

# U Aid Incorporated ANNUAL REPORT 2019

#### **President's Report**

Since its foundation in 1991 by Harold and Anna Symons, U Aid (formerly RUA) has been providing funds and support in response to the needs of the Christian community in East European countries, more recently mostly Ukraine.

U Aid aims to benefit all aspects of community including, multicultural and ethnic groups, through Christian mission with a focus to advance the message of freedom found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Over the years, U Aid has operated with a relatively small base utilizing professional services and knowledge of its volunteers in providing opportunity for churches and individual supporters to apply the gospel of Jesus Christ through Christian mission programs to bring projects to fruition.

I would like to acknowledge the devotion and loyalty of members past and present to their commitment of this work. Over these past three decades much practical help has been provided.

#### Past projects and activities:

- Funds to build five prayer houses and renovate several others
- Provision of annual financial support for pastors, children and youth camps
- Food and clothing parcels
- Bibles and other Christian literature to pastors to assist with evangelisation
- Funding of medical procedures.

In response members have been warmly welcomed to establish and strengthen links for further gospel ministry in partnership with local churches.

#### 2019 Overview:

In contrast with previous years, U Aid activities and funding of projects during 2019 have been constrained.

#### Regulatory Requirements:

U Aid members attend a variety of Australian church denominations, U Aid as an organisation is not connected to any specific Australian Church.

Following introduced regulatory guidelines U Aid was restructured during 2018 to assist compliance with introduced legal and regulatory requirements with new processes implemented when providing funds internationally.

In communications, our interpreter Lena McInnes proved invaluable with translation of emails and telephone calls to our Ukraine connections however, members have not received satisfactory confirmation responses from Ukraine.

After restructure we also investigated possible new projects in Ukraine through known operatives with connections to disability services, drug rehabilitation centres and orphanages. No resulting projects were established although linking with and supporting new projects is still a focus.

#### Website Development:

During 2019 Lenny McInnes enthusiastically led progression of a new website for U Aid to promote mission activity and subsequently boost membership. The team continue to move forward in its development while at the same time also ensuring privacy and confidentiality for our aid recipients.

#### **Financial Status**

Due to new processes implemented when providing funds internationally combined with unsuitable confirmation of members issues and concerns outlined above U Aid's funding assistance has been on hold this past year. For details please refer to the U Aid Financial Report.

#### Members and Supporters

During 2019 membership and supporters decreased. We acknowledge the loyalty and generous support provided over the years. In particular, U Aid acknowledges the devotion and commitment of Guy and Glenda and lift all our past members and supporters in prayer for God's blessing and comfort.

#### **2020 OUTLOOK**

#### Vision

U Aid's future can be effective in continuing to support the church in Ukraine and the wider Slavic communities of Eastern Europe, however further fundamentals need to be in place to strengthen effectiveness and accountability.

#### **Management Committee Elections**

Our last AGM was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 where the Treasurer was elected for a 2year term. Prior to this at the 2018 AGM President and Secretary were elected for a 2year term consequently these Management Committee roles are now due for election and we now call for nominations.

U Aid aims to continue to strengthen our policies and processes to better serve our members and recipients.

#### Membership and Supporter Base

U Aid is currently investigating partnership opportunities with a church to strengthen its base to enable increase support opportunities and outreach.

#### U Aid Website

Progression of the website publication as a signboard to what we do and who we are will provide creditability for individuals and organizations' in endorsing or partnering with U Aid. As a natural follow on from publication of our new website we intend to look at other drives to increase our public presence through Christian conferences such as Mission Matters.

Although we have discussed the intent to conduct Short Term mission trips in 2020 – 2021 as a membership drive, this activity is unlikely due to current COVID-19 impacts.

Although challenges exist, it remains the vision of U Aid to continue and expand this ministry to provide practical and financial support.

Jeffrey Hr President

U Aid Incorporated

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial report of U Aid Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2019 is presented herewith. The Management Committee is responsible for the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under the entity's constitution.

The association keeps financial records in a way to properly record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities and is a true and fair view of the financial position of U Aid Incorporated as at 31 December 2019 and the results of its cash flows for the year then ended.

### STATEMENTY BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

In the opinion of the members of the Board of Management:

- 1. (a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Incorporated Association for the year ended 31 December 2019.
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Incorporated Association as at 31 December 2019.
- 2. As at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Incorporated Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- 3. The accounts of the Incorporated Association have been prepared in accordance with the Queensland Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (as amended).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management.

President

Dated:

Treasurer

#### FINANCE REPORT

## U AID INCORPORATED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### Note 1 – Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The Management Committee has determined that this financial report is a special purpose report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations' Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981 (as amended). The Committee has determined the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations' Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981 (as amended).

The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period, unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

#### (a) Non-Current Assets

The Management Committee has determined that no depreciation be calculated this year.

#### (b) GST

All elements in the Profit & Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet are stated inclusive of GST.

## U Aid Incorporated Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 31 December 2019

Income	\$	\$
Donations EFT	925.80	
Donations Cash	80.00	
Total Income		1,005.80
Expenditure		
Government fees - Incorporation	55.35	
Website construction	660.00	
Total Expenditure		<u>715.35</u>
Current Year Income		<u>\$290.45</u>

## U Aid Incorporated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019

**Assets** 

Cash at Bank \$14,993.49

Total Current Assets \$14,993.49

**Total Assets** \$14,993.49

Liabilities

Current Liabilities Nil

Total Liabilities Nil

**Net Assets** \$14,993.49

Represented by:

Opening members Funds as at 1 January

2019 \$14,703.04 Current Year Surplus \$290.45

**Closing Members Funds** 

\$14,993.49

#### **OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

U Aid is constantly on the lookout for opportunities to bring humanitarian aid and the gospel to people hungry for God's Word and assists churches in their work of evangelisation. This involves partnership in the ministry of the gospel through:

- The ministry of the word (teaching and literature distribution)
- Support of local pastors and their families
- · Assisting in small business development to support gospel ministry
- Assisting with financial and humanitarian needs
- Provide support to build prayer houses (churches)
- Short term teams (in partnership with local churches in the region)
- Other works of service (such as a prayer partner network).

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & THANK YOU**

U Aid acknowledges the valued support of members, volunteers, and supporters who through the years have dedicated their time, effort and resources to support this mission and outreach locations in Ukraine.

We highly value and recognise your faith and support in progressing the legacy of our founding patrons Harold and Anna Symons from formation and through these recent times of transformation into an incorporated association.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

U Aid receives no funding from government and is run by volunteers with a passion for the mission. Your assistance through practical aids and support for the expansion of the gospel in Ukraine and other eastern European communities is greatly appreciated.

#### Become a member or volunteer

To register as a member contact U Aid's Secretary for details as <a href="mailto:UAidInc@gmail.com">UAidInc@gmail.com</a>

#### Make a donation

Direct debit to: National Australia Bank

Account Name: U Aid Incorporated

BSB: 084 852 Account Number: 72-824-9618

#### Other ways you can help our cause

If you have suggestions for other areas to help contact the secretary on <a href="UAidInc@gmail.com">UAidInc@gmail.com</a>

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