



Children's Ministry Ukraine
Scottish Registered Charity SC040095

Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year
ended 31st December, 2025

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 2025

We have pleasure in presenting our Annual Report together with the Financial Statement and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31st December, 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information:

Charity Name

Children's Ministry Ukraine

Charity Number

SC040095

Address

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Current Trustees

Mr. Peter MacDonald	Secretary
Mr. Bernard Ewing	Convener
Mr. Simeon Ewing	Treasurer
Mrs. Amy Macfarlane	
Mrs. Joanna Whillis	

Other Trustees who served during the year

N/a

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted in November 2008 and updated in September 2025 following approval by OSCR (details below).

Appointment of Trustees

The charity is run by the Board of Trustees, who are the only members. They have quarterly ordinary meetings in addition to the Annual General Meeting. Under the constitution, there must be a minimum of three trustees on the board at any time.

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new Trustees to the Board over the course of this year, after careful consideration. Amy Macfarlane joined on 13th April, as

somebody Simeon had known since 2023 having initially met her through multi-church-led English lessons for Ukrainian refugees in an Inverness hotel. She was also previously known to Peter MacDonald. Then on September 28th, Joanna Whillis was also unanimously voted in, after being approached by Simeon earlier in the year and introduced to the rest of the Board for consideration. Simeon has known Joanna for over a decade, having worshipped at Hilton Church with her from 2015 to 2024 and served the local community with her through the likes of Messy Church outreach.

Amy and Joanna bring warm, compassionate hearts and a wealth of experience to the Board.

Management

The board of trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity, with Simeon Ewing and wife Joanna – who previously worked together in Ukraine – continuing to oversee the bulk of communications with key partners in Ukraine and assessing where the needs and opportunities are which the charity are in a position to respond to.

PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Purposes

As highlighted in our 2024 report, we have spent much time working on updating the Purposes and Powers of our constitution to take into account the developing needs on the ground in Ukraine since the outbreak of the full-scale invasion began in February 2022. The proposed updates were approved by OSCR and formally adopted by the Board of Trustees at a general meeting on 28th September 2025.

The new Purposes and Powers, as laid out in the updated constitution, are as follows:

Purposes

To help provide long term support to the people of Ukraine, including but not limited to children and those affected by or at risk of being affected by poverty or family breakdown, helping to meet their spiritual, physical, relational and social needs.

Powers

The organisation has power to do anything which is calculated to further its purposes or is conducive or incidental to doing so.

To partner with individuals and organisations in Ukraine in order to mutually assist and enhance the achievement of common objectives (clause 4 purposes).

To provide regular financial support to trusted partners in Ukraine in order to help maximise their impact.

To provide funds or other practical support in response to specific crisis situations arising, for example as a result of war or natural disaster.

To seek and accept financial contributions from individuals and organisations in order to support the achievement of the association's purposes.

To take such steps as may be deemed appropriate for the purpose of raising funds for the association's activities.

To accept grants, donations and legacies of all kinds (and to accept any reasonable conditions attaching to them).

To engage such consultants and advisers as are considered appropriate from time to time.

To effect insurance of all kinds (which may include officers' liability insurance) as considered appropriate.

To liaise with other voluntary sector bodies, local authorities, UK or Scottish government departments and agencies, and other bodies, all with a view to furthering the association's purposes.

To support any charity, and to make donations for any charitable purpose falling within the association's purposes.

To form any charity or Scottish charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO) with similar purposes to those of the association, and, if considered appropriate, to transfer to any such charity or SCIO (without any payment being required from the charity or SCIO) the whole or any part of the association's assets and undertaking.

No part of the income or property of the organisation may be paid or transferred (directly or indirectly) to the trustees - either in the course of the organisation's existence or on dissolution - except where this is done in direct furtherance of the organisation's purposes.

Activities

We primarily focus on distributing financial support raised in the UK, to partners in Ukraine engaged in work with disadvantaged children and families suffering from the effects of war and poverty and are increasing practical and moral support provided by visits to Ukraine in the shape of work parties and hosting of summer retreats.

Achievements and Performance

1. Spring work-party taster and partners support visit

- a. From late April into early May, Simeon Ewing took friends Murray and Lewis McCheyne (father and son) into central Ukraine to join Sasha Kolomiets, a team from Hope For Ukraine (Netherlands) and Viktor Nemchenko's local workers in Moshchun on re-building Valentyna and family's home, destroyed in Russia's 2022 attempts to capture Kyiv. We also encouraged the school in central Kyiv and the Family House and wider church community in Rzhyschiv with visits and some practical support in the shape of re-painting. The work carried out was greatly appreciated, but comments from everyone we visited made it very clear that the most valued thing was simply our presence and the reminder that Ukraine is not forgotten.
2. Our second summer retreat providing a break for partners based in central Ukraine, working hard to serve those in great need while themselves living through regular attacks.
 - a. Ukrainians present: 6 adults and 4 children. Also present Simeon & Joanna Ewing and their 2 children.
 - b. Location: A resort outside a small, remote town in the centre of the Carpathian mountains. The 2024 location had no spaces for our desired dates, despite booking attempts being made further in advance than in 2024. The new location was found by Joanna, and proved even more popular with many of the repeat visitors than last year's, due to proximity to nearby town, one main big shared house rather than 4 smaller, less spacious properties, and various other factors.
 - c. Activities
 - i. Climbing Mount Hoverla (all ages)
 - ii. Ancient fort visit (all)
 - iii. Clay workshop (all)
 - iv. Ropes course (children)
 - v. Various other, including much rest
 - d. Cost
 - i. The accommodation was more expensive than 2024's, but food and activities were less expensive. These factors plus two less guests than last year resulted in a slightly cheaper overall cost than 2024.
 - e. Feedback
 - i. "An incredible and refreshing retreat in the Carpathians."
 - ii. "It was a blessed time of rest and nourishment, something I wasn't aware I desperately needed."
 - iii. "It was a time to experience the mystery of strangers turning into friends in a matter of hours because we share the bond of Christ."
 - iv. "It was a great time to experience God's unconditional love and care."

Financial Review

As our activities have developed and the board has grown over the course of the last year or two, so the amount of money passing through the charity has increased. The nearly £26,000 income we generated in 2025 was more than 2.5 times what was generated in 2024. It is an encouragement to see that people believe in, care about and want to support what we are doing.

Monthly Standing Orders have increased slightly over the course of the year, up from £256 to £320. This is the result of one new donor beginning to give and an existing donor increasing their monthly amount.

The bulk of our income has been generated in response to our trips, with people keen to help make them possible and contribute towards donations passed on to in-country partners. Over £8,300 came in response to 3 fundraisers, two of which were specifically for the Spring work-party trip and one of which was a general fundraiser set up online by a stranger. Smaller amounts came in response to direct appeals for funds relating to Rostik (of the Rzhyschiv home)'s educational needs (£100), repairs to friends' roof after an attack (£525) and warm tracksuits for the residents of a Kyiv orphanage (£50). Gift Aid of £598 was claimed in February.

See below for all details of spending on charitable activities (£5,861) and donations to partners (£16,287).

Reserves Policy

Due to the ad hoc nature of the majority of our giving, we feel that maintaining a reserve of £500 at any given time is sufficient. All of our budgeting decisions account for this.

Plans for Future Periods

Given the scale of damage even just in the de-occupied villages of central Ukraine, the need for rebuilding work-parties is anticipated to remain for decades to come, so we plan to go again in the first half of next year, hopefully with a larger group. We also feel that, for now at least, the need for and benefit of the summer retreats remains strong, so we intend to host another one in 2026. And we plan to continue to support our trusted partners in their respective ministries, remaining open to developing new partnerships in addition.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
Donations and Gift Aid	16,408	1,199	17,607	9,977
Receipts from fundraising activities	5,080.78	3,300	8,381	0
<u>Total receipts</u>	21,489	4,499	25,988	9,977

<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
Fundraising expenses	39.90		40	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,520.74	340	5,861	4,318
Grants and donations	12,128.22	4,158.80	16,287	9,924
Governance costs:				
<u>Total payments</u>	17,689	4,499	22,188	14,242

<u>Net receipts / (payments)</u>	3,799.92	0	3,800	-4,265
<u>Surplus / (deficit) for year</u>	3,800	0	3,800	-4,265

Statement of Balances at 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
Cash and bank balances 31/12/2024	2,711		2,711	6,977
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	3,799.92	0	3,800	-4,265
<u>Cash and bank balances 31/12/2025</u>	6,511	0	6,511	2,711

Notes to the accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December, 2025

1. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for these purposes.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year, the charity received the following restricted funds:

1. £100 from Ruth Maclean towards Rostik's needs for studying online. Sent to Irina Klimova on April 2nd.
2. £3,300 raised around the Curry Night to be put towards the Spring Work-party trip. Distributed amongst partners on or around April 22nd.
3. £40 donated by Adrienne Demspter on May 20th as a back-dated contribution towards first aid kits purchased on 14th April.
4. £340 paid by Simeon and Joanna Ewing on July 28th as back-payment for Amelia and Jasmine Ewing's accommodation costs at the summer retreat, paid on 8th July.
5. £525 received in total between September 29th and October 13th towards the repairs needing carried out on church friends' roof in Kyiv after attacks. Transferred via Sasha as part of a bigger payment on October 8th.
6. Donation of £143.80 from Balloch Primary to be spent on children and £50 from Ruth Maclean on December 8th, all given on December 12th towards the purchase of tracksuits for the children from the orphanage supported by Sasha's church.

2. Breakdown of funds received

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Donations from individuals	15,810	1,199	17,009	8,150
Gift Aid claimed	598		598	1,827
Fundraising	5,081	3,300	8,381	0
Totals	21,489	4,499	25,988	9,977

3. Cost of Fundraising Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Catering	39.90		40	
Totals	40	0	40	0

4. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Spring support trip / work party taster	855.25		855	
Summer retreat (including trustee expenses detailed seperately)	3,949.86	340	4,290	3,983
Resources (stationery, gifts)	6.35		6	57
Meeting refreshments	8.48		8	
2026 Summer Retreat (S & J Ewing flights)	670.80		671	
Computer repairs	30		30	
SU Ukrainian family camp contribution			0	100
Refugee festival travel expenses			0	178
Totals	5,521	340	5,861	4,318

5. Grants and Donations made

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Rzhyshchi Family House ministry	4,468.36	100	4,568	2,849
Moshchun rebuilding project - general fund	321.99	3,340	3,662	1,437
Moshchun rebuilding project - nail gun	553.36		553	
Moshchun pastor gift	233.74		234	
First Aid kits	127.20		127	
Yellow Blue Bus mission	1,542.51		1,543	2,376
New Generation school, Kyiv	1,168.72		1,169	
Pidhaine children's outreach	779.15		779	
Nemchenko family gift	458.01		458	
Emergency repairs (Sasha friend roof)	1,006.34	525	1,531	
Tracksuits	606.20	193.80	800	
Shoebox appeal	83.50		84	
Rzhyshchiv Day Centre	779.15		779	2,115
Bruce Crowe refugee support (Romania)			0	81
SIM card (refugee in Romania)			0	6
Powerbanks			0	653

Kagarlik additional needs school			0	407
Totals	12,128	4,159	16,287	9,924

6. Trustee expenses claimed

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Spring trip travel & accommodation	529.56	530	
Summer retreat travel / accommodation	1,452	1,452	1,166
Summer retreat (2026) travel	671	671	
Refugee festival travel expenses		0	178
Total	2,653	2,653	1,344

7. Trustee remuneration

<u>Trustee remuneration</u>	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Approved by the Trustees on 6th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Simeon Ewing, Treasurer.