



**2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

Kids Outreach International Ltd

ACN 085 680 673

Our mission

Principal Objects:

Kids Outreach International Limited is an international interdenominational Christian charity and humanitarian aid organisation dedicated to improving the lot of children throughout the world, particularly focusing on the nations of Eastern Europe and West Asia, and other economically distressed nations.

Objectives:

KOI aims at a world in which people, particularly Christians of all denominations, can live and exercise their faith in freedom and confess it in all countries of the world.

KOI therefore supports the implementation of Article 18 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights stipulating that “everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this includes freedom to change his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance”.

KOI will minister the love of the Lord Jesus Christ into the lives of the children and their families through all its activities and programs.

KOI will extend development aid, cultural exchange, Christian and secular education, medical and dental assistance, and direct material help to endangered and suffering people, particularly including homeless and institutionalized children. It will help them to build up, secure and improve a basis of existence for themselves and their families.

Such aid will also be extended to co-operation with, and with the support of, other charitable organisations. KOI is in sympathy with the aims and objectives of likeminded Christian organisations.

While maintaining its independence of any church or political organisation, KOI will co-operate with all Christian communities who acknowledge and live the bible as the inspired Word of God, and who work for the guarantee of freedom of religion and conscience.

Our vision

To fulfil KOI's purpose, any suitable measures may be undertaken, including but not limited to

- cultural exchange,
- education including Christian education, technology, teaching English to speakers of other languages,
- medical and dental assistance
- drug and other chemical substance abuse education and support programs
- special youth programs, and
- other material aid.

These activities will be provided to children and their families through invitations from and in conjunction with local youth and humanitarian organisations.

KOI aims to involve the complete cross-section of the whole Australian and regional Christian community by sending teams on exchange to undertake these activities.

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SECTION 1**AN OVERVIEW OF KIDS OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL LTD****ABOUT US**

Kids Outreach International Limited is an international interdenominational Christian charity and humanitarian aid organisation dedicated to improving the lot of children throughout the world, particularly focusing on the emerging nations of Eastern Europe and West Asia, and other economically distressed nations.

KOI projects:

- Love for Kids – Russia and Estonia Outreaches & Life Skills (preventative health programs)
- Step up to the Mission
- Family Homes for Orphans
- StepUp Against Slavery
- Campus Connexions (Universities)
- Police-Community Engagement

OUR HISTORY

Kids Outreach International Ltd was established on 24 December 1998.

Founding members of KOI were John Donovan, Heikki Kivimaki, Kari Lehelma, Greg Nielsen, Kari Rummukainen and Mark van der Veer.

OUR PEOPLE**Board members**

Name	Position	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
John Donovan	President	12/03/2005 -
Ross Kelly	Vice President	05/04/2013 -
Roger Nicoll	Secretary	11/03/2005 -
Taru Kohonen	Honorary Treasurer	10/03/2007 -
Kari Lehelma	Executive Director	24/12/1998 -
Antti Haavisto	Director	11/04/2014 -
Risto Rummukainen	Director	12/03/2005 -

Employees

Name	Position	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
Kari Lehelma	Executive Director (Full time) (Part time)	1/3/1999 – 1/5/2016 2/5/2016 –
Taru Kohonen	Administrator	1/3/1999 – 31/8/2020

Volunteers

Name	Position	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
John Donovan	Estonia coordinator	
Markku Helin	- Life skills coordinator - Relationships with Russian counterparts	

OUR SUPPORTERS

<u>PLATINUM</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
	
Action Interiors Pty Ltd	Office Partners International Pty Ltd

STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

Kids Outreach International Ltd is a public company limited by guarantee registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

KOI operates with very small staff consisting of the Executive Director and one support staff to coordinate and manage activities.

The Executive Director reports to a board elected by the members.

The majority of the hands-on activities are performed by self-funded volunteers.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr John Donovan

2020: In review

For KOI, 2020 was a year of disappointment and frustration for our leaders, staff and volunteers.

The global COVID-19 situation made it impossible for us to conduct one last set of activities in Russia and to cancel the planned volunteer trips to Estonia scheduled for the northern summer of 2020. The risks of the epidemic and the global restrictions on travel also meant that our coordinators in Finland and Australia were unable to travel to keep up personal contacts with Real Help for People and other key contacts in Russia and Estonia. Fortunately, the relationships with our local partners remained strong and the board agreed to reschedule the 2020 activities in 2021, hoping the situation would improve. As we know this has not come to pass.

This rescheduling of activities also meant that the plan to close down KOI was also postponed by the directors until after the planned activities in the middle of 2021 were complete.

The Commonwealth government's job-keeper assistance allowed us to support our paid staff, but as the situation presented a much longer horizon, it was necessary to close the office in July and to make our fulltime administrator redundant in August so that the company could remain viable for activities to resume in 2021. Since August the company relied upon the part-time executive director and volunteers to maintain a low level of activity for the rest of the year.

The COVID-19 situation meant staffing and activity reductions for a large part of the financial year. So, despite the significant reduction in outreach income, the year ended with a small surplus as a buffer for resuming activities in 2021. Commonwealth Government support and careful stewardship made this possible.

2021: Going forward

Now that the COVID-19 situation has not eased globally, the directors have reactivated the plan to close the company down and are recommending to the members that the company voluntarily liquidated with a target date in September 2021.

On a personal note, after more than 25 years association with KOI and its predecessor organisations, I sadly offer my deepest gratitude to our staff, particularly Kari Lehelmä and Taru Kohonen, our board and volunteers who have made a deep impact in our partners and the children they have met. And it is with great sadness as we pre-empt the end of an era.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr Kari Lehelma

Kids Outreach International Ltd	<p>The plan for the future of KOI is currently to run outreaches to Russia, Estonia and Ukraine in June-July 2020 as usual. All KOI operations would cease after the outreach season and the organisation will close down.</p>																		
Project Activities 2020:																			
Love for Kids – Russia outreach Step Up to the Mission	<p>Outreach 2020 had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but the plan is to review the situation in the early 2021 whether one last outreach to Russia and Estonia in June-July 2021 can be arranged. At the end of 2020, the projection is that it is very unlikely to happen.</p>																		
Family Homes for Orphans	<p>Family Homes for Orphans project was discontinued as at 30 June 2020 and all the accumulated funds were remitted to The Stekolchikov family's needs in Vladivostok.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="480 1048 1406 1193"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total funds since the beginning of the project in 2008:</th> <th>Income (inc. 15%)</th> <th>KOI charge (15%)</th> <th>Expense</th> <th>Sent to Russia</th> <th>Current balance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>400,148.75</td> <td>41,090.13</td> <td>17,315.59</td> <td>341,743.04</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1/1/20- 30/6/20:</td> <td>1,440.25</td> <td>216.04</td> <td>22.38</td> <td>5,141.53</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Total funds since the beginning of the project in 2008:	Income (inc. 15%)	KOI charge (15%)	Expense	Sent to Russia	Current balance		400,148.75	41,090.13	17,315.59	341,743.04	\$0.00	1/1/20- 30/6/20:	1,440.25	216.04	22.38	5,141.53	
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StepUp Against Slavery	<p>Donations to StepUp against Slavery project were received until 30 June 2020 when the project was discontinued. All the accumulated funds were cleared and remitted to Samaria's Rose Project.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="480 1429 1283 1585"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total funds since the beginning of the project in 2012:</th> <th>Income (inc. 15%)</th> <th>KOI charge (15%)</th> <th>Expenses and funds released</th> <th>Current balance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>55,617.84</td> <td>7,875.39</td> <td>47,742.46</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1/1/20- 30/6/20:</td> <td>1,280.00</td> <td>192.00</td> <td>2,916.41</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Rose Home is a place for recovery of rescued victims of sex trafficking. Victims come from Finland's victim assistance system and the cost of care is funded by the Finnish Government.</p>	Total funds since the beginning of the project in 2012:	Income (inc. 15%)	KOI charge (15%)	Expenses and funds released	Current balance		55,617.84	7,875.39	47,742.46	\$0.00	1/1/20- 30/6/20:	1,280.00	192.00	2,916.41				
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OUR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is unlikely that an outreach can be arranged in 2021, but the final decision will be done in the early 2021.

It has been planned that Kids Outreach International Ltd will be closing down at the end of September 2021.

SECTION 3**OUR FINANCES****TREASURER'S REPORT****Ms Taru Kohonen**

The financial pressure of Kids Outreach International Ltd was lifted as a result of the Australian Government's financial assistance in the form of JobKeeper and Cash flow boost due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There was not the usual outreach income nor the expenses in 2020, but the running expenses and wages were still running as normal.

The turnover of the organisation does not require a mandatory audit or finance review, even though the board has agreed to get an independent reviewer to give a statement to ensure the transparency of the organisation's finances. The review was regarded as unnecessary in 2020, but it will be performed in 2021 before the final close down of KOI.

SECTION 4**OUR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION****ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & THANK YOU****Corporate & community partners**

Real Help for People Fund – St. Petersburg

Estonian Pentecostal Church (EKNK)

Fida International, especially the Health Promotion team – Finland

Australian Hyva Sanoma Inc.

Canberra International Church Inc.

Missions Interlink

Australian Christian Churches International Missions

KOI has a memorandum of understanding with ACC International Missions (ACC World Missions) that endorses the Love for Kids – Russia project. Kari Lehelma is an associate missionary with ACC-IM.

Key Volunteers

Markku Helin – Liaison with Fida International Health Promotion team

John Donovan – Relationships in Estonia

Others

Simeon Flit – St. Petersburg, interpreter

Ps Ilya Astavyev – Real Help for People President

Members**Board members**

John Donovan

Ross Kelly

Roger Nicoll

Taru Kohonen

Kari Lehelma

Antti Haavisto

Risto Rummukainen

Associate members as at 31 December 2020

ABETZ J	HENDERSON J	LAWLER L	PAPINNIEMI L	ROSS I
ARMSTRONG	KAEL T	LEWTHWAITE S	PECH H	RUDD L
BAKER I	KOIKKALAINEN E	MARKEY A	PESONEN P	VAN BERKEL J
GREEN K	KOSTIAINEN K	MARKEY M	PESONEN V	
GREENWOOD K	LAWLER K	MINNAAR E	ROSS J	

500 Club members as at 31 December 2020

500 Club has been ceased.

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