraqis and Syrians, and their families ensuring that family basic needs are catered for. Due to the local difficulties and the ongoing war that is raging in Syria, the project has been inactive for some time.
Kirkuk Student Program	As a result of the exodus from Mosul, Christian university students in Erbil had difficulty in finding university places in Erbil. This program of aid, overseen by the Chaldean Bishop of Kirkuk, provides financial assistance for travel, subsistence and accommodation for students attending Kirkuk university.

ICIN, in its 10th year, continued with its work of helping the needy, persecuted, displaced Christians in Iraq and neighbouring countries. It was a challenging task, with the second year of the so called Islamic State taking over the city of Mosul and Nineveh plain during which time tens of thousands of displaced families faced continued and uncertain futures.

ICIN was called upon to provide even more aid. The personal needs of the displaced and persecuted Christians continued to grow and like many other charities, 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.

Special mention and thanks go to Carl Bahoshy whose outstanding piano and organ recital series throughout the UK raised over £50,000 in the Year and to all our events sponsors. Main events in the Year A Christmas Celebration raised some £26,000 and Anniversary Dinner some £28,000. We are also grateful to the families that nominated ICIN as the beneficiary in memory of their deceased loved ones, and all other donors and projects sponsors without whom, nothing could have been achieved.

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 is evident from the level of donations and contributions made to the charity.

The Executive Council meets once a month to review the charity's activities, its financial situation and its progress on existing projects. New projects are also identified and fund allocation to existing and new projects is made. Finally, Fundraising activity, including any events, is reviewed and plans approved.

The Trustees wish to express their sincere thanks 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.

Finally, our thanks go to our accountants Enpeyz for their help and advice in preparing the charity's financial statements and operating the gift-aid scheme.

May God bless all.

The trustees hereby declare that they have approved the Annual Trustee Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

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*Faiz Tappouni
Chairman*

14/11/2016-----

Date