



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

2008

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month January	Year 2008		Day 31st	Month December	Year 2008

Reference and administration details

Charity name Fundatia Emanuel Betania UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1107398

Charity's principal address Holly House, Tallarn Green

Malpas

Cheshire

Postcode

SY14 7LJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Brian Masterson	Chairman		Members
2	Martin Woodhall	Treasurer		Members
3	Eileen Woodhall	Secretary		Members
4	Ian Hutton		Resigned 26/04/2008	Members
5	Mary Spencer			Members
6	David Thelwell		Appointed 26/04/2008	Members
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution dated 27 th November 2004
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	The constitution states that eligible trustees are elected by the members at the annual general meeting held in each year. The appointment of the above trustees was confirmed at the AGM held on 26 th April 2008.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- Relationship with any related parties.
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees familiarise themselves with relevant material from the Charity Commission website, and work to meet their legal obligations. The charity's child protection policy is based on Safeguarding, published by the Methodist Church, April 2003. The Nicene Creed is adopted as a statement of Christian faith. Work was initiated in 2008 to produce a 'statement of public benefit' in accordance with recent legislation changes.

The constitution permits the charity to co-operate with other organisations. Four aid deliveries were made via the charity 'ROAD' during 2008.

The Treasurer and Secretary, Martin and Eileen Woodhall, are husband and wife. Other Trustees are not related.

Financial risks: the bank account with Nat West requires the signatures of both the Chairman and Treasurer. Data Protection Act: information is maintained solely for the purpose of carrying out the day to day running of the charity.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of education, the advancement of religion, the relief of poverty and the assistance in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the people of Romania, in particular but not exclusively, children and the elderly, by providing financial and other assistance.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Receipts from fund raising in the UK were £18,155 and grants totalling £18,420 were made to Romania during the year. The grants were: £1,400 towards the cost of the children's summer holiday camp; £400 humanitarian relief and Christmas sweets; £1,400 towards the cost of administration and weekly youth club events; £3,800 wages for 2 youth workers; £1,400 in grants for teenagers going to university; £10,020 towards the cost of the toilet block and wiring the youth hall project.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- Policy on grantmaking
- Policy programme related investment
- Contribution made by Volunteers

The current policy on grant making is that all grants are made to Fundatia Emanuel Betania, a not-for-profit company registered in Teius, Romania.

There is no policy to invest funds. Funds not required for immediate use are held in a Nat West savings account.

The trustees are personally responsible for their own travel and administration costs. All volunteers are required to be self funding.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

There was one change within the UK Trustee structure, and a completely new management team appointed in Romania during 2008. Overall the effect has been very positive, with the new Romanian team making up with enthusiasm what they lack in experience. The older teenagers we have been working with for the last 5 years are now moving on to university, employment and marriage. We have a new population of younger children coming to our weekly activities.

Daily youth club events in Teius continue to reach about 80 children. This includes sport, guitar, orchestra, and painting. Homework club, started at the end of 2007 has blossomed in 2008 and is providing a valuable help to literacy amongst poor families attending the Junior School.

Regular visits are made to orphanages in Alba County, covering approximately 200 children on a fortnightly basis. This is to provide emotional support, role models and friendship to the children. Some of the orphans now regularly use the charity base as a drop-in centre.

Two summer holiday camps were sponsored; which catered for 100 children. They were each given red T-shirts. For the second consecutive year a leadership team was also provided to support the charity 'Mission without Borders' for a large camp of 150, including many orphans.

Just sufficient Christmas materials were available to make 500 presents for the junior school, kindergarten and village of Cornesti. This year we received no help from Operation Christmas Child.

Further progress was made on the new youth hall. A toilet block was built and the electrical wiring installed. Plans for 2009 include fitting the windows and plastering the walls.

Humanitarian projects included repairing the ceiling and wiring in a house damaged by fire, and providing food and clothing to poor families. Aid delivered to Romania included: 40 stacking chairs, computers, school materials, toys, sports equipment, second hand clothes and food.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At year end £4,390 was being held towards the cost of Romanian youth worker wages, administration, and the cost of plastering the inside walls at the youth hall in Teius, Romania.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Non

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

During 2008 the charity saw a decline in support from individuals and an increase in the support from organisations. The main organisational funds were received from The Grange School at Northwich and the Whitchurch Methodist Circuit. The breakdown of income by source is given in Section A1 of the Accounts for 2008.

Grants to Romania are biased towards longer term projects, such as weekly youth clubs and the building of a youth hall facility for games and concerts. Money allocated to short term projects (holiday camps and Christmas presents) is limited.

The minimum wage in Romania has increased significantly over the last few years, exacerbated by the weakening of Sterling against the Lei.

Funds not required for immediate use are held in a Nat West savings account.

Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Brian Masterson	Martin Woodhall
Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	6 th January 2009	