Annual Report

For Wings of Grace International April 1,2023- March 31, 2024

2023 was a relatively quiet year financially for Wings of Grace International. A number of grant applications were made but have thus far yielded nothing.

We continue to prepare for our next project in the Tulear District of Southern Madagascar which was initially set at 500 tanks, but which has been reduced to 250, as our field partners (Anglican Church of Tulear) feel more able to manage a project this size and follow-up correctly afterwards.

Via Bishop Samitiana from the Anglican Church in Tulear, there has been communication with the central government (prime minister), requesting that the tanks not be taxed. This was refused, but he was told that there would be no import duties if we brought them in from outside Madagascar. We checked with suppliers in Mauritius and Kenya where prices of tanks are much more reasonable, but safe, cost effective transport of the tanks seem impossible and prevented us from continuing to follow this idea.

With the help of our field partners, we seem to have found a solution which will work. We currently have 30% of the needed amount on our account with a pledge of 30 tanks waiting on the sidelines.

The same project in smaller proportion in the Mahajanga region was rejected because of a change in clergy and the residents desiring wells instead of tanks.

In February, the OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) informed us that our ties to Scotland were too negligible and that we would lose our registration at the beginning of April. We asked if having a Scottish vice chairperson and a Scottish address would allow us to maintain our registrationthe response was positive. Thus, Patrick Phancao will be stepping down as Vice-Chair for WoGI Scotland and Les and Diana Turner will both be stepping into that role. We welcome them and thank them for helping us to maintain our registration with the OSCR!

In the past year, Cathy Storms and Renata Chovanova of New Creation Church in Toronto have graciously helped us to show our accounts more clearly (required to post online for the OSCR).

Thus far we were showing only spending as the multiple currencies and exchange rates and bank fees were too challenging for me to show clearly. As we've been working with a policy of 100% of donations being used for the field, it seemed valid, but this is far more precise and allows potential donors more confidence regarding the use of donations.

At the close of our 2023 financial year, our WoGI Scotland/WISE account was showing exactly £883.67; our PostFinance and PayPal accounts were at

approximately 13k CHF, and our tithe account (with Raiffeisen) is sitting at approximately 4300 CHF.

We are now aiming to carry out the Madagascar project before the end of 2024, but clearly it depends on having finances available to purchase tanks and pay for the transport to the south.

Earlier this year we received a request from our co-worker on the field in Western Province in Kenya for additional tanks for Sigulu Island in Uganda. Our last project there was in 2016 and a minimum of 100 tanks would be now be good, 150 if possible.

If finances are available at the time of the Madagascar project or soon after, it will be a strong possibility in 2025.

This is the conclusion of the annual report for 2023.

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