

Ukraine Aid and Education Fund Inc

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Report

Annual General Meeting 16th November, 2015



How quickly twelve months flies by? Full of meaningful tasks, events, joys and at times overwhelming feelings of sinking beneath the clothes and washing and yet the Lord has blessed us all with a sense of achievement, guidance on whom to support, new friends and feedback of appreciation.

During 2014, Ian and I had the mixed blessing of disbursing over 300 boxes to Melbourne and Bendigo, only to have a few weeks later, a request from Ukraine 'We have a new Government where is the Packing List?'. After a morning of feeling sorry for myself, I picked up the challenge to start all over again. As a team we have put together the contents of another **20 foot container**. Currently, as I report we are booking the shipping agent ready to send this container to Ukraine. The need has increased with the war with Russia in 3 of the south east oblasts. Over 1 million refugees have spread across Ukraine and many injured soldiers are in need.

We continue to **support university students** from low income families

❖ **Student Support:-**

- ❖ Students - Olia Zvigun, Sophie Ponomareva, Vica and Nastya Lahovetskaya, Lena Kovrigina, Marina Zebriy, Tanya Boltak, Tania Ney, Michael Zakorko, Olena Vakulenko

This past year has seen the UKR Fund support valuable work in **Cambodia**, and **India** as well as contributing to the appeal for earthquake victims in **Nepal**. It is a delight to hear of this work during our annual meeting, from Jenny Hogan and Shirley Letts and from Karin McEwen through her report.

Let us also not forget our little boy in **Indonesia**, **Yeremia** who no doubt loves to get our letters and photos. I sent him photos of animals that we saw from our trip to the US.

The clothes and garments carefully selected for **Tennant Creek** and **Niger** have been posted or freighted and are appreciated when they arrive. After the container leaves we will send more parcels to both these places.

During October last year we took on a **contract to clean a house** in preparation for its sale. Although, the contract included the contents to be sold in the shop and hence the return was financially profitable, it was felt we would probably not do that again!! – lots and lots of work. I was amused by the solicitor's comment 'What, you are doing all that work to give the money away?' the Lord has given us a heart for others so that we have a joy in sharing and helping.

Our **local donations** have gone to the hospital -EWHS, Donald Campus for a BBQ area to serve the nursing home patients, Donald P&A Society - children's cooking program, the History Group, the Donald Primary School for their AC appeal, Donald Family Services Centre, Donald Mops, Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Promotion, Prison Fellowship for the Angel Tree Appeal. Alongside local organizations, local families have received assistance and this has been appreciated.

The team also conducted in the shop's backyard a **Garage Sale** which proved well worthwhile. As too having two of the team qualifying to Test and Tag the electrical items. This keeps the items moving from storage to shelf – some proving popular while others languish taking up space.

Last year, we enjoyed our '**Gone Op Shopping**' Tour to Swan Hill, Quambatook and Wycheproof. – it is one of the highlights of the year.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all their good work over and above the call of duty goes to our **two assistants**, Jenny Whitfield and Carrie Pearse. We, too extend to each **member of the team** the same appreciation - Jenni Shilton who also receives valuable help from Graham, Jan South, Audrey Spencer, Dot, Leonie, Lorraine, Marie, Verna, behind the counter, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Shirley, Dorothy and Andrew for coping in the 'backroom' so too Yvonne, Josie, Max and Pauline for their special roles. A special mention of Andrew as he is moving to Horsham. We presented him with a basket of fruit on Sunday from the Op shop team as a thank you for all the help he has given over the years.

I would like to mention how from time to time one of our team members becomes quite ill with a serious illness and then a few weeks later they pop up again. Amazing – no complaints they take up their role again and go on taking it all in their stride. We do appreciate their effort in pushing past the tiredness to take a valuable role on the team.

Thank you too, team for allowing Ian and I time away. We loved our extended holiday and have many happy memories. One last thank you. It goes to John and Betty Barling, of Bendigo who have not only supported us with hours of sorting and packing clothes over the years but with a regular monthly donation. They have in recent times felt the Lord guiding them to redirect their financial gift to another work. Thank you John and Betty.

'When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd he had compassion on them and healed their sick' – Matt 14:14 and again --- 'I have compassion for these people' – Matt 15: 22. May the Lord continue to bless us with His compassion for others.

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Ukraine Aid and Education Fund				
Financial Statement for Annual General Meeting				
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period				
from 1st July, 2014 to 30th June, 2015				
	Brought Forward	\$ 6,627.67		
	Receipts		Expenses	
	Contract	\$ 920.00	Administration	\$ 483.85
	Donation	\$ 892.50	Adminstration	\$ 347.30
	Garage Sale	\$ 391.10	advertising	\$ 198.45
	Interest Income	\$ 0.31	assistants	\$ 4,600.00
	rags	\$ 244.00	Bank Fees	\$ 9.25
	refund income	\$ 100.00	Camps	\$ 70.00
	sales	\$ 450.00	Compassion	\$ 560.00
	shop takings	\$ 48,825.20	Gray St Contract	\$ 165.00
	tax refunds	\$ 790.00	Local Donations	\$ 7,050.00
	term deposit income	\$ 6,072.14	Niger	\$ 566.30
	TOTAL INFLOWS	\$ 58,685.25	Overseas Aid	\$ 1,890.10
			rent	\$ 10,404.00
			shop expenses	\$ 3,890.87
			Student Support	\$ 13,858.04
			Student Support Sumy	\$ 1,539.05
			Student Support Sumy Vinnitsa	\$ 6,632.61
			Tennant Creek	\$ 3,087.68
			term deposit	\$ 6,000.00
			Test & Tagging	\$ 252.00
			Ukraine Refugees	\$ 1,739.16
				\$ 63,343.66
			Bank Balance 30th June	\$ 2,069.26
			Outstanding Cheque less	\$ 100.00
			Balance	\$ 1,969.26
			Bendigo Bank No 154353924	\$ 6,000.00
			Bendigo Bank No 149555070	\$ 5,392.78
			Total Credit Balance	\$ 13,362.04