

# MUSTARD SEED MINISTRIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1025456

## Details

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**Other names** MSM

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1993-09-09

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PARTICULAR IN CAMBODIA

**Activities:** MSM's passion is to see lives transformed in the UK and overseas through the love of Jesus Christ, so everything we do is with this in mind. Overseas MSM supports projects to bring a positive change to the physical & spiritual lives of people inc orphans, special needs, elderly and disadvantaged. In the UK we run Personal Choice community project supporting the wellbeing of people in Portsmouth.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bangladesh
- Philippines
- Portsmouth City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£169,505	£155,524	-	-
2024-07-31	£156,214	£134,480	-	-
2023-07-31	£130,842	£138,139	-	-
2022-07-31	£82,468	£93,154	-	-
2021-07-31	£33,930	£77,887	-	-
2020-07-31	£67,973	£135,689	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Andre Philip Cowdery</b>	Chair	2023-03-29
ANDREW JOHN ROOK		
Kathleen Anne Hand		2014-09-28
LAURA SUNITA ROOK		
Rev Stephen Potter		

**MUSTARD SEED MINISTRIES**

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 08	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 07	Year 2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

40 Highland Road	
Southsea	
Hampshire	
Postcode	PO4 9AH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andre Cowdery	Chair		
2	Stephen Potter			
3	Kathleen Hand			
4	Andrew Rook			
5	Laura Rook			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Lloyds	113 Commercial Road, Portsmouth PO1 1BY

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

Gillian Reilly-Davidson CEO

**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed dated 16.07.1993
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and induction. Once appointed trustees are introduced to their role and given copies of the Trust Deed relevant policies, guidelines adopted by MSM. To ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under the Charities Act they are given publications from the Charity Commission including the guidance on public benefit.

At the trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, financial monitoring, reserves and management policies and performance. The day to day administration of the Trust and grants including the processing and handling of applications prior to consideration by the trustees is delegated to the Chief Executive. A part time Project Manager and a full time Project Coordinator are employed to deliver the Personal Choice project in the UK.

The trustees give their time freely and receive no payment or other financial benefit.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance the Christian religion (in particular in Cambodia)

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The objects of the charity remain as set out in the Trust Deed of 1993, to advance the Christian Religion (in particular in Cambodia). The reference to Cambodia is being reviewed by the trustees.

Mustard Seed Ministries aims to bring the love of Jesus to as many people as possible both in the UK and overseas, so everything the charity does is with this in mind. MSM seeks to reflect the grace, kindness and compassion of God for all people by reaching out to meet both their physical and spiritual needs.

Each year the trustees review MSM's activities to ensure they continue to meet and reflect the charities aims. Within this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commissions Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As a genuine expression of our aim of advancing Christianity we are providing public benefit through:

- carrying out/supporting, as a practical expression of faith, activities to relieve/prevent poverty and to advance education
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children/adults
- contributing to good mental and physical health and well being
- social care

In overseas work the trustees believe MSM can deliver most benefit by supporting Christian organisations, projects, missionaries, Pastors, Churches and individuals who are working on the ground to advance Christianity in a range of ways:

- church outreach and social work programs, including feeding programs, after school project/club, relief missions
- children's homes
- homes for people with special needs
- missionary and outreach work
- bible college training

MSM has helped the above in India, Bangladesh, Philippines, Myanmar and Uganda supporting them to bring a positive change to the physical and spiritual lives of men and women.

In the UK the Charity has provided benefit to the public primarily through the activities and services of Personal Choice at the Oasis Centre. It is open 5 days a week to support the well being of local people. Some of the specific public benefit we have provided during the year includes:

- A safe place to visit and meet with others and access opportunities
- Free support and advice on any problems and issue and to improve access to benefits, health and other resources
- Free access to basic computer skills and other social activities
- Social groups including motivational and faith inspired talks
- Lunch Club and Job Club
- Opportunities to 'belong', to volunteer, and to participate in activities
- Pastoral support  
Food Pantry

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Statement on Grant making:

#### 1. Charitable purpose and objective

The trustees apply the funds of Mustard Seed Ministries at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity.

#### 2. Priorities for support

The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are:

The advancement of the Christian faith within Portsmouth and the immediate area and main focus on projects MSM is in relationship with in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines and Uganda.

#### 3. Principles applied in determining support

In awarding grants the trustees will apply the following principles:

- 3.1. The trustee will consider any requests or known situations that are eligible for consideration: from any geographical area within the UK and overseas and from organisations and individuals alike
- 3.2. Each request or situation will be considered on its own merits
- 3.3. The trustees will carry out sufficient due diligence to ensure that the request or situation meets both the charitable purposes, and the priorities for support set out in this policy.
- 3.4. The trustees are content to work in partnership with other grant making bodies where funding of an entire project is beyond the scope of any single organisation

#### 4. Applicant and partner due diligence

The trustee will carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary to ensure:

- The identity of the beneficiary
- That funds are applied in accordance with the charity's charitable purposes
- That funds are knowingly used for: money laundering in accordance with the operative Money Laundering regulations; Terrorist financing in accordance with the Terrorist Act 2000; Bribery in accordance with the

## 5. Administration

5.1. For smaller grants, requests may be made informally. Where specific needs or situations are known, grants may be made at the discretion of the trustees without any form of request.

5.2. for larger grants, trustees should be confident:

- Of the purpose of the proposed grant including an understanding of the work and the way in which the grant will be managed and applied
- Of the person(s) responsible for the management of the grant and for overseeing the work;
- That suitable safeguarding practices are in place in cases where the applicant works with children or vulnerable adults;

5.3. Where the grant is for a specified project or purpose, and in situations where that purpose does not proceed or where any grant or part of thereof remains unused, unused funds must be returned.

Mustard Seed Ministries has been operational for thirty years and has only employed 1.5 paid staff for the last nine years, exclusively to deliver the Personal Choice project. So the vital role of volunteers in the work of MSM including Personal Choice is of immense value. Personal Choice is reliant on its volunteers for the delivery of so many activities and acknowledges the great benefit of local people supporting people in their community.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

### Achievements and Performance

**i) UK Personal Choice Portsmouth -:** Providing Support and Building Community

#### Introduction:

Personal Choice is a project of Mustard Seed Ministries charity, developed eleven years ago to respond to the needs of the local community. It aims to help address the social and economic disadvantage of people in Portsmouth particularly those in the most disadvantaged ward of Charles Dickens where the project is based. It also sits in the 10% most deprived areas in the country for health deprivation and we see this reflected in our data where 46% of service users say they have some type of disability or health condition.

#### Services Offered:

MSM employ a Project Coordinator and part time Project Manager to offer a holistic service with easily accessible advice, support and activities. Open Monday – Friday 10-5 we offer a drop in advice centre, computer/job club, chair exercise, lunch club, range of social and activity groups, 'Tea, Coffee, Chat', Food Pantry and annual trip.

This year, Personal Choice has continued to serve as a vibrant hub for the local community. The project's long-term stability has allowed us to deliver essential services that significantly improve the well-being of those we serve. By providing a variety of targeted activities, we have

been able to address critical issues such as financial hardship, food insecurity, loneliness, and social isolation.

#### Recognising and Addressing Financial Hardship:

Supporting our community through the ongoing cost of living crisis has continued to be a major priority this year. In our area of high deprivation, many residents are experiencing significant financial hardship and the understandable anxiety that comes with it. Understanding these struggles, which are compounded by pre-existing deprivation, has continued to be a major focus for us.

We've actively helped residents navigate these challenges by: reviewing budgets, bills, and debts; maximising income; promoting energy efficiency; raising awareness of support; registering as a 'Welcome Place' offering warm refreshments alongside the above during the winter and operating a food pantry.

*"I honestly don't know what I would have done without your help. You sat with me and sorted out my benefits, and you found ways to get my bills down. For the first time in a long time, I feel like I can finally breathe again."*

Recognising the need for food security, we opened The Oasis Pantry in 2022 to provide affordable, healthy food and support with dignity, choice and hope to people in our community. The Pantry is working really well and has become a valued resource supporting on average 30 people/families each session. The Pantry integrates with 'Tea, Coffee, Chat' drop-in creating a welcoming space for connection and support and negating the need for members to queue outside whilst waiting to shop.

*"shopping at The Pantry makes a big difference to us each week, I love the free fruit and vegetables I wouldn't normally buy that supplement and improve our diet. I was so grateful for the extra free items I could choose from the pantry's festive shelf in the weeks up to Christmas. I was very anxious when I first came but now I look forward to it, it's helping my family and gives me the chance to get out and meet and socialise with other local people"*

The Pantry has successfully transitioned to operating without a dedicated Coordinator. Our initial Coordinator laid a solid foundation, establishing a highly skilled team of volunteers who now perform many of the coordination duties. This transition reflects a strong, committed volunteer base and contributes significantly to the long-term sustainability of the project.

Receipts from Pantry Members totalled £6,920 and grants totalling £24,947 were secured from The Household Support Fund, Co-op Foundation, Tesco Groundworks and The Partnership. A balance of £33,718 is carried forward to 2024-2025.

**Project Outcomes/Benefits:**

The positive feedback and consistent demand for our activities are encouraging indicators of the project's impact. 722 people have accessed Personal Choice this year and 67% of these are new people. We are meeting and exceeding project indicators highlighting the impact on social connections and informed choices listed below:

**Support:** The project provides information and advice on benefits, finances, and other issues.

**Connection:** People report feeling less isolated and more connected through project activities.

**Empowerment:** Participants develop skills, gain confidence, and boost their self-esteem.

**Inclusivity and Community:**

The project has received significant feedback highlighting its role as a safe and inclusive space for the community. By actively promoting kindness, understanding, and a non-judgmental atmosphere, the project fosters an environment where individuals from all backgrounds feel welcome to connect. This commitment to inclusivity not only enhances overall well-being but also allows prejudice and stereotypes to be gently challenged, ensuring everyone feels accepted and valued.

*"The world isn't always kind, but it's safe here," one participant shared. "Especially if you have mental health issues, you find understanding and safety here."*

*"Have met a wide variation of people with shared experiences, which helps you feel less alone"*

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Personal Choice, and this year, 40 amazing individuals stepped up in various roles: chefs, kitchen assistants, computer club helpers, minibus drivers, welcome hosts, and more. Notably, several volunteers with learning difficulties and mental health challenges thrived in this supportive environment, finding a sense of belonging and purpose. The Pantry programme continues to see tremendous success, with 90% of volunteers being pantry members who having benefited so much they want to give back.

Personal Choice is in the third year of a five year grant from The National Lottery Reaching Communities totaling £268,980. This year's grant of £50,005 was to cover 48% of the budget.

Funds brought forward at the start of the year were £41,176 the income for the year was £84,472 and total expenditure £95,447 leaving a balance of £30,201 restricted funds to carry forward to 2025 -2026.

**Overseas Support**

**Our Inspiration:**

The name Mustard Seed Ministries draws inspiration from the Bible verse in Matthew 13:32, which describes a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, growing into a large plant that shelters birds.

**Our Approach:**

Similar to the supportive tree in the story, MSM aims to empower people and organisations already working in their communities. Instead of managing overseas projects ourselves, we prefer to support MSM.

**The Benefits:**

**Increased Impact:** By supporting existing efforts, MSM can reach more people in need

**Sustainability:** Our approach fosters self-sufficiency within organisations and communities, enabling them to thrive independently.

**Empowerment:** We respect the existing work and identity of local organizations, allowing them to grow their capacity and flourish.

The trustees believe this collaborative approach empowers more individuals and organisations while respecting their unique identities and fostering long-term sustainability

**(ii) Supporting Pastors, Churches and Christian Organisations****INDIA**

Mustard Seed Ministries (MSM) continued its ongoing support for two pastors and their churches in India. This financial assistance allows the pastors to dedicate their time and energy to their congregations and outreach ministries.

**Bangalore:**

**Global Prayer Centre Church:** Pastor Lawrence and his church actively serve the poor and needy in their community, particularly those living in slums. They support 50 children working in brick kilns and offer food and medical aid to 20 families in a leprosy colony.

**Moriah Church:** Under the leadership of Pastor Satish, Moriah Church has seen significant growth in its rural community. By August 2024, the congregation had outgrown its original facility. Construction is now underway on a new building to accommodate the growing numbers. To support the church's ongoing ministry and outreach during this year MSM provided £896 in grants.

**Mount Moriah mission** focuses on church planting, public meetings, and VBS programs. The trustees report that growth is often driven by local Hindu individuals who have been moved by testimonies of healing and

faith. Despite facing threats and persecution, a dedicated team of evangelists continues to serve nearby villages.

#### Recent Highlights & Future Goals

- **Youth Outreach:** In October 2024, the church hosted a successful three-day program for 100 young people. MSM contributed £200 toward catering costs.
- **Expansion:** Looking ahead to next year, the mission remains committed to its goal of planting new churches.

#### Andhra Pradesh

Oasis Ministries in Andhra Pradesh expanded its reach to include pastors and churches in five regions across three states: Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, and Telangana. This expansion brought 150 new pastors from rural districts under the guidance of four leading pastors.

Recognising the need for support, a trustee and church leader from MSM continued to provide monthly Bible study and teaching sessions via Skype. This remote mentoring program is proving to be invaluable for these new pastors and their churches. It equips them with biblical knowledge and encouragement, fostering their spiritual and physical growth, especially in the face of growing persecution. They are increasingly out reaching to new rural villages and they have started to give 2 hours daily tuition/food to children from broken homes and families impacted by addiction.

#### MSM Provides Financial Support to Pastors and Little Angels Orphanage

This year, MSM awarded a total of £20,773 in grants to support pastors in India and Little Angels Orphanage.

##### **Supporting Pastors (£10,848):**

MSM provided monthly grants to help cover the cost of meals for teaching and fellowship sessions.

Pastors also received small monthly grants and gifts to support their ministry.

##### **Christmas Outreach (£4,685):**

MSM funded Christmas programs organised by churches, including gifts like clothes for pastors' families, saris for widows, and musical instruments.

Additional support was provided for Little Angels Orphanage's Christmas celebration, including blankets and warm clothes for the children.

##### **Additional Grants:**

Grants totalling £910 were given to cover urgent medical expenses for seriously ill pastors. £960 to support widows business set ups, £500 for flood victim support kits in response to the heavy monsoon, £2,650 to support education costs and £220 for VBS children Christian education program.

## PHILIPPINES

### 3J2 Bible Centre Church: Serving the Community in Iligan City

**Leading the Way:** Pastor Stephen Villaester, his wife Sonia, and their two sons lead a passionate church community striving to serve the people of Iligan City and Lanao del Norte in the Philippines.

**Facing Challenges:** The closure of the National Steel Corporation and related businesses created significant hardship, leading to unemployment, poverty, and associated problems like malnutrition, drug addiction, and pollution.

**Providing Hope:** Since 2004, the church has run a weekly feeding program, typically held at the local volleyball court, serving 120-180 children from the nearby dumpsite and surrounding areas. The program includes meals, games, praise and worship, and Bible stories, offering both physical and spiritual nourishment. Through the program and home visits, church members have built relationships with families, and some have even begun attending church and receiving support.

Recognising the importance of the feeding program's future, MSM supported registering it as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) to gain legal status, improve operational stability, and attract new funding sources. The NGO is named "Kadangpan Inc.," which translates to "Refuge" or "Shelter." Its focus areas are:

**Protection:** Safeguarding children from abuse and exploitation.

**Education:** Seeking organizations that offer scholarship programs for the children.

**Food and Livelihood:** Continuing the feeding program and providing livelihood support for the parents.

**MSM's Support:** In 2024-2025, MSM provided grants totalling £3,150 to support the church's efforts. This included: £2,200 for the feeding program: Including £400 for a Christmas party for 200 children; £550 to support Pastor Villaester, his ministry to the feeding program and other community initiatives. This includes his role as Executive Director of the Moral Recovery Program serving 86 local offices of the Government and National Line Agencies.

### Purple Community Fund: Empowering Families in the Philippines

**Vision:** The Purple Community Fund (PCF) envisions a clear path out of poverty for all children and families living and working in dumpsites and squatter areas across the Philippines.

PCF tackles poverty at its roots through a comprehensive approach that encompasses education, health, nutrition, spiritual guidance, and livelihood programs. Their work is guided by strong values that transcend religion, race, and political affiliations.

One of PCF's initiatives focuses on empowering women to escape the cycle of poverty by transitioning them away from litter picking. This program utilises a unique solution involving up cycled products: They collect large quantities of ring pulls from used cans and transform them into beautiful bags, purses, and jewellery.

MSM's Contribution:

Raising awareness in the UK: Engaging, businesses, and individuals to collect ring pulls.

Collecting over 40kg of ring pulls this year to support PCF's livelihood program and the women it empowers.

## **BANGLADESH**

### **Faith & Fellowship in Bangladesh: Sharing the Gospel and Supporting the Community**

Established in 2019 by Pastor Andrew Khokon Halder, Oasis Ministries is a vibrant mission dedicated to sharing the Gospel and building the Kingdom of God. The ministry focuses 75% of its outreach on reaching Hindu neighbours, while the remaining 25% supports Christian youth, children, and the elderly. With long-standing support from MSM, this vision has flourished into a growing community of believers who currently meet in a temporary space for weekly worship.

A key part of their outreach is a much-needed school that serves 43 children. Through a grant from MSM, the ministry employs a teacher and provides essential educational materials, further strengthening their relationship with the local Hindu community.

This year, MSM provided total grants of £2,240 to support the ministry's ongoing work. This included £450 for a Pre-Christmas event, a joyful day of singing, dancing, and prayer. During the celebration, the true meaning of Christmas was shared, followed by a fellowship meal and the distribution of gifts. The event was a wonderful success, seeing great participation and engagement from the local community.

Significant milestones this year include a successful youth seminar where 65 young people committed to active evangelism, as well as a thriving Sunday school serving 32 children. Having already purchased land with

the help of MSM, the ministry's urgent prayer and priority is to construct a permanent church building to better nurture its growing congregation. Looking ahead, Oasis Ministries aims to establish a Bible School for leadership training and launch a dedicated school for children in local Hindu areas, continuing its mission to be a "candle that gives light to all."

### **NEPAL**

#### **Pastor Pandey Karna Nepal Bible Fellowship, Kathmandu**

The Nepal Bible Fellowship is a small but vibrant church. Led by a pastor and his wife who share a deep heart for their community, the congregation is experiencing encouraging growth. The church remains active in the surrounding areas through regular outreach and evangelistic programs, including their anniversary celebrations in April and a busy Christmas season featuring three outreach events and ten carol services.

Recently, Western Nepal was severely impacted by monsoon flooding, which brought significant hardship to the pastor's family and the local community. In response to this crisis, MSM sent £205 to provide much-needed support during this difficult time.

#### **(iii) Children's Homes**

#### **Pastor Ling Choi LIFE Myanmar Outreach Ministry (formerly Life Mission Ministry)**

After six years of online communication, a long-awaited meeting finally took place in February 2015. The CEO and Fieldwork Coordinator met Pastor Ling Choi, leader of LIFE Ministries, in person. LIFE Ministries operates a home for 30 orphaned children and a church in Yangon. Their mission extends beyond Yangon, reaching out to impoverished and isolated communities, and tribal areas, particularly in Chin State. They achieve this through regular outreach programs and by establishing new churches.

Recent years have been incredibly difficult for LIFE Ministries. The COVID-19 pandemic and the military coup that began in February 2021 presented significant challenges. Martial law led to bank closures and internet disruptions, making communication and sending funds nearly impossible. This unfortunately impacted our ability to financially support them.

Despite these hardships and ongoing civil war, LIFE Ministries persevere in their important work. They continue to support the children's home, church members, and indigenous missionary families. Their Christmas evangelism outreach reached 1000 people on the streets, in shopping malls and playgrounds.

#### **Orphanage - Myanmar**

This orphanage in a rural part of Chin State and is run by one young man who is caring for 30 children. MSM have previously given small grants to assist with medical bills and Christmas program. Unfortunately the challenges of the civil war have made communication impossible and the trustees are hoping this will be restored.

#### **True Light Christian Centre - Uganda**

The centre in Bugiri is supporting increasing numbers of orphans and needy children, up to 450 in many ways including education and tuition. MSM gave two grants totaling £520 to help purchase food and clothes for their Christmas and Easter programs. *'We thank you so much for loving us and standing with us to serve these children. The Christmas support helped us to feed and bless the growing children's ministry in True Light Bishop Mbatire*

#### **(iv) Home for Special Needs**

##### **Little Angels Home for Special Needs, Goa, India**

Pedro and Genilda Lima, missionaries and social workers, witnessed many cases of children and adults with special needs lacking proper care in India. This inspired them to create Little Angels Trust in 2007.

#### **A Safe and Encouraging Environment**

Little Angels Trust offers a loving and supportive environment for children and adults with special needs. They focus on education and training to help residents express their talents and become as independent as possible. While the project has a Christian foundation, it welcomes people from all backgrounds.

#### **MSM's Contribution**

This year, MSM donated £10,320 to support Little Angels' monthly running costs and education expenses. This included £500 for Christmas and New Year celebrations, and £500 for funeral costs.

#### **Providing Care and Opportunity**

This year Little Angels provided a safe haven for 22 boys and adults, 11 adult men some of whom attend vocational training centres for adults with different special needs and 11 boys who attend a school for children with special educational needs.

The local authority recently asked Little Angels to care for a six-year-old boy whose mother had been imprisoned, leaving him with no other family. When he arrived, he was non-verbal and not toilet trained. Thanks to the dedicated care and love from the staff and fellow residents, he has shown considerable improvement. The staff are now collaborating with medical professionals to secure a formal diagnosis and develop a long-

term plan to support his well-being.

### **Sustainability and Growth**

Situated on rural Chorao Island, Little Angels utilises agriculture as both a therapeutic outlet and a source of food production, cultivating rice and vegetables to help meet the home's needs. To further foster self-sufficiency, the ministry established an on-site bakery where residents learn to bake bread and cakes for local supermarkets and fairs. This year, significant progress was made with the construction of a dedicated bakery and shop building, which is currently awaiting the installation of its storefront windows. To ensure the project's long-term success, MSM supported the enrolment of one of the older boys in a college certification program to acquire professional bakery skills. These milestones bring the ministry closer to its vision of opening a permanent bakery and café on the premises.

### **(v) Missionary and outreach work**

#### **Support of Full Time Missionaries - India**

For the past twenty years, MSM has been a strong supporter of Pedro and Genilda Lima's work and vision. These Brazilian missionaries and social workers have dedicated over two decades to serving the poor and disadvantaged in India.

Pedro and Genilda's extensive experience, unwavering commitment, and passion for helping children have transformed countless lives. They are the heart and soul of Little Angels Home for Special Needs, serving as hands-on managers. Their compassion extends beyond Little Angels, having previously served as house parents at Shallom House and continuing to mentor many young people there, even supporting some through bible school training.

The trustees at MSM are deeply grateful for Pedro, Genilda, and their staff's incredible work. They provide a safe and secure haven for boys and men with various physical and mental health needs. MSM provided grants totalling £2,500 to support Pedro and Genilda personally this year.

### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

MSM's policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to three months unrestricted payments.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds for overseas work, are regular monthly giving and sundry donations. The trustees extend their sincere thanks to all sponsors and donors for their faithful support and generosity.

MSM is extremely grateful for the legacy received this year; grants from The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund; HiWCF; Hive & Hive Portsmouth Lottery; PCC Household Support Fund, Agility ES; Coop Foundation; The Partnership and donations from the Pompey Kurlers and individual donors to support the ongoing work of the Personal Choice/ food Pantry project in Portsmouth and overseas grants

Grants paid totalled £40,309 and Charitable Activities £113,317 accounting for 98% of the expenditure for the financial year.

**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Laura Rook	Stephen Potter
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
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Date	05.04.26
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Mustard Seed Ministries

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

01/08/2024 – 31/07/2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1025456

**Set out on pages**

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*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2025

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below\*)~~ in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

26/04/2026

**Name:**

Stephen Mark Rolls

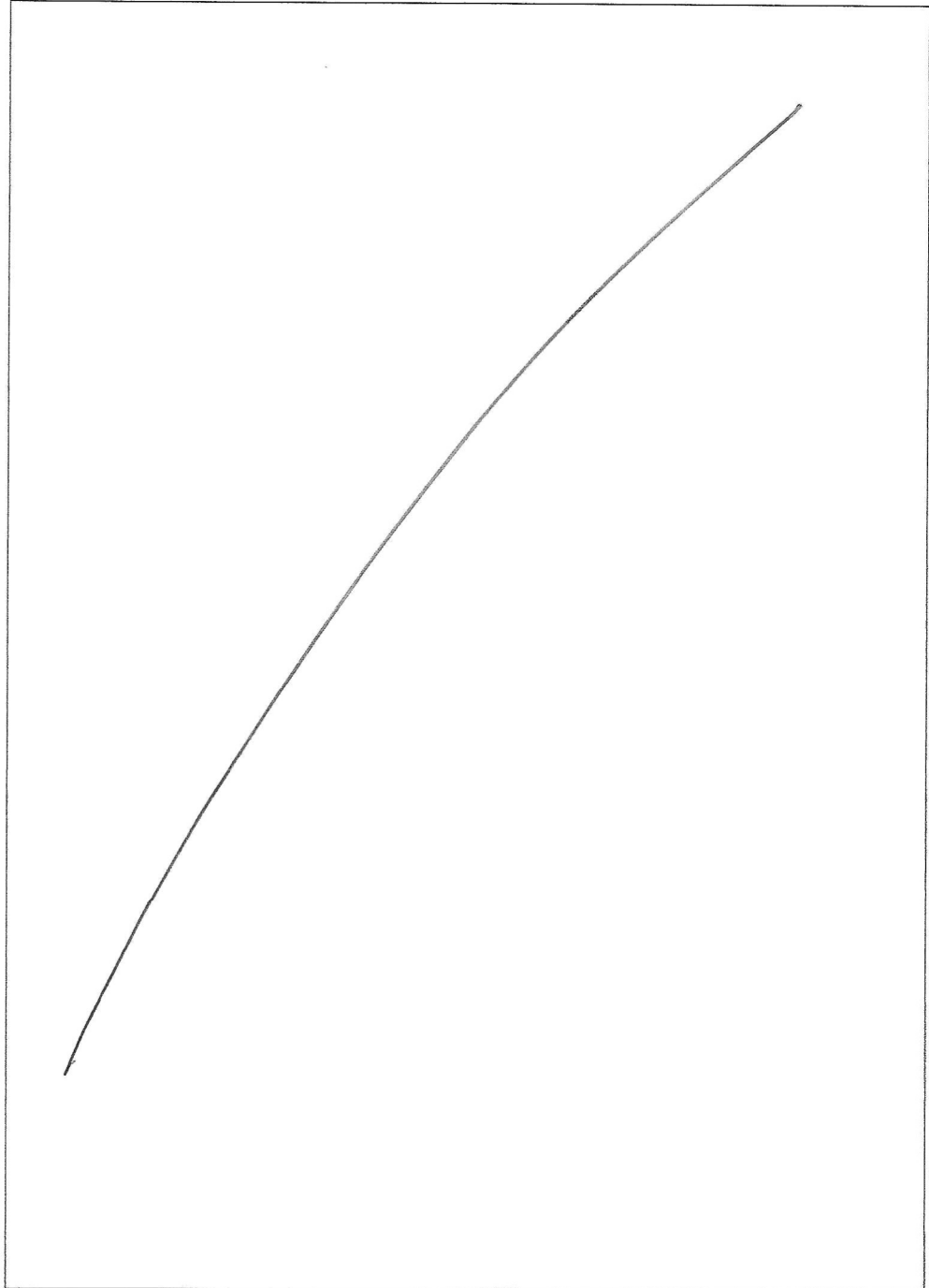
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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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**Section B** **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



**MUSTARD SEED MINISTRIES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1025456

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 08	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 07	Year 2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Mustard Seed Ministries

**Other names charity is known by** MSM

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1025456

**Charity's principal address**

40 Highland Road
Southsea
Hampshire
<b>Postcode</b> PO4 9AH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Laura Rook	Chair		
2	Stephen Potter			
3	Kathleen Hand			
4	Andrew Rook			
5	Andre Cowdery			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Lloyds	113 Commercial Road, Portsmouth PO1 1BY

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Gillian Reilly-Davidson CEO

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed dated 16.07.1993
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and induction. Once appointed trustees are introduced to their role and given copies of the Trust Deed relevant policies, guidelines adopted by MSM. To ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under the Charities Act they are given publications from the Charity Commission including the guidance on public benefit.

At the trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, financial monitoring, reserves and management policies and performance. The day to day administration of the Trust and grants including the processing and handling of applications prior to consideration by the trustees is delegated to the Chief Executive. A part time Project Manager and a full time Project Coordinator are employed to deliver the Personal Choice project in the UK.

The trustees give their time freely and receive no payment or other financial benefit.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian religion (in particular in Cambodia)

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The objects of the charity remain as set out in the Trust Deed of 1993, to advance the Christian Religion (in particular in Cambodia). The reference to Cambodia is being reviewed by the trustees.

Mustard Seed Ministries aims to bring the love of Jesus to as many people as possible both in the UK and overseas, so everything the charity does is with this in mind. MSM seeks to reflect the grace, kindness and compassion of God for all people by reaching out to meet both their physical and spiritual needs.

Each year the trustees review MSM's activities to ensure they continue to met and reflect the charities aims. Within this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commissions Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As a genuine expression of our aim of advancing Christianity we are providing public benefit through:

- carrying out/supporting, as a practical expression of faith, activities to relieve/prevent poverty and to advance education
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children/adults
- contributing to good mental and physical health and well being
- social care

In overseas work the trustees believe MSM can deliver most benefit by supporting Christian organisations, projects, missionaries, Pastors, Churches and individuals who are working on the ground to advance Christianity in a range of ways:

- church outreach and social work programs, including feeding programs, after school project/club, relief missions
- children's homes
- homes for people with special needs
- missionary and outreach work
- bible college training

MSM has helped the above in India, Bangladesh, Philippines, Myanmar and Uganda supporting them to bring a positive change to the physical and spiritual lives of men and women.

In the UK the Charity has provided benefit to the public primarily through the activities and services of Personal Choice at the Oasis Centre. It is open 5 days a week to support the well being of local people. Some of the specific public benefit we have provided during the year includes:

- A safe place to visit and meet with others and access opportunities
- Free support and advice on any problems and issue and to improve access to benefits, health and other resources
- Free access to basic computer skills and other social activities
- Social groups including motivational and faith inspired talks

- Lunch Club and Job Club
- Opportunities to 'belong', to volunteer, and to participate in activities
- Pastoral support  
Food Pantry

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Statement on Grant making:

**1. Charitable purpose and objective**

The trustees apply the funds of Mustard Seed Ministries at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity.

**2. Priorities for support**

The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are:

The advancement of the Christian faith within Portsmouth and the immediate area and main focus on projects MSM is in relationship with in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines and Uganda.

**3. Principles applied in determining support**

In awarding grants the trustees will apply the following principles:

3.1. The trustee will consider any requests or known situations that are eligible for consideration: from any geographical area within the UK and overseas and from organisations and individuals alike

- 3.2. Each request or situation will be considered on its own merits
- 3.3. The trustees will carry out sufficient due diligence to ensure that the request or situation meets both the charitable purposes, and the priorities for support set out in this policy.
- 3.4. The trustees are content to work in partnership with other grant making bodies where funding of an entire project is beyond the scope of any single organisation

#### **4. Applicant and partner due diligence**

The trustee will carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary to ensure:

- The identity of the beneficiary
- That funds are applied in accordance with the charity's charitable purposes
- That funds are knowingly used for: money laundering in accordance with the operative Money Laundering regulations; Terrorist financing in accordance with the Terrorist Act 2000; Bribery in accordance with the 2010 Bribery Act

#### **5. Administration**

5.1. For smaller grants, requests may be made informally. Where specific needs or situations are known, grants may be made at the discretion of the trustees without any form of request.

5.2. for larger grants, trustees should be confident:

- Of the purpose of the proposed grant including an understanding of the work and the way in which the grant will be managed and applied
- Of the person(s) responsible for the management of the grant and for overseeing the work;
- That suitable safeguarding practices are in place in cases where the applicant works with children or vulnerable adults;

5.3. Where the grant is for a specified project or purpose, and in situations where that purpose does not proceed or where any grant or part of thereof remains unused, unused funds must be returned.

Mustard Seed Ministries has been operational for thirty years and has only employed 1.5 paid staff for the last nine years, exclusively to deliver the Personal Choice project. So the vital role of volunteers in the work of MSM including Personal Choice is of immense value. Personal Choice is reliant on its volunteers for the delivery of so many activities and acknowledges the great benefit of local people supporting people in their community.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**(i) UK Personal Choice Portsmouth -:** Providing Support and Building Community

**Introduction:**

Personal Choice is a project of Mustard Seed Ministries charity, developed ten years ago to respond to the needs of the local community. It aims to help address the social and economic disadvantage of people in Portsmouth particularly those in the most disadvantaged ward of Charles Dickens where the project is based. It also sits in the 10% most deprived areas in the country for health deprivation and we see this reflected in our data where 47% of service users say they have some type of disability or health condition.

**Services Offered:**

MSM employ a Project Coordinator and part time Project Manager to offer a holistic service with easily accessible advice, support and activities. Open Monday – Friday 10-5 we offer a drop in advice centre, computer/job club, chair exercise, lunch club, range of social and activity groups, ‘Tea, Coffee, Chat’, Food Pantry and monthly trips.

This year, Personal Choice has again been a vibrant hub for the local community. As we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we’ve seen the positive impact of the project’s long term presence and stability. Delivering a variety of much needed activities and services that have significantly improved the lives and well being of those we serve, addressing a range of issues including financial problems, food insecurity, loneliness and isolation.

**Recognizing and Addressing Financial Hardship:**

Supporting our community through the ongoing cost of living crisis has continued to be a major priority this year. In our area of high deprivation, many residents are experiencing significant financial hardship and the understandable anxiety that comes with it. Understanding these struggles, which are compounded by pre-existing deprivation, has continued to be a major focus for us.

We've actively helped residents navigate these challenges by: reviewing budgets, bills, and debts; maximizing income; promoting energy efficiency; raising awareness of support; registering as a ‘Welcome Place’ offering warm refreshments alongside the above during the winter and opening a food pantry.

*‘We can’t thank you enough for what you’ve done for us. Helping with our utility bills and our UC applications. Where would we be without you ...you’re a lifeline.’*

Recognising the need for food security, we opened The Oasis Pantry in 2022 to provide affordable, healthy food and support with dignity, choice and hope to people in our community. The Pantry is working really well and has become a valued resource supporting on average 30 people/families each session. The Pantry integrates with ‘Tea, Coffee, Chat’ drop-in creating a welcoming space for connection and support and

negating the need for members to queue outside whilst waiting to shop.

*“shopping at The Pantry makes a big difference to us each week, I love the free fruit and vegetables I wouldn't normally buy that supplement and improve our diet. I was so grateful for the extra free items I could choose from the pantry's festive shelf in the weeks up to Christmas. I was very anxious when I first came but now I look forward to it, it's helping my family and gives me the chance to get out and socialise with other people.”*

This year, the Pantry operated without a dedicated Pantry Coordinator role. Our initial Pantry Coordinator laid a solid foundation and helped to establish a fantastic skilled team of volunteers who are able to perform many of the coordinators duties. This is a positive development reflecting a strong and committed volunteer base and contributing to the sustainability of the project.

Receipts from Pantry Members totalled £6,786 and grants totalling £9,798 were secured from The Household Support Fund, Co-op Foundation and The Partnership. A balance of £13, 458 is carried forward to 2024-2025.

#### **Project Outcomes/Benefits:**

The positive feedback and consistent demand for our activities are encouraging indicators of the project's impact. 722 people have accessed Personal Choice this year and 67% of these are new people. We are meeting and exceeding project indicators highlighting the impact on social connections and informed choices listed below:

**Support:** The project provides information and advice on benefits, finances, and other issues.

**Connection:** People report feeling less isolated and more connected through project activities.

**Empowerment:** Participants develop skills, gain confidence, and boost their self-esteem.

#### **Inclusivity and Community:**

This year, we've notably received significant feedback regarding the project's provision of a safe and inclusive space. We aim to enhance community well-being by fostering inclusivity and acceptance. Through actively promoting kindness, understanding, and non-judgmental attitudes, people report that we've created a safe environment where individuals from all backgrounds can connect and where prejudice and stereotypes are gently challenged.

*“meeting people who are going through the same struggles as myself helps me feel less isolated and part of a group. It creates a safe space.”*

*“Being neuro-divergent was hard at first but the group has drawn out my friendly and funnier side.”*

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Personal Choice, and this year, 41 amazing individuals stepped up in various roles: chefs, kitchen assistants, computer club helpers, minibus drivers, welcome hosts, and

more. Notably, several volunteers with learning difficulties and mental health challenges thrived in this supportive environment, finding a sense of belonging and purpose. The Pantry programme continues to see tremendous success, with 90% of volunteers being pantry members who having benefited so much they want to give back.

Personal Choice is in the second year of a five year grant from The National Lottery Reaching Communities totaling £268,980. This year's grant of £47,220 was to cover 47% of the budget.

Funds brought forward at the start of the year were £21,373 the income for the year was £97,238 and total expenditure £77,435 leaving a balance of £41,176 restricted funds to carry forward to 2024 -2025.

### **Overseas Support**

#### **Our Inspiration:**

The name Mustard Seed Ministries draws inspiration from the Bible verse in Matthew 13:32, which describes a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, growing into a large plant that shelters birds.

#### **Our Approach:**

Similar to the supportive tree in the story, MSM aims to empower people and organisations already working in their communities. Instead of managing overseas projects ourselves, we prefer to support existing individuals, organisations, and churches dedicated to the same goals as MSM.

#### **The Benefits:**

**Increased Impact:** By supporting existing efforts, MSM can reach more people in need.

**Sustainability:** Our approach fosters self-sufficiency within organizations and communities, enabling them to thrive independently.

**Empowerment:** We respect the existing work and identity of local organizations, allowing them to grow their capacity and flourish.

The trustees believe this collaborative approach empowers more individuals and organisations while respecting their unique identities and fostering long-term sustainability

### **(ii) Supporting Pastors, Churches and Christian Organisations**

#### **INDIA**

Mustard Seed Ministries (MSM) continued its ongoing support for two pastors and their churches in India. This financial assistance allows the pastors to dedicate their time and energy to their congregations and outreach ministries.

#### **Bangalore:**

Global Prayer Centre Church: Pastor Lawrence and his church actively

serve the poor and needy in their community, particularly those living in slums. They support 60 children working in brick kilns and offer food and medical aid to 30 families in a leprosy colony. Grants totalling £606 were given this year.

Moriah Church: Pastor Satish's church, located in rural areas, has grown significantly under his leadership. MSM provided £605 in grants to support their work. Mount Moriah Missions is dedicated to planting new churches, holding public meetings, and organising church and VBS programs. The trustees are happy to report continued growth, often fuelled by Hindu individuals witnessing God's work and testimonies of healing. Despite facing threats and persecution, the church has a growing team of evangelists actively serving in villages. In October 2023 they held a very successful 3 day youth program for 100 young people. Committed to growth they are aiming to open three new branches next year.

### **Andhra Pradesh**

Oasis Ministries in Andhra Pradesh expanded its reach to include pastors and churches in five regions across three states: Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, and Telangana. This expansion brought 150 new pastors from rural districts under the guidance of four leading pastors.

Recognizing the need for support, a trustee and church leader from MSM continued to provide monthly Bible study and teaching sessions via Skype. This remote mentoring program is proving to be invaluable for these new pastors and their churches. It equips them with biblical knowledge and encouragement, fostering their spiritual and physical growth, especially in the face of growing persecution.

### **MSM Provides Financial Support to Pastors and Little Angels**

This year, MSM awarded a total of £17,408 in grants to support pastors in India and Little Angels Orphanage.

#### **Supporting Pastors (£9,828):**

MSM provided monthly grants to help cover the cost of meals for teaching and fellowship sessions.

Pastors also received small monthly grants and gifts to support their ministry.

#### **Christmas Outreach (£5,020):**

MSM funded Christmas programs organized by churches, including gifts like clothes for pastors' families, saris for widows, and musical instruments.

Additional support was provided for Little Angels Orphanage's Christmas celebration, including blankets and warm clothes for the children.

#### **Additional Grants:**

Grants totalling £1,260 was given to cover urgent medical expenses for seriously ill pastors. £1,000 to support a pastor rebuild his home after serious fire damage and £300 to cover travel costs for 4 pastors to attend

a Pastors Conference.

## PHILIPPINES

### 3J2 Bible Centre Church: Serving the Community in Iligan City

**Leading the Way:** Pastor Stephen Villaester, his wife Sonia, and their two sons lead a passionate church community striving to serve the people of Iligan City and Lanao del Norte in the Philippines.

**Facing Challenges:** The closure of the National Steel Corporation and related businesses created significant hardship, leading to unemployment, poverty, and associated problems like malnutrition, drug addiction, and pollution.

**Providing Hope:** Since 2007, the church has run a weekly feeding program, typically held at the local volleyball court, serving 120-180 children from the nearby dumpsite and surrounding areas. The program includes meals, games, praise and worship, and Bible stories, offering both physical and spiritual nourishment. Through the program and home visits, church members have built relationships with families, and some have even begun attending church and receiving support.

Recognising the importance of the feeding program's future, MSM supported registering it as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) to gain legal status, improve operational stability, and attract new funding sources. The newly formed NGO is named "Kadangpan Inc.," which translates to "Refuge" or "Shelter." Its focus areas are:

**Protection:** Safeguarding children from abuse and exploitation.

**Education:** Seeking organizations that offer scholarship programs for the children.

**Food and Livelihood:** Continuing the feeding program and providing livelihood support for the parents.

**MSM's Support:** In 2023-2024, MSM provided grants totalling £3,400 to support the church's efforts. This included: £2,400 for the feeding program: Including £400 for a Christmas party for 200 children; £600 to support Pastor Villaester, his ministry to the feeding program and other community initiatives. This includes his role as Executive Director of the Moral Recovery Program serving 86 local offices of the Government and National Line Agencies.

### Identity Church: Reaching Out in Iligan City

**A Shared Vision:** MSM trustees and Oasis Church have built a strong connection with Pastor Rolito Epe of Identity Church in Iligan City. Both share a vision "to see a church fixed on revealing Christ as humanity's true identity."

Identity Church began as a small Bible study group formed by graduating nursing students. Through dedication and growth, it has blossomed into a vibrant community of over 200 people. The church actively invests in its youth through the "Students IMPACT - Changed by God to Change the World" program and the "Leading Our Future Together (LOFT)" group for

young professionals.

Identity Church has grown significantly since MSM's initial involvement to the point where the church is able to finance the pastors and activities from within its congregation. The trustees agreed that the monthly support would end at the end of September 2023 but would remain open to any additional grant requests in the future.

### **Purple Community Fund: Empowering Families in the Philippines**

**Vision:** The Purple Community Fund (PCF) envisions a clear path out of poverty for all children and families living and working in dumpsites and squatter areas across the Philippines.

PCF tackles poverty at its roots through a comprehensive approach that encompasses education, health, nutrition, spiritual guidance, and livelihood programs. Their work is guided by strong values that transcend religion, race, and political affiliations.

One of PCF's initiatives focuses on empowering women to escape the cycle of poverty by transitioning them away from litter picking. This program utilises a unique solution involving up cycled products: They collect large quantities of ring pulls from used cans and transform them into beautiful bags, purses, and jewellery.

MSM's Contribution:

Raising awareness in the UK: Engaging, businesses, and individuals to collect ring pulls.

Collecting over 50kg of ring pulls this year to support PCF's livelihood program and the women it empowers.

### **BANGLADESH**

#### **Faith & Fellowship in Bangladesh: Sharing the Gospel and Supporting the Community**

MSM have supported Faith Fellowship since 2015 with their vision is to share the gospel spiritually and practically especially to Hindu people and also to carry out children and youth work and church development. Having successfully developed a relationship with the local Hindu community in April 2016 a much needed school now educating 43 children was started with a grant from MSM to employ a teacher and provide educational materials.

Faith Fellowship also provides Sunday school projects and bible study groups for Christian and Hindu young people in different areas. They conduct evangelistic meetings as part of their Good News Project and showed the Jesus film to different Hindu communities and working to build a church building on land MSM previously helped them to purchase.

A grant of £450 was given to support their Pre- Christmas Event. This was a whole day event with singing and dancing, prayer and an explanation of what Christmas means followed by a meal and the

distribution of gifts to the children and there was great participation by the local people.

Faith & Fellowship plays a significant role in supporting the local community in Bangladesh by providing educational opportunities, sharing the Christian faith, and fostering fellowship.

## **NEPAL**

### **Pastor Pandey Karna Nepal Bible Fellowship, Kathmandu**

The Nepal Bible Fellowship is a small but vibrant church. The pastor and his wife have a great heart for their community, and it's encouraging to hear the church is continuing to grow. They conduct regular outreach and evangelistic programs in the surrounding areas, particularly at Christmas and for their Church anniversary in April.

Sadly western Nepal were hit by a massive earthquake, killing many and leaving thousands of families homeless outside in cold weather. MSM sent 200 to help them buy and distribute warm blankets and clothes.

### **(iii) Children's Homes**

#### **Pastor Ling Choi LIFE Myanmar Outreach Ministry (formerly Life Mission Ministry)**

After six years of online communication, a long-awaited meeting finally took place in February 2015. The CEO and Fieldwork Coordinator met Pastor Ling Choi, leader of LIFE Ministries, in person. LIFE Ministries operates a home for 30 orphaned children and a church in Yangon. Their mission extends beyond Yangon, reaching out to impoverished and isolated communities, and tribal areas, particularly in Chin State. They achieve this through regular outreach programs and by establishing new churches.

Recent years have been incredibly difficult for LIFE Ministries. The COVID-19 pandemic and the military coup that began in February 2021 presented significant challenges. Martial law led to bank closures and internet disruptions, making communication and sending funds nearly impossible. This unfortunately impacted our ability to financially support them.

Despite these hardships and ongoing civil war, LIFE Ministries persevere in their important work. They continue to support the children's home, church members, and indigenous missionary families. Their Christmas evangelism outreach reached 1000 people on the streets, in shopping malls and playgrounds.

#### **Orphanage - Myanmar**

This orphanage in a rural part of Chin State and is run by one young man who is caring for 30 children. MSM have previously given small grants to assist with medical bills and Christmas program. Unfortunately the challenges of the civil war have made communication impossible and the trustees are hoping this will be restored.

**True Light Christian Centre - Uganda**

The centre in Bugiri is supporting increasing numbers of orphans and needy children, up to 450 in many ways including education and tuition. MSM gave two grants totaling £495 to help purchase food and clothes for their Christmas and Easter programs. *'We thank you for the Christmas support for the children's ministry, I am telling you this has helped to make life in True Light Children's Centre.'* Bishop Mbatire

**(iv) Home for Special Needs****Little Angels Home for Special Needs, Goa, India**

Pedro and Genilda Lima, missionaries and social workers, witnessed many cases of children and adults with special needs lacking proper care in India. This inspired them to create Little Angels Trust in 2007.

**A Safe and Encouraging Environment**

Little Angels Trust offers a loving and supportive environment for children and adults with special needs. They focus on education and training to help residents express their talents and become as independent as possible. While the project has a Christian foundation, it welcomes people from all backgrounds.

**MSM's Contribution**

This year, MSM donated £9,265 to support Little Angels' monthly running costs and education expenses. This included £500 for Christmas and New Year celebrations, £230 for specialised chairs and £500 for medical expenses

**Providing Care and Opportunity**

This year Little Angels provided a safe haven for 21 boys and adults; 11 adult men who attended vocational training centres for adults with different special needs and 9 boys who attend a school for children with special educational needs.

This home's benefit is exemplified by a 14-year-old boy admitted at the request of government social services. Found with his mother who had been deceased for three days, the trauma, combined with his complex special needs, left him exhausted, scared, and unable to swallow or communicate upon arrival. Within a short time, the love and care from the staff and other residents have led to considerable improvement. Staff are collaborating with medical professionals to obtain an accurate diagnosis of his needs and determine the best ways to support and improve his well-being further.

**Sustainability and Growth**

Little Angels, situated on rural Chorao Island, utilizes agriculture for two key purposes: therapeutic activities, where working with plants offers residents a calming and rewarding experience, and food production, with the cultivation of rice and vegetables to help meet their needs. To further foster self-sufficiency and develop new skills, Little Angels has also

established an on-site bakery. Residents are learning to bake bread and cakes, and they have begun selling small quantities at a local supermarket and at fairs. Their long-term vision is to expand this project by opening their own bakery shop and cafe on the premises. Significant progress has been made, with excavation and building work commencing in October 2023.

**(v) Missionary and outreach work**

**Support of Full Time Missionaries - India**

For the past twenty years, MSM has been a strong supporter of Pedro and Genilda Lima's work and vision. These Brazilian missionaries and social workers have dedicated over two decades to serving the poor and disadvantaged in India.

Pedro and Genilda's extensive experience, unwavering commitment, and passion for helping children have transformed countless lives. They are the heart and soul of Little Angels Home for Special Needs, serving as hands-on managers. Their compassion extends beyond Little Angels, having previously served as house parents at Shallom House and continuing to mentor many young people there, even supporting some through bible school training.

The trustees at MSM are deeply grateful for Pedro, Genilda, and their staff's incredible work. They provide a safe and secure haven for boys and men with various physical and mental health needs. MSM provided grants totalling £3,250 to support Pedro and Genilda personally this year.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

MSM's policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to three months unrestricted payments.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds for overseas work, are regular monthly giving and sundry donations. The trustees extend their sincere thanks to all sponsors and donors for their faithful support and generosity.

MSM is extremely grateful for the legacy received this year; grants from The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund; HiWCF; Hive & Hive Portsmouth Lottery; PCC Household Support Fund, Agility ES; Coop Foundation; The Partnership and donations from the Pompey Kurlers and individual donors to support the ongoing work of the Personal Choice/ food Pantry project in Portsmouth and overseas grants


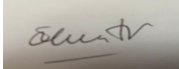
Grants paid totalled £32,629 and Charitable Activities £97,412 accounting for 97% of the expenditure for the financial year.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Laura Rook	Stephen Potter
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	06.04.25	





## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.08.23	To	Period end date 31.07.24
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Monthly bank transfers	12,689	540	-	13,229	13,646
Sundry donations	17,800	2,280	-	20,080	23,171
Fundraising	3,186	-	-	3,186	5,677
Personal Choice Project	-	97,238	-	97,238	72,159
The Pantry	-	19,786	-	19,786	12,559
Bank receipts	87	-	-	87	30
Other receipts	2,608	-	-	2,608	3,600
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>36,370</b>	<b>119,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,214</b>	<b>130,842</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>36,370</b>	<b>119,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,214</b>	<b>130,842</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of fundraising promotion	734	-	-	734	671
Grants paid	29,809	2,820	-	32,629	33,266
Charitable Activity	5,092	-	-	5,092	5,329
Personal Choice Project	-	77,435	-	77,435	76,230
The Pantry	-	14,885	-	14,885	17,362
Support costs (apportioned)	1,402	-	-	1,402	1,304
Management & Administration	468	-	-	468	435
Other payments	1,835	-	-	1,835	3,542
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,340</b>	<b>95,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,480</b>	<b>138,139</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,340</b>	<b>95,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,480</b>	<b>138,139</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,970</b>	<b>24,704</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,734</b>	<b>- 7,297</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>16,339</b>	<b>29,930</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,269</b>	<b>53,566</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,369</b>	<b>54,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,003</b>	<b>46,269</b>

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	6,261	41,176	-
	Treasurers Pantry Account	-	13,458	-
	Business Extra Account	7,108	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,369</b>	<b>54,634</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Laura Rook	06.04.25



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Mustard Seed Ministries

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

01/08/2023 – 31/07/2024  
Charity no (if any) 1025456

**Set out on pages**

1 & 2  
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*SMR*

**Date:**

13/05/25.

**Name:**

Stephen Mark Rolls

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**Address:**

49. Foxbury Grove  
Portchester, Hants.  
PO16 9JQ

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here details of any  
items that the examiner  
wishes to disclose.**

**MUSTARD SEED MINISTRIES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1025456

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 08	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 07	Year 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Mustard Seed Ministries
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	MSM
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1025456
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	40 Highland Road
	Southsea
	Hampshire
	<b>Postcode</b> PO4 9AH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Laura Rook	Chair		
2	Stephen Potter			
3	Kathleen Hand			
4	Andrew Rook			
5	David Hellyer			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Lloyds	113 Commercial Road, Portsmouth PO1 1BY

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Gillian Reilly-Davidson CEO

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed dated 16.07.1993
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and induction. Once appointed trustees are introduced to their role and given copies of the Trust Deed relevant policies, guidelines adopted by MSM. To ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under the Charities Act they are given publications from the Charity Commission including the guidance on public benefit.</p> <p>At the trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, financial monitoring, reserves and management policies and performance. The day to day administration of the Trust and grants including the processing and handling of applications prior to consideration by the trustees is delegated to the Chief Executive. A part time Project Manager and a full time Project Coordinator are employed to deliver the Personal Choice project in the UK.</p> <p>The trustees give their time freely and receive no payment or other financial benefit.</p>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian religion (in particular in Cambodia)

Summary of the main

**activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The objects of the charity remain as set out in the Trust Deed of 1993, to advance the Christian Religion (in particular in Cambodia). The reference to Cambodia is being reviewed by the trustees.

Mustard Seed Ministries aims to bring the love of Jesus to as many people as possible both in the UK and overseas, so everything the charity does is with this in mind. MSM seeks to reflect the grace, kindness and compassion of God for all people by reaching out to meet both their physical and spiritual needs.

Each year the trustees review MSM's activities to ensure they continue to met and reflect the charities aims. Within this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commissions Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As a genuine expression of our aim of advancing Christianity we are providing public benefit through:

- carrying out/supporting, as a practical expression of faith, activities to relieve/prevent poverty and to advance education
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children/adults
- contributing to good mental and physical health and well being
- social care

In overseas work the trustees believe MSM can deliver most benefit by supporting Christian organisations, projects, missionaries, Pastors, Churches and individuals who are working on the ground to advance Christianity in a range of ways:

- church outreach and social work programs, including feeding programs, after school project/club, relief missions
- children's homes
- homes for people with special needs
- missionary and outreach work
- bible college training

MSM has helped the above in India, Bangladesh, Philippines, Myanmar and Uganda supporting them to bring a positive change to the physical and spiritual lives of men and women.

In the UK the Charity has provided benefit to the public primarily through the activities and services of Personal Choice at the Oasis Centre. It is open 5 days a week to support the well being of local people. Some of the specific public benefit we have provided during the year includes:

- A safe place to visit and meet with others and access opportunities
- Free support and advice on any problems and issue and to improve access to benefits, health and other resources
- Free access to basic computer skills and other social activities
- Social groups including motivational and faith inspired talks
- Lunch Club and Job Club
- Opportunities to 'belong', to volunteer, and

- to participate in activities
- Pastoral support

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Statement on Grant making:

#### 1. Charitable purpose and objective

The trustees apply the funds of Mustard Seed Ministries at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity.

#### 2. Priorities for support

The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are:

The advancement of the Christian faith within Portsmouth and the immediate area and main focus on projects MSM is in relationship with in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines and Uganda.

#### 3. Principles applied in determining support

In awarding grants the trustees will apply the following principles:

- 3.1. The trustee will consider any requests or known situations that are eligible for consideration: from any geographical area within the UK and overseas and from organisations and individuals alike
- 3.2. Each request or situation will be considered on its own merits
- 3.3. The trustees will carry out sufficient due diligence to ensure that the request or situation meets both the charitable purposes, and the priorities for support set out in this policy.
- 3.4. The trustees are content to work in partnership with other grant making bodies where funding of an entire project is beyond the scope of any single organisation

#### 4. Applicant and partner due diligence

The trustee will carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary to ensure:

- The identity of the beneficiary
- That funds are applied in accordance with the charity's charitable purposes
- That funds are knowingly used for: money laundering in accordance with the operative Money Laundering regulations; Terrorist financing in accordance with the Terrorist Act 2000; Bribery in accordance with the 2010 Bribery Act

#### 5. Administration

5.1. For smaller grants, requests may be made informally. Where specific needs or situations are known, grants may be made at the discretion of the trustees without any form of request.

5.2. for larger grants, trustees should be confident:

- Of the purpose of the proposed grant including an understanding of the work and the way in which the grant will be managed and applied

- Of the person(s) responsible for the management of the grant and for overseeing the work;
- That suitable safeguarding practices are in place in cases where the applicant works with children or vulnerable adults;

5.3. Where the grant is for a specified project or purpose, and in situations where that purpose does not proceed or where any grant or part of thereof remains unused, unused funds must be returned.

Mustard Seed Ministries has been operational for twenty nine years and has only employed 1.5 paid staff for the last eight years, exclusively to deliver the Personal Choice project. So the vital role of volunteers in the work of MSM including Personal Choice is of immense value. Personal Choice is reliant on its volunteers for the delivery of so many activities and acknowledges the great benefit of local people supporting people in their community.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### **(i) UK Personal Choice Portsmouth -:** Providing Support and Building Community

##### **Introduction:**

Personal Choice is a project of Mustard Seed Ministries charity, developed nearly ten years ago to respond to the needs of the local community. It aims to help address the social and economic disadvantage of people in Portsmouth particularly those in the most disadvantaged ward of Charles Dickens where the project is based. It also sits in the 10% most deprived areas in the country for health deprivation and we see this reflected in our data where 47% of service users say they have some type of disability or health condition.

##### **Services Offered:**

MSM employ a Project Coordinator and part time Project Manager to offer a holistic service with easily accessible advice, support and activities. Open Monday – Friday 10-5 we offer a drop in advice centre, computer/job club, chair exercise, lunch club, range of social and activity groups, ‘ Tea, Coffee, Chat’ and monthly trips.

##### **Recognizing and Addressing Financial Hardship:**

Understanding the struggles faced by our community, which already experiences high deprivation, has been a top priority this year. Rising utility bills and inflation have only worsened the situation, causing significant financial pressure for many. We've actively helped residents navigate these challenges by: reviewing budgets, bills, and debts; maximizing income; promoting energy efficiency; raising awareness of support; registering as a ‘Welcome Place’ offering warm refreshments alongside the above during the winter and opening a food pantry.

*‘I’ve received a lot of support with my gas and electric bills, debts and also with completing benefit forms ... they’ve given me loads of help. There just aren’t enough words of gratitude.’*

Recognising the need for food security, we were pleased to open The Oasis Pantry in November 2022. . While it started without a big opening or marketing campaign, it's quickly grown through word-of-mouth within the community with 137 members. The Pantry aims to provide

affordable, healthy food and support with dignity, choice and hope to people in our community.

MSM is grateful for the grant from 'Love Portsmouth of £13,000 to fund a Pantry Manager's post for 15 hours per week and to help with the initial start up costs. Grants totaling £7,890 were also secured from Abri Community Fund, Hive Portsmouth and Portsmouth City Council Household Support Fund for equipment and running costs. A balance of £8,557 is carried forward to 2023-2024.

*'The Pantry has helped me to feel very supported and the reassurance of always being able to buy food has helped my mental health.'*

*'The Pantry is a great service, I can't afford much in the way of groceries as they're so expensive, I'm getting so much more for my money and I've been to try new foods that I wasn't aware of or couldn't afford.'*

The launch of the Oasis community garden with the Queens Jubilee Neighbourhood Grant was promising and also challenging. The unused space did start to come to new life, and we enjoyed collaborating with Wilder Portsmouth for advice and support. However, a rainy summer hampered efforts to build consistent involvement and a sense of community ownership. Despite these challenges, the positive experiences like gardening activities and outdoor seating highlight the potential. Looking forward, we're excited to revitalise the project this spring. Engaging our groups and the community in fresh planting and activities will be key to its success.

#### **Project Outcomes/Benefits:**

The positive responses and the consistent demand for the activities we offer are encouraging indicators of the impact the project is making. 583 people have accessed Personal Choice this year and 63% of these are new people. We are meeting and exceeding project indicators highlighting the impact on social connections and informed choices listed below:

**Support:** The project provides information and advice on benefits, finances, and other issues.

**Connection:** People report feeling less isolated and more connected through project activities.

**Empowerment:** Participants develop skills, gain confidence, and boost their self-esteem.

#### **Inclusivity and Community:**

Notable this year has been the amount of feedback we've received on the project offering a safe and inclusive space. We do aim to contribute to the overall well being of the community by fostering a culture of inclusivity and acceptance. By actively promoting kindness, understanding and non-judgemental attitudes, people tell us we have created a safe space where people from any background can come together and prejudice and stereotypes are gently challenged:

*'The world isn't nice, it's safe here, especially if you have mental health issues – you get understanding here and safety, you don't have to do*

*anything special, can just be here'*

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Personal Choice, and this year, 42 amazing individuals stepped up in various roles: chefs, kitchen assistants, computer club helpers, minibus drivers, welcome hosts, and more. Notably, several volunteers with learning difficulties and mental health challenges thrived in this supportive environment, finding a sense of belonging and purpose. The Pantry programme saw tremendous success, with 90% of volunteers being pantry members who having benefited so much want to give back.

Personal Choice successfully applied to The National Lottery Reaching Communities for a five year grant totaling £268,980. This year's grant of £62,662 was to cover 61% of the budget excluding the cost of the new Pantry project.

Funds brought forward at the start of the year were £25,386 the income for the year was £74,046 and total expenditure £70,060 leaving a balance of £21,373 restricted funds to carry forward to 2023 -2024.

### **Overseas Support**

#### **Our Inspiration:**

The name Mustard Seed Ministries draws inspiration from the Bible verse in Matthew 13:32, which describes a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, growing into a large plant that shelters birds.

#### **Our Approach:**

Similar to the supportive tree in the story, MSM aims to empower people and organisations already working in their communities. Instead of managing overseas projects ourselves, we prefer to support existing individuals, organisations, and churches dedicated to the same goals as MSM.

#### **The Benefits:**

**Increased Impact:** By supporting existing efforts, MSM can reach more people in need.

**Sustainability:** Our approach fosters self-sufficiency within organizations and communities, enabling them to thrive independently.

**Empowerment:** We respect the existing work and identity of local organizations, allowing them to grow their capacity and flourish.

The trustees believe this collaborative approach empowers more individuals and organisations while respecting their unique identities and fostering long-term sustainability

### **(ii) Supporting Pastors, Churches and Christian Organisations**

#### **INDIA**

Mustard Seed Ministries (MSM) continued its ongoing support for two pastors and their churches in India. This financial assistance allows the pastors to dedicate their time and energy to their congregations and

outreach ministries.

### **Bangalore:**

**Global Prayer Centre Church:** Pastor Lawrence and his church actively serve the poor and needy in their community, particularly those living in slums. They support 60 children working in brick kilns and offer food and medical aid to 30 families in a leprosy colony.

**Moriah Church:** Pastor Satish's church, located in rural areas, has grown significantly under his leadership. MSM provided £620 in grants to support their work. Mount Moriah Missions is dedicated to planting new churches, holding public meetings, and organising church and VBS programs. The trustees are happy to report continued growth, often fuelled by Hindu individuals witnessing God's work and testimonies of healing. New church branches in Kajivasli and Masthinali were successfully established and dedicated this year and they aim to open four new branches in the coming year. Despite facing threats and persecution, the church has a growing team of evangelists actively serving in villages. In May 2023 they held a very successful 3 day youth program for 100 young people. Committed to growth they are aiming to open four new branches next year.

### **Andhra Pradesh**

Oasis Ministries in Andhra Pradesh expanded its reach to include pastors and churches in five regions across three states: Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, and Telangana. This expansion brought 150 new pastors from rural districts under the guidance of four leading pastors.

Recognizing the need for support, a trustee and church leader from MSM continued to provide monthly Bible study and teaching sessions via Skype. This remote mentoring program is proving to be invaluable for these new pastors and their churches. It equips them with biblical knowledge and encouragement, fostering their spiritual and physical growth, especially in the face of growing persecution.

### **MSM Provides Financial Support to Pastors and Little Angels**

This year, MSM awarded a total of £13,824 in grants to support pastors in India and Little Angels Orphanage.

#### **Supporting Pastors (£9,487):**

MSM provided monthly grants to help cover the cost of meals for teaching and fellowship sessions.

Pastors also received small monthly grants and gifts to support their ministry.

#### **Christmas Outreach (£3,487):**

MSM funded Christmas programs organized by churches, including gifts like clothes for pastors' families, saris for widows, and musical instruments.

Additional support was provided for Little Angels Orphanage's Christmas

celebration, including blankets and warm clothes for the children.

**Additional Grants:**

£600 was donated in August to purchase school uniforms for the children at Little Angels.

A grant of £250 was given to cover urgent medical expenses for a seriously ill pastor.

**PHILIPPINES**

**3J2 Bible Centre Church: Serving the Community in Iligan City**

**Leading the Way:** Pastor Stephen Villaester, his wife Sonia, and their two sons lead a passionate church community striving to serve the people of Iligan City and Lanao del Norte in the Philippines.

**Facing Challenges:** The closure of the National Steel Corporation and related businesses created significant hardship, leading to unemployment, poverty, and associated problems like malnutrition, drug addiction, and pollution.

**Providing Hope:** Since 2007, the church has run a weekly feeding program, typically held at the local volleyball court, serving 120-180 children from the nearby dumpsite and surrounding areas. The program includes meals, games, praise and worship, and Bible stories, offering both physical and spiritual nourishment. Through the program and home visits, church members have built relationships with families, and some have even begun attending church and receiving support.

Recognising the importance of the feeding program's future, MSM supported registering it as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) to gain legal status, improve operational stability, and attract new funding sources. The newly formed NGO is named "Kadangpan Inc.," which translates to "Refuge" or "Shelter." Its focus areas are:

**Protection:** Safeguarding children from abuse and exploitation.

**Education:** Seeking organizations that offer scholarship programs for the children.

**Food and Livelihood:** Continuing the feeding program and providing livelihood support for the parents.

**MSM's Support:** In 2022-2023, MSM provided grants totalling £3,650 to support the church's efforts. This included: £2,800 for the feeding program: Including £400 for a Christmas party for 200 children; £850 to support Pastor Villaester, his ministry to the feeding program and other community initiatives.

**Identity Church: Reaching Out in Iligan City**

**A Shared Vision:** MSM trustees and Oasis Church have built a strong connection with Pastor Rolito Epe of Identity Church in Iligan City. Both share a vision "to see a church fixed on revealing Christ as humanity's true identity."

Identity Church began as a small Bible study group formed by graduating nursing students. Through dedication and growth, it has blossomed into a vibrant community of over 200 people. The church actively invests in its youth through the "Students IMPACT - Changed by God to Change the World" program and the "Leading Our Future Together (LOFT)" group for young professionals.

**Nurturing Community:** Identity Church fosters deep connections through small weekly life groups led by trained members. This system allows for effective mentoring and support for everyone who comes to the church.

This year, with donations from Oasis Centre, MSM provided crucial support to Identity Church with grants totalling £1,050: Funding essential rent; helping to secure the church building and provide additional resources for the church's work.

### **Purple Community Fund: Empowering Families in the Philippines**

**Vision:** The Purple Community Fund (PCF) envisions a clear path out of poverty for all children and families living and working in dumpsites and squatter areas across the Philippines.

PCF tackles poverty at its roots through a comprehensive approach that encompasses education, health, nutrition, spiritual guidance, and livelihood programs. Their work is guided by strong values that transcend religion, race, and political affiliations.

One of PCF's initiatives focuses on empowering women to escape the cycle of poverty by transitioning them away from litter picking. This program utilises a unique solution involving up cycled products: They collect large quantities of ring pulls from used cans and transform them into beautiful bags, purses, and jewellery.

MSM's Contribution:

Raising awareness in the UK: Engaging, businesses, and individuals to collect ring pulls.

Collecting over 50kg of ring pulls this year to support PCF's livelihood program and the women it empowers.

### **BANGLADESH**

#### **Faith & Fellowship in Bangladesh: Sharing the Gospel and Supporting the Community**

MSM have supported Faith Fellowship since 2015 with their vision is to share the gospel spiritually and practically especially to Hindu people and also to carry out children and youth work and church development. Having successfully developed a relationship with the local Hindu community in April 2016 a much needed school now educating 43 children was started with a grant from MSM to employ a teacher and provide educational materials.

This year grants totaling £2,567 were given to support the school,

evangelist and trainer. Faith Fellowship also arranged a children's seminar at the school with bible based song, stories and activities and fellowship meal. Alongside Sunday school projects they operate bible study groups for Christian and Hindu young people in different areas. They conducted a number of evangelistic meetings as part of their Good News Project and showed the Jesus film to different Hindu communities and working to establish a church in a Hindu community.

A grant of £400 was given to support their Pre- Christmas Event. This was a whole day event with singing and dancing, prayer and an explanation of what Christmas means followed by a meal and the distribution of gifts to the children and there was great participation by the local people.

Overall, Faith & Fellowship plays a significant role in supporting the local community in Bangladesh by providing educational opportunities, sharing the Christian faith, and fostering fellowship.

### **NEPAL**

#### **Pastor Pandey Karna Nepal Bible Fellowship, Kathmandu**

The Nepal Bible Fellowship is a small but vibrant church. The pastor and his wife have a great heart for their community, and it's encouraging to hear the church is continuing to grow. They conduct regular outreach and evangelistic programs in the surrounding areas, particularly at Christmas and for their Church anniversary in April.

The ordination of an assistant pastor is a positive development, as is securing a further five-year contract for the church premises with additional land. This is especially encouraging amidst the increasing financial and climate challenges they face.

#### **(iii) Children's Homes**

#### **Pastor Ling Choi LIFE Myanmar Outreach Ministry (formerly Life Mission Ministry)**

After six years of online communication, a long-awaited meeting finally took place in February 2015. The CEO and Fieldwork Coordinator met Pastor Ling Choi, leader of LIFE Ministries, in person. LIFE Ministries operates a home for 30 orphaned children and a church in Yangon. Their mission extends beyond Yangon, reaching out to impoverished and isolated communities, and tribal areas, particularly in Chin State. They achieve this through regular outreach programs and by establishing new churches.

Recent years have been incredibly difficult for LIFE Ministries. The COVID-19 pandemic and the military coup that began in February 2021 presented significant challenges. Martial law led to bank closures and internet disruptions, making communication and sending funds nearly impossible. This unfortunately impacted our ability to financially support them.

Despite these hardships and ongoing political unrest, LIFE Ministries persevered in their important work. They continued to support the

children's home, church members, and indigenous missionary families. They even conducted an evangelism outreach in January, where many heard the gospel message.

#### **Orphanage - Myanmar**

This orphanage in a rural part of Chin State and is run by one young man who is caring for 30 children. MSM have previously given small grants to assist with medical bills and Christmas program. Unfortunately the challenges of the pandemic and marshal law have made communication impossible and the trustees are hoping this will be restored.

#### **True Light Christian Centre - Uganda**

The centre in Bugiri is supporting increasing numbers of orphans and needy children, up to 450 in many ways including education and tuition. MSM gave two grants totaling £450 to help purchase food and clothes for their Christmas and Easter programs.

#### **(iv) Home for Special Needs**

##### **Little Angels Home for Special Needs, Goa, India**

Pedro and Genilda Lima, missionaries and social workers, witnessed many cases of children and adults with special needs lacking proper care in India. This inspired them to create Little Angels Trust in 2007.

##### **A Safe and Encouraging Environment**

Little Angels Trust offers a loving and supportive environment for children and adults with special needs. They focus on education and training to help residents express their talents and become as independent as possible. While the project has a Christian foundation, it welcomes people from all backgrounds.

##### **MSM's Contribution**

This year, MSM donated £10,088 to support Little Angels' monthly running costs and education expenses. This included £500 for Christmas and New Year celebrations, and £300 to renew the Trusts registration following the death of one of the trustees..

##### **Providing Care and Opportunity**

This year Little Angels provided a safe haven for 20 boys and adults; 11 adult men who attended vocational training centres for adults with different special needs and 9 boys who attend a school for children with special educational needs.

An example of the benefit of this home is the ten-year-old twins who arrived last year who are making significant progress. They face a number of complex challenges and came from a difficult background marked by conflict, neglect, and multiple care facilities that couldn't meet their needs.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Little Angels took the initiative to arrange additional tests to determine a clearer diagnosis, allowing them to provide the best possible support. The twins now participate in weekly therapy sessions at the hospital and receive constant care and love from everyone at the home.

### **Sustainability and Growth**

Little Angels, located on rural Choro Island, uses agriculture for two purposes:

**Therapy:** Working with plants provides a calming and rewarding activity for the residents.

**Food Production:** They grow rice and vegetables to help meet their own needs.

To further promote self-sufficiency and develop new skills, Little Angels established an on-site bakery. Residents are learning to bake bread and cakes, and they've selling small quantities to a local supermarket and at fairs. Their long-term dream is to expand this project by opening their own bakery shop and cafe right there on the island.

### **(v) Missionary and outreach work**

#### **Support of Full Time Missionaries - India**

For the past twenty years, MSM has been a strong supporter of Pedro and Genilda Lima's work and vision. These Brazilian missionaries and social workers have dedicated over two decades to serving the poor and disadvantaged in India.

Pedro and Genilda's extensive experience, unwavering commitment, and passion for helping children have transformed countless lives. They are the heart and soul of Little Angels Home for Special Needs, serving as hands-on managers. Their compassion extends beyond Little Angels, having previously served as house parents at Shallom House and continuing to mentor many young people there, even supporting some through bible school training.

The trustees at MSM are deeply grateful for Pedro, Genilda, and their staff's incredible work. They provide a safe and secure haven for boys and men with various physical and mental health needs. MSM provided grants totalling £3,350 to support Pedro and Genilda personally this year.

## Section E

## Financial review

### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

MSM's policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to three months unrestricted payments.

### **Details of any funds materially in deficit**

## Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds for overseas work, are regular monthly giving and sundry donations. The trustees extend their sincere thanks to all sponsors and donors for their faithful support and generosity.

MSM is extremely grateful for the legacy received this year; grants from The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund; Abri Community Fund; PCC Queens Jubilee Neighborhood Grant; Hive Portsmouth; PCC Household support Fund and donations from the Fire Fighters Charity and Chat over Chai to support the ongoing work of the Personal Choice/ food Pantry project in Portsmouth.

Grants paid totalled £33,266 and Charitable Activities £134,803 accounting for 97.6% of the expenditure for the financial year.


## Section F Other optional information

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## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Laura Rook	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	07.04.24	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Mustard Seed Ministries</b>	No (if any) 1025456
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.08.22	To	Period end date 31.07.23
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Monthly bank transfers (DD)	13,106	540	-	13,646	13,133
Sundry Donations	22,851	320	-	23,171	15,655
Fundraising	5,677	-	-	5,677	6,194
Personal Choice project	-	72,159	-	72,159	34,080
The Pantry	-	12,559	-	12,559	13,360
Bank receipts	30	-	-	30	1
Other receipts	463	3,137	-	3,600	45
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>42,127</b>	<b>88,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,842</b>	<b>82,468</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>42,127</b>	<b>88,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,842</b>	<b>82,468</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of fundraising promotion	671	-	-	671	33
Grants paid	32,249	1,017	-	33,266	26,361
Mission/voluntary expenses	3,350	-	-	3,350	2,250
Goods/services for beneficiaries	120	-	-	120	500
Other expenditure	1,859	-	-	1,859	2,034
Personal Choice project	-	76,230	-	76,230	60,323
The Pantry	-	17,362	-	17,362	-
Support costs (apportioned)	1,304	-	-	1,304	1,240
management & Administration (app)	435	-	-	435	413
Other payments	463	3,079	-	3,542	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,451</b>	<b>97,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,139</b>	<b>93,154</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,451</b>	<b>97,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,139</b>	<b>93,154</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>- 8,973</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 7,297</b>	<b>- 10,686</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>14,663</b>	<b>38,903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,566</b>	<b>64,252</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,339</b>	<b>29,930</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,269</b>	<b>53,566</b>

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	9,318	21,373	-
	Treasurer Pantry Account	-	8,557	-
	Busines Extra Account	7,021		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>16,339</b>	<b>29,930</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Laura Rook	07.04.24



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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Mustard Seed Ministries		
On accounts for the year ended	01/08/2022 – 31/07/2023	Charity no (if any)	1025456
Set out on pages	1 & 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement** ~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: SMR Date: 8/04/2024

Name: Stephen Mark Rolls

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

[Empty box for professional qualification]

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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**MUSTARD SEED MINISTRIES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1025456

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Mont 08	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 07	Year 2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Mustard Seed Ministries
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	MSM
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1025456
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	40 Highland Road Southsea Hampshire <b>Postcode PO4 9AH</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Laura Rook	Chair		
2	Stephen Potter			
3	David Hellyer			
4	Andrew rook			
5	Kathy Hand			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Lloyds	113 Commercial Road, Portsmouth PO1 1BY

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed dated 16.07.1993
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and induction. Once appointed trustees are introduced to their role and given copies of the Trust Deed relevant policies, guidelines adopted by MSM. To ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under the Charities Act they are given publications from the Charity Commission including the guidance on public benefit.

At the trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, financial monitoring, reserves and management policies and performance. The day to day administration of the Trust and grants including the processing and handling of applications prior to consideration by the trustees is delegated to the Chief Executive. A part time Project Manager and a full time Project Coordinator are employed to deliver the Personal Choice project in the UK.

The trustees give their time freely and receive no payment or other financial benefit.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

To advance the Christian religion (in particular in Cambodia)

The objects of the charity remain as set out in the Trust Deed of 1993, to advance the Christian Religion (in particular in Cambodia). The reference to Cambodia is being reviewed by the trustees.

Mustard Seed Ministries aims to bring the love of Jesus to as many people as possible both in the UK and overseas, so everything the charity does is with this in mind. MSM seeks to reflect the grace, kindness and compassion of God for all people by reaching out to meet both their physical and spiritual needs.

Each year the trustees review MSM's activities to ensure they continue to meet and reflect the charities aims. Within this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commissions Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As a genuine expression of our aim of advancing Christianity we are providing public benefit through:

- carrying out/supporting, as a practical expression of faith, activities to
  - relieve/prevent poverty and to advance education
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children/adults
- contributing to good mental and physical health and well being
- social care

In overseas work the trustees believe MSM can deliver most benefit by supporting Christian organisations, projects, missionaries, Pastors, Churches and individuals who are working on the ground to advance Christianity in a range of ways:

- church outreach and social work programs, including feeding programs, after school project/club, relief missions
- children's homes
- homes for people with special needs
- missionary and outreach work
- bible college training

MSM has helped the above in India, Bangladesh, Philippines, Myanmar and Pakistan supporting them to bring a positive change to the physical and spiritual lives of men and women.

In the UK the Charity has provided benefit to the public primarily through the activities and services of Personal Choice at the Oasis Centre. It is open 5 days a week to support the well being of local people. Some of the specific public benefit we have provided during the year includes:

- A safe place to visit and meet with others and access opportunities
- Free support and advice on any problems and issue and to improve access to benefits, health and other resources
- Free access to basic computer skills and other social activities
- Social groups including motivational and faith inspired talks
- Lunch Club and Job Club □ Opportunities to 'belong', to volunteer, and to participate in activities
- Pastoral support
- Post covid support through welfare calls, information, advice and practical support

Statement on Grant making:

### **1. Charitable purpose and objective**

The trustees apply the funds of Mustard Seed Ministries at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity.

### **2. Priorities for support**

The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are:

The advancement of the Christian faith within Portsmouth and the immediate area and main focus on projects MSM is in relationship with in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, Nepal, Philippines and Uganda.

### **3. Principles applied in determining support**

In awarding grants the trustees will apply the following principles:

3.1. The trustee will consider any requests or known situations that are eligible for consideration: from any geographical area within the UK and overseas and from organisations and individuals alike

3.2. Each request or situation will be considered on its own merits

3.3. The trustees will carry out sufficient due diligence to ensure that the request or situation meets both the charitable purposes, and the priorities for support set out in this policy.

3.4. The trustees are content to work in partnership with other grant making bodies where funding of an entire project is beyond the scope of any single organisation

### **4. Applicant and partner due diligence**

The trustee will carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary to ensure:

- The identity of the beneficiary
- That funds are applied in accordance with the charity's charitable purposes

- That funds are knowingly used for: money laundering in accordance with the operative Money Laundering regulations; Terrorist financing in accordance with the Terrorist Act 2000; Bribery in accordance with the 2010 Bribery Act

### **5. Administration**

5.1. For smaller grants, requests may be made informally. Where specific needs or situations are known, grants may be made at the discretion of the trustees without any form of request.

5.2. for larger grants, trustees should be confident:

- Of the purpose of the proposed grant including an understanding of the work and the way in which the grant will be managed and applied
- Of the person(s) responsible for the management of the grant and for overseeing the work;
- That suitable safeguarding practices are in place in cases where the applicant works with children or vulnerable adults;

5.3. Where the grant is for a specified project or purpose, and in situations where that purpose does not proceed or where any grant or part of thereof remains unused, unused funds must be returned.

Mustard Seed Ministries has been operational for twenty eight years and has only employed 1.3 paid staff for the last seven years, exclusively to deliver the Personal Choice project. So the vital role of volunteers in the work of MSM including Personal Choice is of immense value. Personal Choice is reliant on its volunteers for the delivery of so many activities and acknowledges the great benefit of local people supporting people in their community.

### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**(i) UK Personal Choice Portsmouth**

In 2014 MSM made a successful bid to the Big Lottery Fund Reaching Communities, for 5 years funding for Personal Choice Project, the original aim was to support the wellbeing of people in Portsmouth, particularly those over 50. Now in its eighth year this funding provided an invaluable foundation enabling the project to establish itself and develop and grow so its services are now available to everyone in the community.

MSM employ a Project Coordinator and part time Project Manager to deliver the services of drop in advice centre, lunch club, prime time social group, computer club, Job club and activity classes. From our evaluation and consultation with service users we have responded by expanding the services to include Diversi-Tea groups with a greater cross cultural emphasis, monthly trips, chair exercise and more drop in social groups. There are three project outcomes we work to achieve:

Local people receive support, information and advice to address benefit, financial and non-financial issues.

Local people report feeling less isolated and more connected to their community as a result of accessing activities provided by the project.

Local people engaging with Personal Choice will develop skills, gain self-confidence/self-esteem

Embedded in the project is an onus on the importance of inclusivity, friendliness, kindness, and being non-judgmental. This coupled with a user-led approach has allowed a genuine sense of community to develop, which appears to be lacking in the lives of many service users outside the project. We cannot underestimate the difference this appears to be making to the well-being of service users. Our groups increasingly reflect the diversity of the community and we are proud to have created a space where people of all backgrounds, with special needs, learning difficulties and mental and physical issues are able to mix, relate and support each other.

In response to the pandemic the two staff with the agreement of the trustees felt the community could be served best if they continued to work from Oasis where the project is based. Whilst the normal activities couldn't operate the staff continued to reach out through structured welfare calls and providing information, advice and support on a range of issues.

Working from Oasis gave clients great security as they knew the project was still open and there was someone they could ring if they needed to talk or had any problems and worries. This is particularly important for many service users who do not have access or use IT and social media. The staff also volunteered to take on the role of HIVE Locality Leads for the Landport area where the project is based supporting volunteers to help local people with collecting prescriptions, dog walking, food parcels etc. In appreciation of the work done by critical workers and volunteers during the Covid 19 pandemic we with others were

awarded 'Freedom of the City of Portsmouth' at a reception at the Guildhall in May 2022.

The trustees are extremely grateful for two legacies received this year totaling £4,078 and donations amounting to £15,732. Personal Choice also successfully applied for five grants totaling £10,653 from Arnold Clark Community Fund; Abri Community Fund; NHS Hampshire & IOW Trust; HiWCF and Portsmouth City Council that secured the running of the service.

Funds brought forward at the start of the year were £51,593 the income for the year was £34,080 and total expenditure £60,323 leaving a balance of £25,386 restricted funds to carry forward to 2022-2023.

The funding enabled us to restart the production of the 'Personal Choice Community Newsletter'. This was a valuable tool during the pandemic helping to maintain and develop a sense of community and connectedness and helped this year to share information and advice on health, and financial issues etc. The HiWCF grant is helping to provide a more visible and accessible support service to address fuel, food and household poverty and in turn improve physical and mental well being.

The impact of inflation and increasing bills on people's mental and physical health motivated the charity to examine what more it could do and led to the proposal to open a food pantry as part of Personal Choice services. Personal Choice has applied to open a pantry under 'Your Local Pantry' franchise and anticipate it opening in autumn 2022. MSM is grateful for a grant from 'Love Portsmouth' of £13,000 to fund a pantry manager's post for 15 hours per week and to help with the initial start up costs.

We consulted with our community about the possibility of developing the strip of land around the Oasis building where we meet in to green space/ garden for them to use and cultivate. There was a lot of interest and enthusiasm and so we were delighted to receive a Queens Jubilee Neighbourhood Grant from Portsmouth City Council to start this project in June 2022. This will be a long term project and it is a great time to have a community project that allows residents to work together, and take ownership and responsibility for something that benefits them and the wider community.

Service user quotes:

*"Support is always close at hand from the excellent staff and fellow members, my life would be a poorer, bleaker place without it. "*

*"It's a great community spirit, I feel so welcomed every week"*

### **Overseas Support**

The name Mustard Seed Ministries comes from the Bible verse:

*'It is the smallest of all seeds, but becomes the largest of plants,*

*and grows into a tree where birds can come and find shelter.'*  
Matthew 13:32

MSM believes it can achieve the most, particularly with overseas projects, by providing support to individuals, organisations and churches that are already on the ground working to achieve the above aims. So rather than trying to own or badge projects we see MSM like the tree offering all kinds of support to indigenous people and organisations whilst aiming to enable them to become self sufficient. The trustees are pleased that this approach allows us to increase the number of groups and individuals benefiting from the charity and support the growth, capacity and identity of the organisations and projects in their own country.

## **(ii) Supporting Pastors, Churches and Christian Organisations**

### **INDIA**

MSM continued regular support for the work of two pastors and their churches giving a total of £1,200. The personal support of the pastors enables them to concentrate their time and energy on their church and evangelistic ministries:

Pastor Lawrence and the Global Prayer Centre Church in Bangalore received grants totaling £600 this year. The church is reaching out practically and spiritually to the poor and needy families in their locality. They have a particular heart for those living in the slum areas and help 60 children on the brick works. Each week they visit 30 families living in the leprosy colony and provide food and medical support.

Pastor Satish, Moriah Church, Bangalore – working in rural areas the church has grown from Satish and his family to a congregation of hundreds. Pastor Satish also received grants amounting to £600. Mount Moriah Missions is committed to planting hundreds of churches, public meetings, church and VBS programs. The trustees are pleased to report continued growth this year, much of which comes from Hindu people seeing God at work and testimonies of healing. Last year they started clearing ground for the foundations of new church branches in Kajivasli and Masthinali they have made great progress with the openings this year. They have a growing number of evangelists conducting village ministry in the face of ongoing threats and persecution. The church held regular baptisms including large outdoor services where 20 plus people were baptized.

Oasis Ministries in Andhra Pradesh extended last year to include pastors and churches in 4 areas in three states including Orissa and Telangana. Four leading pastors are now overseeing 150 pastors in these rural districts. These pastors are in need of biblical teaching and encouragement and a trustee/church leader with MSM is delivering monthly bible study/teaching via Skype. This teaching and mentoring is proving invaluable to these young pastors and churches in their spiritual and physical growth particularly in the face of increasing persecution.

MSM gave a total of £8,135 in grants this year; £4,200 to provide a monthly meal for the teaching and fellowship sessions and a small monthly grant and gift to each pastor to support their ministry. Again the pandemic has had a deep impact on the churches ability to meet together and on support for the pastors particularly in the first part of the year. MSM gave £1,300 to enable each of the pastors and their families receive a much needed covid relief pack. Christmas is extremely important to the churches and their outreach activities to their villages and communities. £3,235 was given for: the Christmas programs of the churches; clothes for the pastor's families, saris for widows, musical instruments and support For Little Angels Orphanage Christmas including support to buy blankets and warm clothes.

The trustees are aware that the pastors exist on very low incomes and often feel forced to take loans with high interest rates to survive. To help address this situation exacerbated by the pandemic in April 2020 the trustees set up a Loan Fund of £10,000 from two restricted donations to enable pastors within the Oasis India group to borrow money from the fund and repay on an interest free basis. Loans are made at the approval of the MSM trustees and the fund administered in India. The loans will be repaid over an agreed period to replenish the fund and keep it active for others going forward. The trustees recognised the pandemic was having a big impact on the pastor's income and agreed they could suspend repayments of the loans until the situation stabilised.

### **PHILIPPINES**

#### **3J2 Bible Centre Church: Iligan City, Cagayan de Oro, Philippines**

Pastor Stephen Villaester his wife Sonia and two sons are leading a small but passionate church seeking to serve the people in Iligan city and Lanao del Norte. The closure of the National Steel Corporation and related companies some years ago has contributed to the severe unemployment and associated problems of street children, malnutrition drug addiction, prostitution and pollution. Since 2007 MSM have supported the weekly feeding program normally held at the local volleyball court, with 120 - 180 children from the dumpsite and surrounding areas attending each week. The children look forward to the meetings and alongside the meal participate in games, praise and worship and bible stories. As a result of the program and home visits church members have made relationships with the parents and some are now attending the church and receiving support.

The lockdown restrictions meant they couldn't operate the normal feeding program and so they received permission from the village chief of the dumpsite to leave relief goods for 50 - 100 families at the doors of the poorest families. They continued with the distribution of relief goods until March 2021 when the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) was lifted and church services and the feeding program resumed in person. MSM made grants totaling £3,630 in this year. £2,800 was given for the feeding program

including an additional £300 to help give each family from the feeding program a food parcel for Christmas, this was in place of holding a Christmas party for the children at Jolibee or McDonalds due to the covid restrictions.

In addition £600 was given to support Pastor Villaester and his ministry. When no corporate worship was permitted they used online or live streaming and later used the pastor's garage for meetings. Many of the church members lost jobs and small businesses during the pandemic and they distributed food packs to members of their church not able to receive Government support.

Pastor Villaester and his family are very outward looking in terms of church and community and are normally involved in many initiatives in the city. They are very committed to the feeding program and proposed registering the Feeding Program to obtain NGO status to safeguard its future in terms of operation and generate new streams of funding. The trustees agreed a grant of £330 to fund the registration process and they received approval in July 2022. The NGO has been named 'Kadangpan Inc' meaning 'Refuge' or 'Shelter'. The focus is on Protection, Education and Food. Protecting the children from any form of abuse or exploitation; seeking organisations that fund scholarship programs for the children; and continuing with the Feeding Program and livelihood programs for the parents.

### **Identity Church: Iligan City**

MSM trustees and Oasis church have developed a close relationship with Rolito Epe who is the Pastor of Identity Church in Iligan. Their vision is '*to see a church fixed on revealing Christ as humanity's true identity.*' This year MSM has received donations from Oasis Centre to support the much needed rent for their church building/ministry and given grants totaling £1,200.

The church started as a Bible Study group composed of graduating nursing students and has grown to over 200 people. This vibrant church launched a youth ministry the Students IMPACT - Changed by God to change the World alongside the young professional group called LOFT (Leading Our Future Together). They run small weekly life groups with trained leaders of the church and this system is helping them to successfully mentor and take care of every person coming to the church.

Again, the pandemic has meant church services didn't resume in person until February but the pastor is pleased that most church members have remained connected through digital platforms providing services, training and small group support. The church is supporting those who have lost jobs and business and found non Christian's and those who drifted from church looking to them for help and encouragement.

### **Purple Community Fund**

Purple Community Fund has a vision to create a clear pathway out

of poverty for all children and their families who live and work on the dumpsites and squatter areas throughout the Philippines. PCF has a complete holistic approach to its work and is tackling poverty at every level, through its education, health, nutrition, pastoral and livelihood programs. All their projects are guided by Godly values regardless of religion race or political boundaries.

Their livelihood program to take women away from litter picking requires large numbers of ring pulls from cans which they make in to bags, purses and jewelry. MSM has been successful in raising awareness in the UK and encouraging churches, businesses and individuals to collect ring pulls amounting to over 50kg this year.

#### **Foursquare Gospel Church, Cateel, Davo Oriental**

Following severe destruction of the central and daughter church following severe tropical storms £2,039 was raised by Oasis Church, Portsmouth in 2019 towards the refurbishment of the church building which serve vibrant but poor communities, one in a mountain region.

A grant of £272 (£231 restricted funds) was given for the church this year.

### **BANGLADESH**

#### **Faith & Fellowship**

In November 2015 the trustees agreed a grant to help set and run a new ministry in Bangladesh directed by Andrew Khokon Holder who is well known to MSM. The aim is to share the gospel spiritually and practically especially to Hindu people and also to carry out children and youth work and church development. Having successfully developed a relationship with the local Hindu community in April 2016 a much needed school now educating 43 children was started with a grant from MSM to employ a teacher and provide educational materials. *'Thanks to Mustard Seed Ministries to support us to operate the school.'*

This year grants totaling £2,742 were given to support the school, evangelist and trainer.

Faith Fellowship also arranged a children's seminar at the school with bible based song, stories and activities and fellowship meal. Alongside Sunday school projects they operate bible study groups for Christian and Hindu young people in different areas. They conducted a number of evangelistic meetings as part of their Good News Project and showed the Jesus film to different Hindu communities. Some of their planned activities were affected by the pandemic including their annual pre-Christmas event which they are hopeful they can restart for Christmas 2022.

In 2019 trustees agreed to initially support evangelist/Theologian Johnson Sarkar in Bangladesh on a monthly basis. He has established a house church with Hindu people that have come to Jesus. Johnson has successfully found employment and no grants were awarded during this financial

year.

### **NEPAL**

#### **Pastor Pandey Karna Nepal Bible Fellowship, Kathmandu**

Nepal Bible Fellowship is a small but vibrant church; the pastor and his wife have a heart for their community. It is encouraging to hear the church is growing with 30 – 40 people meeting. Despite covid restrictions in the first part of the year the church have continued to meet and outreach to their village and neighboring villages. In April they organized a baptismal service near the date of the Nepalese New Year and the anniversary of their church.

#### **(Iii) Children's Homes**

#### **Koya Evangelical Social Service Society (K.E.S.S.S) - Orphan Home, India**

KESSS was founded by Bishop Elishain 2004, a native Indian missionary and is engaged in many activities including housing orphans and special needs children, providing homes for the elderly, education and other humanitarian services. In 2015 MSM received a restricted donation of £10,000 to help build a new block at the orphanage to provide separate accommodation for the boys and girls, securing the future of the home by meeting Government requirements. The new block inaugurated in October 2016 providing a home for 65 children. Subsequent grants have been made for specific items requested but no grants were given in this financial year.

#### **Pastor Ling Choi LIFE Myanmar Outreach Ministry (formerly Life Mission Ministry)**

The CEO and Fieldwork Coordinator visited Pastor Ling Choi in February 2015 after six years of online communication. LIFE Ministries are running a home for 30 orphan children and a church and are dedicated to reaching the poor and unreached in Yangon but also in the tribal areas particularly Chin state, conducting regular outreach missions and church planting. This year the ministry has continued to face the severe challenges of the pandemic and the military coup that began on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. Martial law was imposed and alongside many other closures, banks and the internet were shut down for some time making communication and sending funds impossible towards the last part of the financial year. This has continued to be a challenge and reduced grants made to £305 this year.

Ling Choi and his team were very grateful for the grant that helped purchase Christmas presents of clothes for the children at the orphanage and provide Christmas lunch. *'We give thanks to God and are really grateful to MSM for providing precious Christmas presents to the children.'*

Life ministries were unable to do mass Christmas outreach and preaching as in previous years due to the restrictions and

security measures. They are outreaching to the local community and, as they can, providing food to the poor and many who have fled to Yangon from Chin State. The pastor reports that people are distressed and feeling hopeless under the pandemic and military coup and they work with their evangelistic team to bring physical and spiritual support.

They were so encouraged that some of the children at the orphanage chose to be baptized this year. One of the children gave testimony that she lost her parents when she was five and was sent to the orphanage. She said *'it is a great privilege for me to be in a Christian orphanage home, that I know God and I am able to go to school for my education and receive bible teaching from our care parents daily. I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior and I decided to be baptised to follow Jesus Christ my Lord and savior forever. I received new hope in Jesus Christ and never feel hopelessness anymore.'*

### **Orphanage - Myanmar**

This orphanage in a rural part of Chin State and is run by one young man who is caring for 30 children. MSM have previously given small grants to assist with medical bills and Christmas program. Unfortunately the challenges of the pandemic and marshal law have made communication impossible and the trustees are hoping this will be restored.

### **True Light Christian Centre - Uganda**

The centre in Bugiri is supporting increasing numbers of orphans and needy children, up to 450 in many ways including education and tuition MSM gave a grant of £150 for their Christmas party to help purchase rice, bananas, chicken, cake, juice and clothes for the most in need.

### **(iv) Home for Special Needs**

#### **Little Angels Home for Special Needs, Goa, India**

From many experiences MSM and missionaries/social workers Pedro & Genilda Lima were aware of the physical and emotional needs of children and adults with special needs in India. In 2007 Little Angels Trust was formed to offer children and adults with special needs a loving and encouraging environment with appropriate education and training to enable them to express their talents and become where possible independent and self supporting adults. Whilst the Christian ethos is at the heart of the project the home is open to children and adults from all backgrounds irrespective of caste, creed or religion. MSM have contributed £8,727 this year towards the monthly running/education costs of the home; including £500 for the Christmas and New Year programs and £600 to purchase school uniforms and school supplies.

In this year Little Angels has successfully provided a safe and loving home to 17 boys and adults aged between 10 and 56 years a number are orphans with special needs that mean they

will always require supervision and support. The six boys all attend a school for children with special needs. The eleven men all attend a vocational training centre for adults with a range of special needs.

Last year Children's Welfare in Goa requested they take in twin boys aged nine, the boys have very complex needs requiring care day and night as they are unable to talk, feed or toilet themselves. Their lives had consisted of conflict and neglect and they had been placed at a number of care facilities but nobody would keep them and they can display a lot of anxiety especially with any change. The other boys have really welcomed them and are continually learning how to communicate with them and the twins have made great progress physically, emotionally and spiritually in this caring environment.

In May 2022 a new boy arrived at the door of Little Angels, unaccompanied asking if he could stay. He brought with him a bag with one t-shirt and a pair of flip flops. They found out that his father had passed away and his mother has severe mental health issues. He has been welcomed in to the family and settled in really well. He is now registered in school and all the paperwork completed to make Little Angels his official home.

Little Angels is situated on the rural island of Chorao and uses agriculture as a therapy and activity for the boys and also to help supply their own requirements for rice and vegetables. At the end of the 2020 MSM gave a grant to purchase a new Maruti van to replace the jeep MSM purchased in 2003. The vehicle is proving invaluable in their remote location enabling them to take the children to school, medical appointments, outings and collecting supplies..

Little Angels Trust has developed a bakery on site to assist with the future sustainability of the home and to give the boys an opportunity to learn new skills, and gain experience, confidence and independence.. This year they have made great strides and building on the professional baking tuition they received are selling small amounts of bread/ cakes to a local supermarket at local fairs. The pandemic, cyclones and heavy rain have been big challenges in every aspect of their work this year but not diminished their vision to grow the business and have a shop of their own in the future.

The home is making a great difference to their quality of life, the young people are supported with their educational needs and receive help with homework and receive extra tuition where needed. Unfortunately the schools closed in April 2020 due to the pandemic and only reopened in June 2022 and the staffs have worked extremely hard to provide education and stimulating activities for all the boys and men in their care. This has been particularly challenging with the broad age range and levels of learning difficulty of the boys. The return to school was challenging but their confidence has returned and they are enjoying attending the school camp, picnics and participating in sports and arts and crafts.

#### **(v) Missionary and outreach work**

**Support of Full Time Missionaries - India**

For twenty years MSM have supported the work and vision of Pedro and Genilda Lima, missionaries/social workers from Brazil. They have lived and worked in India for over twenty years, and their extensive experience and commitment and passion to reaching children, the poor and disadvantaged has transformed the lives of many. They are hand on managers of Little Angels Home for Special Needs and have also supported House of Hope project In Chandigarh. Formerly house parents of Shallom House they are still supporting and mentoring many of these young people and supported a number through bible school training. The trustees acknowledge the tremendous work done by Pedro Genilda and the staff in providing a safe and secure home for the boys/men with their differing physical and mental health needs. Grants, totaling £2,250 were given towards their personal support.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

MSM's policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to three months unrestricted payments.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds for overseas work, are regular monthly giving and sundry donations The trustees extend their sincere thanks to all sponsors and donors for their faithful support and generosity.

Fundraising was severely impacted this year by the impact of the covid-19 pandemic. MSM is extremely grateful for the legacies received last year and grants from HiWCF, Arnold Clark community Fund' Abri Community Fund' NHS Hampshire & IOW Trust' PCC Queens Jubilee Neighborhood Grant to support the ongoing work of the Personal Choice project in Portsmouth.

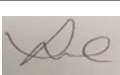
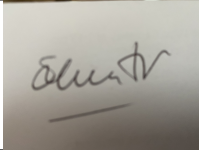
Grants paid totalled £26,361 and Charitable Activities £65,107 accounting for 98.2% of the expenditure for the financial year.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Laura Rook	Stephen Potter
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	29.03.23	





Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Mustard Seed Ministries

On accounts for the year ended

01/08/2021 – 31/07/2022 Charity no (if any) 1025456

Set out on pages

1 & 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 26/02/2023

Name: Stephen Mark Rolls

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address: 49 Foxbury Grove
Portchester, Fareham,
Hants. PO16 9JQ

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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**MUSTARD SEED MINISTRIES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1025456

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 08	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 07	Year 2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Mustard Seed Ministries

**Other names charity is known by** MSM

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1025456

**Charity's principal address**  
 40 Highland Road  
 Southsea  
 Hampshire  
**Postcode** PO4 9AH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Laura Rook	Chair		
2	Rev Stephen Potter			
3	David Hellyer			
4	Andrew Rook			
5	Kathy Hand			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year


**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Lloyds	113 Commercial Road, Portsmouth PO1 1BY

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust deed dated 16.07.1993
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> relationship with any related parties;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and induction. Once appointed trustees are introduced to their role and given copies of the Trust Deed relevant policies, guidelines adopted by MSM. To ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under the Charities Act they are given publications from the Charity Commission including the guidance on public benefit.</p> <p>At the trustees’ meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, financial monitoring, reserves and management policies and performance. The day to day administration of the Trust and grants including the processing and handling of applications prior to consideration by the trustees is delegated to the Chief Executive. A part time Project Manager and a full time Project Coordinator are employed to deliver the Personal Choice project in the UK.</p> <p>The trustees give their time freely and receive no payment or other financial benefit.</p>
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance the Christian religion (in particular in Cambodia)

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The objects of the charity remain as set out in the Trust Deed of 1993, to advance the Christian Religion (in particular in Cambodia). The reference to Cambodia is being reviewed by the trustees.

Mustard Seed Ministries aims to bring the love of Jesus to as many people as possible both in the UK and overseas, so everything the charity does is with this in mind. MSM seeks to reflect the grace, kindness and compassion of God for all people by reaching out to meet both their physical and spiritual needs.

Each year the trustees review MSM's activities to ensure they continue to meet and reflect the charities aims. Within this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commissions Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As a genuine expression of our aim of advancing Christianity we are providing public benefit through:

- carrying out/supporting, as a practical expression of faith, activities to
  - relieve/prevent poverty and to advance education
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children/adults
- contributing to good mental and physical health and well being
- social care

In overseas work the trustees believe MSM can deliver most benefit by supporting Christian organisations, projects, missionaries, Pastors, Churches and individuals who are working on the ground to advance Christianity in a range of ways:

- church outreach and social work programs, including feeding programs, after school project/club, relief missions
- children's homes
- homes for people with special needs
- missionary and outreach work
- bible college training

MSM has helped the above in India, Bangladesh, Philippines, Myanmar and Pakistan supporting them to bring a positive change to the physical and spiritual lives of men and women.

In the UK the Charity has provided benefit to the public primarily through the activities and services of Personal Choice at the Oasis Centre. It is open 5 days a week to support the well being of people 50 plus. Some of the specific public benefit we have provided during the year includes:

- A safe place to visit and meet with others and access opportunities
- Free support and advice on any problems and issue and to improve access to benefits, health and other resources
- Free access to basic computer skills and other social activities
- Social groups including motivational and faith inspired talks
- Lunch Club and Job Club □ Opportunities to 'belong', to volunteer, and to participate in activities
- Pastoral support
- Support during covid pandemic with welfare calls, information, advice and practical support

Statement on Grant making:

### **1. Charitable purpose and objective**

The trustees apply the funds of Mustard Seed Ministries at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity.

### **2. Priorities for support**

The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are:

The advancement of the Christian faith within Portsmouth and the immediate area and main focus on projects MSM is in relationship with in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, Nepal, Philippines and Uganda.

### **3. Principles applied in determining support**

In awarding grants the trustees will apply the following principles:

3.1. The trustee will consider any requests or known situations that are eligible for consideration: from any geographical area within the UK and overseas and from organisations and individuals alike

3.2. Each request or situation will be considered on its own merits

3.3. The trustees will carry out sufficient due diligence to ensure that the request or situation meets both the charitable purposes, and the priorities for support set out in this policy.

3.4. The trustees are content to work in partnership with other grant making bodies where funding of an entire project is beyond the scope of any single organisation

### **4. Applicant and partner due diligence**

The trustee will carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary to ensure:

- The identity of the beneficiary
- That funds are applied in accordance with the charity's charitable

purposes

- That funds are knowingly used for: money laundering in accordance with the operative Money Laundering regulations; Terrorist financing in accordance with the Terrorist Act 2000; Bribery in accordance with the 2010 Bribery Act

**5. Administration**

5.1. For smaller grants, requests may be made informally. Where specific needs or situations are known, grants may be made at the discretion of the trustees without any form of request.

5.2. for larger grants, trustees should be confident:

- Of the purpose of the proposed grant including an understanding of the work and the way in which the grant will be managed and applied
- Of the person(s) responsible for the management of the grant and for overseeing the work;
- That suitable safeguarding practices are in place in cases where the applicant works with children or vulnerable adults;

5.3. Where the grant is for a specified project or purpose, and in situations where that purpose does not proceed or where any grant or part of thereof remains unused, unused funds must be returned.

Mustard Seed Ministries has been operational for twenty eight years and has only employed 1.3 paid staff for the last seven years, exclusively to deliver the Personal Choice project. So the vital role of volunteers in the work of MSM including Personal Choice is of immense value. Personal Choice is reliant on its volunteers for the delivery of so many activities and acknowledges the great benefit of local people supporting people in their community.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**(i) UK Personal Choice Portsmouth**

In 2014 MSM made a successful bid to the Big Lottery Fund Reaching Communities, for 5 years funding for Personal Choice Project, which aims to support the wellbeing of people in Portsmouth, particularly those over 50.

MSM employ a Project Coordinator and part time Project Manager to deliver the services of drop in advice centre, lunch club, prime time social group, computer club, Job club and activity classes. From our evaluation and consultation with service users we have responded by expanding the services to include Diversi-tea groups with a greater cross cultural emphasis, monthly trips, curling and Friday drop in social group. There are three project outcomes we work to achieve:

Improved awareness and uptake of benefits/services, people, are empowered to make choices and take control of their future

People feel less isolated and more confident to engage with other people and activities

Older people feel better prepared for retirement financially and socially through volunteering, training, skills development and reduced worklessness.

Embedded in the project is an onus on the importance of inclusivity, friendliness, kindness, and being non-judgmental. This coupled with a user-led approach has allowed a genuine sense of community to develop, which appears to be lacking in the lives of many service users outside the project. We cannot underestimate the difference this appears to be making to the well-being of service users.

The trustees are extremely grateful for two legacies received in 2019 that secured the continuation of Personal Choice for 2019 - 2021 and beyond. Having to close the majority of social activities for much of the year due to lockdown measures has meant a reduction in rental costs this year. Funds brought forward at the start of the year were £87,192 the income for the year was £4,083 and total expenditure £39,682 leaving a balance of £51,593 restricted funds to carry forward to 2021-2022.

In response to the pandemic the two staff with the agreement of the trustees felt the community could be served best if they continued to work from Oasis where the project is based. Whilst the normal activities couldn't operate the staff continued to reach out through structured welfare calls and providing information, advice and support on a range of issues.

Working from Oasis gave clients great security as they knew the project was still open and there was someone they could ring if they needed to talk or had any problems and worries. This is particularly important for many service users who do not have access or use IT and social media.

Personal successfully applied for three small grants totaling £3,694 from HiWCF National Emergency Trust, Corona virus Program and the D Day Museum. The grants funded enable a small increase in staff hours to meet the additional needs of local people impacted by Covid-19 presenting a range of financial, emotional and mental health issues. The funding also enabled the production and posting out of the 'Personal Choice Community Newsletter' and birthday cards to over 200 service users, helping them stay connected and reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation.

Mustard Seed Ministries are very grateful to Portsmouth Mediation Service for their generous donation of a professional photocopier/ printer from that made the printing of the newsletter much quicker and more cost effective.

The staff also volunteered to take on the role of HIVE Locality Leads for the Landport area where the project is based supporting volunteers to help local people with collecting prescriptions, dog walking, food parcels etc.

*"Thank you for all the help you've given me over the last few months. I really don't know what I would do or where I would go without you. I really do mean that - I really appreciate it" Mike*

*"Looking forward to when everyone can pop in again and gather for chats and cups of tea. It makes you really appreciate things before this horrible thong came along. But at present it's nice to receive the newsletter with puzzles, crosswords and helpful information and news of how everyone is getting on. I also appreciate your phone calls offering help with shopping and anything else. From the first time I came to Personal Choice you are all kind, helpful and precious people." Gloria*

One of the biggest impacts we hadn't necessary anticipated is Personal Choice fulfilling an ongoing need as a connection point within the community; rather than being a service people move through. Service users tell us it remains integral in developing and maintaining relationships and combating loneliness and isolation.

After the lockdown Personal Choice was asked to take over the running of two long standing social groups for older people that would otherwise have to close. In light of the above the trustees agreed as these groups are vital in maintaining that connection point and reducing loneliness and isolation that was exacerbated by the pandemic restrictions.

*"It's a great community spirit, I feel so welcomed every week"*

*"It is nice to come to a friendly place instead of staying at home on your own."*

### **Overseas Support**

The name Mustard Seed Ministries comes from the Bible verse:

*'It is the smallest of all seeds, but becomes the largest of plants, and grows into a tree where birds can come and find shelter.'*

Matthew 13:32

MSM believes it can achieve the most, particularly with overseas projects, by providing support to individuals, organisations and churches that are already on the ground working to achieve the above aims. So rather than trying to own or badge projects we see MSM like the tree offering all kinds of support to indigenous people and organisations whilst aiming to enable them to become self sufficient. The trustees are pleased that this approach allows us to increase the number of groups and individuals benefiting from the charity and support the growth, capacity and identity of the organisations and projects in their own country.

## **(ii) Supporting Pastors, Churches and Christian Organisations**

### **INDIA**

MSM continued regular support for the work of two pastors and their churches giving a total of £1,200. The personal support of the pastors enables them to concentrate their time and energy on their church and evangelistic ministries:

Pastor Lawrence and the Global Prayer Centre Church in Bangalore received grants totaling £600 this year. The church is reaching out practically and spiritually to the poor and needy families in their locality. They have a particular heart for those living in the slum areas and help 60 children on the brick works. Each week they visit 29 families living in the leprosy colony and provide food and medical support.

Pastor Satish, Moriah Church, Bangalore – working in rural areas the church has grown from Satish and his family to a congregation of hundreds. Pastor Satish also received grants amounting to £600. Mount Moriah Missions is committed to planting hundreds of churches, public meetings, church and VBS programs. The trustees are pleased to report continued growth this year, much of which comes from Hindu people seeing God at work and testimonies of healing. Last November they started clearing ground for the foundations of a new church branch in Kajivasli and they have made great progress with the build just needing electric, water and sewage in June 2021. In September they started a new church branch in Masthinali. The church held regular baptisms including a large service in September where 26 people were baptized.

Oasis Ministries in Andhra Pradesh extended last year to include pastors and churches in 4 areas in three states including Orissa and Telangana. Four leading pastors are now overseeing 150 pastors in these rural districts. These pastors are in need of biblical teaching and encouragement and a trustee/church leader with MSM is delivering monthly bible study/teaching via Skype. This teaching and mentoring is proving invaluable to these young pastors and churches in their spiritual and physical growth particularly in the face of increasing persecution.

Again the pandemic has had a deep impact on the pastors and

churches ability to meet together during this year. MSM has given a total of £2,960 including £560 to help with medical expenses for a pastor badly hurt in an accident and pastor wife giving birth to her first child.

The trustees are aware that the pastors exist on very low incomes and often feel forced to take loans with high interest rates to survive. To help address this situation exacerbated by the pandemic in April 2020 the trustees set up a Loan Fund of £10,000 from two restricted donations to enable pastors within the Oasis India group to borrow money from the fund and repay on an interest free basis. Loans are made at the approval of the MSM trustees and the fund administered in India. The loans will be repaid over an agreed period to replenish the fund and keep it active for others going forward. The trustees recognized the pandemic was having a big impact on the pastor's income and agreed they could suspend repayments of the loans until the situation stabilized.

Christmas is particularly important to the churches and their outreach activities and clothes were given for the pastors families, saris for 50 widows and food and support for Christmas celebrations.

### **PHILIPPINES**

#### **3J2 Bible Centre Church: Iligan City, Cagayan de Oro, Philippines**

Pastor Stephen Villaester his wife Sonia and two sons are leading a small but passionate church seeking to serve the people in Iligan city and Lanao del Norte. The closure of the National Steel Corporation and related companies some years ago has contributed to the severe unemployment and associated problems of street children, malnutrition drug addiction, prostitution and pollution. Since 2007 MSM have supported the weekly feeding program normally held at the local volleyball court, with 120 - 180 children from the dumpsite and surrounding areas attending each week. The children look forward to the meetings and alongside the meal participate in games, praise and worship and bible stories. As a result of the program and home visits church members have made relationships with the parents and some are now attending the church and receiving support.

At the last group feeding program on the 15 March 2020, prior to the lockdown restrictions being introduced, 250 children were given soap, face mask, sanitiser, rice, noodles and sardines. For the following months they received permission from the village chief of the dumpsite to leave relief goods for 50 - 100 families at the doors of the poorest families. They continued with the distribution of relief goods until March 2021 when the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) was lifted and church services and the feeding program resumed in person. MSM made grants totaling £3,750 in this year. £2,800 was given for the feeding program including an additional £200 to support further relief packs at Christmas.

In addition £950 was given to support Pastor Villaester and his ministry. With no corporate worship permitted they used online or live streaming and later used the pastor's garage for meetings. Many of the church members lost jobs and small businesses during the pandemic and they distributed food packs to members of their church not able to receive Government support.

Samaritans Purse gave the women in the church two sewing machines and materials to make masks at a reasonable price and they used MSM donations to purchase masks for 150 children on the dumpsite who were without them.

Pastor Villaester and his family are very outward looking in terms of church and community and are normally involved in many initiatives in the city. This year they organized a group of pastors named 'Jesus The King of Glory Ministries Network Philippines' (Jkgmnp) to encourage church support and growth in Iligan.

### **Identity Church: Iligan City**

MSM trustees and Oasis church have developed a close relationship with Rolito Epe who is the Pastor of Identity Church in Iligan. This year MSM has received donations from Oasis Centre to support the much needed rent for their church building/ministry and given grants totaling £1,200.

The church started as a Bible Study group composed of graduating nursing students and has grown to over 200 people. This vibrant church launched a youth ministry the Students IMPACT - Changed by God to change the World alongside the young professional group called LOFT (Leading Our Future Together). They run small weekly life groups with trained leaders of the church and this system is helping them to successfully mentor and take care of every person coming to the church.

Again, the pandemic has meant no church services in person but the pastor is pleased that most church members have remained connected through digital platforms providing services, training and small group support. The church is supporting those who have lost jobs and business and found non Christian's and those who drifted from church looking to them for help and encouragement.

### **Purple Community Fund**

Purple Community Fund has a vision to create a clear pathway out of poverty for all children and their families who live and work on the dumpsites and squatter areas throughout the Philippines. PCF has a complete holistic approach to its work and is tackling poverty at every level, through its education, health, nutrition, pastoral and livelihood programs. All their projects are guided by Godly values regardless of religion race or political boundaries.

Their livelihood program to take women away from litter picking requires large numbers of ring pulls from cans which they make

in to bags, purses and jewelry. MSM has been successful in raising awareness in the UK and encouraging churches, businesses and individuals to collect ring pulls amounting to over 50kg this year.

#### **Foursquare Gospel Church, Cateel, Davo Oriental**

Following severe destruction of the central and daughter church following severe tropical storms £2,039 was raised by Oasis Church, Portsmouth in 2019 towards the refurbishment of the church building which serve vibrant but poor communities, one in a mountain region.

A donation of £272 was raised by Oasis Church, Portsmouth for this church/district these funds will be carried forwarded in to 2021/2022 financial year as restricted funds.

### **BANGLADESH**

#### **Faith & Fellowship**

In November 2015 the trustees agreed a grant to help set and run a new ministry in Bangladesh directed by Andrew Khokon Holder who is well known to MSM. The aim is to share the gospel spiritually and practically especially to Hindu people and also to carry out children and youth work and church development. Having successfully developed a relationship with the local Hindu community in April 2016 a much needed school for 43 children was started with a grant from MSM to employ a teacher and provide educational materials.

This year grants totaling £2,761 were given to support the school, evangelist and trainer. This included a grant of £300 for the Pre-Christmas Blessing Event held in a Church compound near the Hindu village. This built on last year's successful event, practicing rather than just teaching 'What is Christmas?'

This was a whole day event with singing and dancing, prayer and an explanation of what Christmas means followed by a meal and the distribution of blankets and there was great participation by the local people. 'It was a joy to spend the whole day together and fellowship; local people learnt a lot about the Christian culture and experienced the practical love of God.'

*'We are very much thankful to MSM UK to support this project financially. By your helping hand the Hindu peoples are now come to Jesus to praise Him. Thank you.'*

In 2019 trustees agreed to support evangelist/Theologian Johnson Sarkar in Bangladesh on a monthly basis and this year gave grants of £450. He has is now running a house church with Hindu people that have come to Jesus.

### **NEPAL**

#### **Pastor Pandey Karna Nepal Bible Fellowship, Kathmandu**

Nepal Bible Fellowship is a small but vibrant church; the pastor and his wife have a heart for their community. It is encouraging to hear the church is growing with 30 - 40 people meeting. Along with millions of others many of their church members left to return to their villages because of the lack of jobs and food caused by the pandemic. However in March 2021 as restrictions lifted they invited many from the village to their third church anniversary and gave each one a bible.

### **PAKISTAN**

#### **Evangelist Suneel John Global Vision Ministries Pakistan**

Last year the charity developed a new relationship with Evangelist Suneel John, Vice Chairman of Global Vision Ministries. This is a spiritual ministry involved in conducting evangelistic meetings, arranging conferences, seminars and holding Crusades and Good News Festivals and Pastors Leadership Conferences for revival and healing to unsaved people. It is also a social/economic development project for the poor and deprived helping to set families free from debt bondage.

#### **(Iii) Children's Homes**

#### **Koya Evangelical Social Service Society (K.E.S.S.S) - Orphan Home, India**

KESSS was founded by Bishop Elishain 2004, a native Indian missionary and is engaged in many activities including housing orphans and special needs children, providing homes for the elderly, education and other humanitarian services. In 2015 MSM received a restricted donation of £10,000 to help build a new block at the orphanage to provide separate accommodation for the boys and girls, securing the future of the home by meeting Government requirements. The new block inaugurated in October 2016 providing a home for 65 children.

Last year MSM were able give grants to provide a water filter and help with the license and medical bills. This year requests were received to help with a water pump and to provide sewing machines for widows and young women for their employment program. Unfortunately we were not in a position to award grants due to the impact of the pandemic on MSM resources this year.

#### **Pastor Ling Choi - LIFE Myanmar Outreach Ministry**

The CEO and Fieldwork Coordinator visited Pastor Ling Choi in February 2015 after six years of online communication. LIFE Ministries are running a home for 30 orphan children and a church and are dedicated to reaching the poor and unreached in Yangon but also in the tribal areas particularly Chin state, conducting regular outreach missions and church planting. The trustee agreed monthly support of £300 per month from June 2015 and a total of £2,484 was given in this year to benefit the

orphans and families and children from slum areas.

This year the ministry has faced challenges in three fronts, the pandemic, the worst flooding in decades and the military coup that began on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. Martial law was imposed and alongside many other closures, banks and the internet were shut down making communication and sending funds impossible towards the last part of the financial year.

Ling Choi and his team are very grateful for the grants that help support the basic needs of the children at the orphanage. It helped to provide a Christmas program for the children and gifts of trousers, shirts, blankets, pillows and Christmas dinner. Their heart to outreach to their community also led them to share the gospel and provisions to over 300 people.

In the midst of the pandemic they started a project called 'Feed My People' (John 21:17) to provide basic needs of food and hygiene products alongside the gospel of hope to many in the slum areas. As part of their vision they continue to nurture missionaries who are spreading the gospel in front line area and plan to start a Bible Training School to facilitate this.

*'We are thankful for how God has provided through MSM Ministry... thank you for your faithful prayer, support and encouragement.'*

#### **Orphanage - Myanmar**

This orphanage in a rural part of Chin State and is run by one young man who is caring for 30 children. MSM have previously given small grants to assist with medical bills and Christmas program. Unfortunately the challenges of the pandemic and marshal law have made communication impossible and the trustees are hoping this will be restored soon.

#### **True Light Children Centre - Uganda**

Supporting up to 200 orphans and needy children including education and tuition MSM gave a grant of £100 towards rice, bananas, cassava, meat and juice for their Christmas party. During the party they graduated 8 Sunday school children who confessed Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and savior. An additional grant of £100 was given to support their 'Easter Glory' program for the children on Easter day.

#### **(iv) Home for Special Needs**

##### **Little Angels Home for Special Needs, Goa, India**

From many experiences MSM and missionaries/social workers Pedro & Genilda Lima were aware of the physical and emotional needs of children and adults with special needs in India. In 2007 Little Angels Trust was formed to offer children and adults with special needs a loving and encouraging environment with appropriate education and training to enable them to express their talents and become where possible independent and self supporting adults. Whilst the Christian ethos is at the heart of

the project the home is open to children and adults from all backgrounds irrespective of caste, creed or religion. MSM have contributed £7,802 this year towards the monthly running/education costs of the home; including £500 for the Christmas and New Year programs.

In this year Little Angels has successfully provided a safe and loving home to 23 boys and adults aged between 6 and 55 years a number are orphans with special needs that mean they will always require supervision and support. Children's Welfare in Goa requested they take in twin boys aged six, the boys have severe disabilities including no speech. The other boys have really welcomed them and are learning how to communicate with them and they are boys are making great progress physically, emotionally and spiritually in this caring environment.

Little Angels is situated on the rural island of Chorao and uses agriculture as a therapy and activity for the boys and also to help supply their own requirements for rice and vegetables. At the end of the last financial year MSM gave a grant to purchase a new Maruti van to replace the jeep MSM purchased in 2003. The vehicle is proving invaluable in their remote location enabling them to take the children to school, medical appointments, outings and collecting supplies..

Little Angels Trust is working towards developing a bakery on site to assist with future sustainability of the home and to give the boys an opportunity to be part of this business venture. This year they have made great strides and building on the professional baking tuition they received has started selling small amounts of bread/ cakes to a local supermarket at local fairs. The pandemic, cyclones and heavy rain have been big challenges in every aspect of their work this year but not diminished their vision to grow the business and have a shop of their own in the future.

The home is making a great difference to the quality of life, the young people are supported with their educational needs and receive help with homework and receive extra tuition where needed. Unfortunately the schools have been closed since April 2020 due to the pandemic and the staff are working extremely hard to provide education and stimulating activities for all the boys and men in their care. This is particularly challenging with the broad age range and levels of learning difficulty of the boys.

#### **(v) Missionary and outreach work**

##### **Support of Full Time Missionaries - India**

For nineteen years MSM have supported the work and vision of Pedro and Genilda Lima, missionaries/social workers from Brazil. They have lived and worked in India for over twenty years, and their extensive experience and commitment and passion to reaching children, the poor and disadvantaged has transformed the lives of many. They are hand on managers of Little Angels Home for Special Needs and have also supported House of Hope project In Chandigarh. Formerly house parents of Shallom House

they are still supporting and mentoring many of these young people and supported a number through bible school training.

Due to covid-19 restrictions the school attended by the boys from Little Angels has been closed for the entire year. The trustees acknowledge the tremendous work done by Pedro Genilda and the staff in home educating the boys with their differing physical and mental health needs. Grants, totaling £2,750 were given towards their personal support.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

MSM's policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to three months unrestricted payments.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds for overseas work, are regular monthly giving and sundry donations The trustees extend their sincere thanks to all sponsors and donors for their faithful support and generosity.

Fundraising was severely impacted this year by the impact of the covid-19 pandemic. MSM is extremely grateful for the legacies received last year and grants from HiWCF National Emergency Trust, Corona virus Program and the D Day Museum to support the ongoing work of the Personal Choice project in Portsmouth.

Grants paid totalled £25,308 and Charitable Activities £50,426 accounting for 97.2% of the expenditure for the financial year.

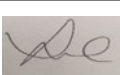
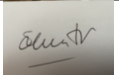
**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Laura Rook	Stephen Potter
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	27/04/22	





Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: MUJIB SEED MINISTRIES

On accounts for the year ended

01/08/2020 - 31/07/2021 Charity no (if any): 1025456

Set out on pages

1 and 2. (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 21/04/2022

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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