The Irc report is as follows...

We as a committee have helped out the international community in many areas, starting with the updates of the website. With the new website we had to make sure the meetings were correct and accurate. Russia and India were one of the first countries to reach out and tell us that there were updates that needed to be done. Our Russian speaking IRC member was able to update these groups and the virtual ones too. India was nice enough send us updates too. Isreal reached out asking to get permission to translate more of our GA approved literature when we found out they had translated UK books, so the committee explained to be a GA approved group they must use our literature. The website had five meetings, and they told us they have 24 groups now. So I sent out a new group form and waiting for them to filled them out for all the groups. Also, there were inquiries about gammon. Iran contacted me with their new trustee; they had two spots approved but only one trustee. Now they have two.

We received questions about starting meetings and being official from Peru which I tried helping them out. Also, we had calls for help with finances and getting to virtual meetings that we had to explain that we cannot help financially but support their access to groups and recovery. They calls came from many countries such as Indonesia and South Africa.

Our GA brothers and sisters from Spain Argentina and Mexico have taken the task to translate the new version of the Blue Book, the process took over a year and has now been published and is available through the ISO. Mexico has purchased the first 200 and will soon be ordering more. The committee members from Mexico are constantly updating the website and helping where needed. Our IRC member from Argentina has been busy at work helping Chile and other countries and they are having a convention this year along with Spain. Mexico had one last year.

Finally, our IRC member has been helping Russia has also assisted in trying to answer emails from Turkey who have not followed up. He has also been helping GA virtual meeting that speak Russian in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Belarus, Azerbaijan. He has also helped Russian speaking individuals from Canada, Poland and Germany.

We look forward to continuing this important task of helping the international GA community as we grow.

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