

Previous events have included (figures are net of cost)

- A Christmas Celebration in December 2013 that raised just under £14,000;
- ICIN's Got Talent show in October 2012 raised just under £13,000 and again in October 2014 raised just over £10,500;
- A demonstration in conjunction with Aid to the Church in Need on 26th July 2014 outside Houses of Parliament;
- Seventh Anniversary River Cruise in June 2014 was a great success and raised just over £5,000;
- In conjunction with ACN, ICIN played an active part at meetings between Archbishop Bashar Warda at House of Lords and the Westminster Cathedral service: *Crisis & Hope in Iraq*.

Donations

During his recent visit to London, Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil explained that, notwithstanding the major efforts and humanitarian help being provided by many, the scale of the problem in Erbil is such that some 1.8 million people of various faiths and denominations fled when Daesh (ISIS) forces invaded Mosul. Emergency relief work will be needed for the foreseeable future.

Please help the Christians of Iraq, a faith community that dates back to the 2nd century with a continuous presence and an own culture, faith practice and language that is on the verge of disappearing forever.

Donations may be made

- online at www.icin.org.uk
- by mailing a cheque payable to ICIN to 43 Queen's Drive, Thames Ditton, KT7 0TJ
- by setting up a standing order through your bank/building society quoting ICIN's banking coordinates: Iraqi Christians in Need, Account No. 31373927 and sort code 40-47-19

and please remember that if you are a UK tax payer, then your donation may qualify for Gift-Aid. Gift Aid increases the value of donations to UK charities by allowing them to reclaim basic rate tax on your gift. If you pay higher rate tax you can claim extra relief on your donations. The Gift Aid scheme is for gifts of money by UK taxpayers. Charities take your donation - money you've already paid tax on - and reclaim basic rate tax from HMRC on its 'gross' equivalent, the amount before basic rate tax was deducted.

Website

Please visit our website www.icin.org.uk to learn more about the history of Christianity, details of our charity, future and past events & how to donate.

Please remember to register your email address to receive news and updates of our charity.

ICIN Newsletter

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ICIN, Iraqi Christians in Need, was founded in 2007 by five Iraqi Christians in London for the exclusive benefit of Iraqi Christians displaced inside Iraq and the neighbouring countries by providing for their medical, financial and educational needs.

A Note from the Chairman

Last year a major and tragic event unfolded with Daesh (ISIS) taking over Mosul and the villages of Nineveh plain, resulting in a mass displacement of over 120,000 Christians. ICIN promptly mobilised its resources and set up the Mosul Crisis Fund, which, to date, has raised almost £200,000 and helping to more than triple ICIN's average annual income.

During the last year, ICIN met with the Syriac bishop of Mosul and Chaldean bishops of Erbil and Aleppo during their visits to the UK thereby further enhancing ICIN's understanding of the tragic developments in Iraq and Syria.

Not oblivious to the suffering and persecution of Christians in other countries in the Middle East, ICIN took formal steps to amend its Objectives to enable it to provide for other Christians of the region, funds permitting.

Earlier this year ICIN worked closely with ACN in organising Archbishop Bashar Warda's highly successful six-day visit to the UK and ICIN trustees took part in meetings at the House of Lords, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and at Westminster Cathedral.

Many believe that ICIN is now regarded in the UK as an effective charity with close knowledge of the developments affecting Iraqi Christians. In particular, ICIN is delighted to be recognised twice by HRH The Prince of Wales through his generous donations for the refugees of Northern Iraq.

Our appreciation and sincere thanks go to many who organise our various events and particularly to Carl Bahoshy who, over the last eighteen months, has organised and undertaken throughout much of the UK Organ and Piano recitals raising some £60,000 for the Mosul Crisis Fund.

Finally, please keep in mind that on 30th May 2015, ICIN will be celebrating its eighth Anniversary with a *Charity Dinner and Dance* and our much-awaited *A Christmas Celebration* will be held later this year on Saturday 28th November.

Nothing would have been possible without the support of our volunteers, donors and overseas project supervisors. Thank you and God bless.

Projects

The tragic events of the last ten months has deeply moved people of all faiths and ICIN has been overwhelmed by messages of support. Donations have been forthcoming from trusts and foundations, churches of all denominations, other charities and individuals including HRH The Prince of Wales who generously donated twice *“in order that others may be encouraged to do even more”*.



Mosul Crisis Fund which ICIN set up in response to the tragedies that ensued the fall of the city of Mosul to ISIS in June 2014.

Over the last 9 months, ICIN has contributed

- \$75,000 towards this emergency relief effort;
- \$29,000 to accommodate the refugees in caravans and other;
- \$12,000 for purchase of Baby milk for the internally displaced families in Kirkuk;
- \$36,000 to fund medicines dispensed at 3 mobile clinics in Erbil;
- \$15,000 to provide heating equipment for families in the village of Enshkee, Amadiya in the province of Duhok where there is a large number of Assyrians and Yezidis;
- \$25,000 to the Myrrh Bearers Fraternity, laywomen who have concentrated their lives to helping the poor and widowed, the disabled and the marginalized and who were based in Qaraqosh but had to flee when ISIS began the bombardment of their villages;
- \$32,000 for the support of 20 internally-displaced University students in Kirkuk for the year 2014/15 who were forced to leave their families in Erbil to continue their higher education at Kirkuk University;

Educational Programmes

- \$41,500 for support of 28 boys & girls in Baghdad;
- \$50,000 for 62 students of refugee Iraqi Christian in Jordan;



Widows & Poor in Syria – some \$40,000 was paid to support 28 widows;

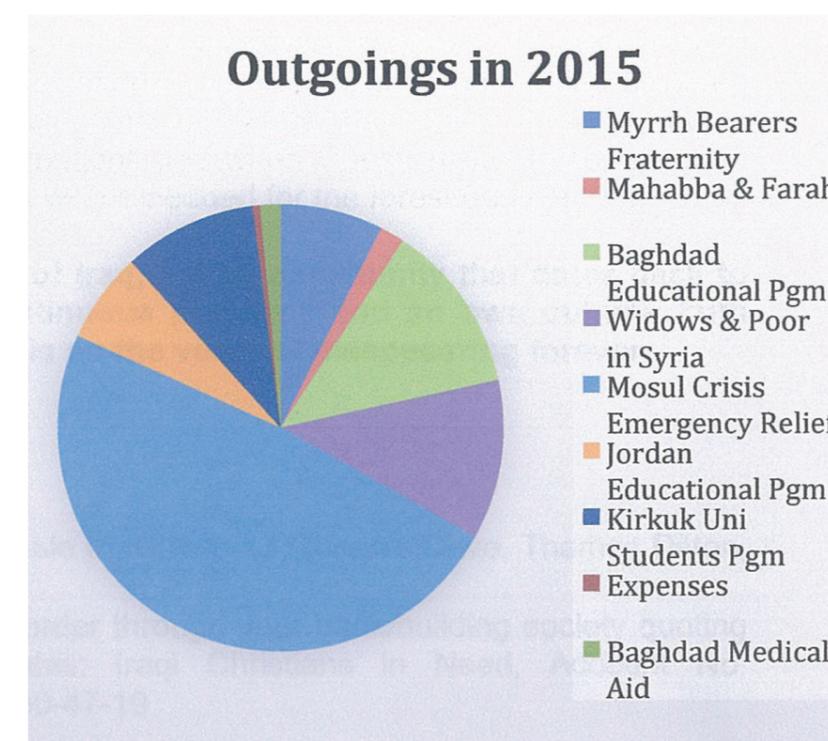
The Mahabba & Farah Community ...who provide care and support for the mentally challenged, both Christians and Muslims. \$6,000 was paid for six months' rent of their new centre in Erbil;

Baghdad Medical Aid - through a Dominican priest, ICIN donated \$5,000 for medical expenses of needy individuals.

Financials

ICIN's enhanced fund-raising activity coupled with increased public and institutional support over the last year (year to 31st March) has had a notable impact on ICIN's annual income, shown below for the last six years:

2015	£344,894
2014	£77,173
2013	£96,186
2012	£98,628
2011	£126,186
2010	£113,030



Events

Not only are events an important source of income for ICIN but they bring together the Iraqi and British friends of ICIN. During 2015, two events are scheduled to take place and we ask that you pencil in these dates in your diaries:

- Eighth Anniversary Dinner & Dance celebration – Saturday 30th May at Hilton Olympia.
Tickets already on sale
- A Christmas Celebration – Saturday 28th November at Ealing Abbey followed by Grand Iraqi Buffet at St Benedict's School hall, Ealing.