

## **NECHELLS AND OVERSEAS CARE FUND**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

**Financial year 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023**

I have the pleasure of submitting this annual report to the trustees for our AGM. The financial year of our charity was from 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023.

#### **Uganda**

##### **Health Department Diocese of Northern Uganda ( 19,065.89 )**

Our involvement has been less this year as Dr Nick Laing has clarified that he is keen for us not to change our involvement which is mainly to provide regular ongoing support to two established units with a small contribution to his personal assistant. All aspects of his work are developing really well with impressive expansion of the OneDay health units and continued development of the older units , in particular St Phillips which now sees 1000 patients /month and provides impatient maternity and x-ray facilities. In this financial year we made a one off contribution of (9,225.88) to enable one of the small older units with the lovely name of Good Shepherd to complete a building

##### **Food Aid / Sustainability (5,838.97)**

Two individuals received single payments in the planting season to enable them to grow food for family support. Unfortunately the rains failed in the first planting but there was some rainfall in the second.

**Total Expenditure in Uganda : 24,904.86**

#### **Sri Lanka**

##### **Sathyendira**

NOCF's main interest in Sri Lanka is to assist Sathyendira both with transport support for his Christian ministry in the post conflict North of Sri Lanka and funds for his new humanitarian project which seeks to provide support of the very poor together with making a contribution to global warming by planting coconut trees on land owned by poor families. His communication is very full. Currently Peter (Morgan) is communicating with Sathyendira

**Cost of personal support ( 6920.60 )**

**Cost of coconut project (2038.9 )**

##### **Finances in Sri Lanka**

**Total Expenditure in Sri Lanka : £8,959.51**

#### **India**

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Pastor Jayaseelan leads a small church in a poor, low caste slum area and we have provided humanitarian support for which he gives full accountabilities. We have given two donations to enable him to provide food support to local people.

##### **Finances in India**

**Total Expenditure in India : £1,201.99**

#### **Birmingham**

##### **What about Locally?**

## **Humanitarian**

### **Taye Warner. (£1000)**

The trustees agreed to donate £1000 to this plucky single parent who was determined to make a go of life my working full time and creating a career but had been scammed by a rogue builder causing great distress, damaging the health of her son whose asthma worsened on account of dust and creating a deeply distressing financial loss. I encouraged the trustees to be generous as Taye was doing her best to develop her spirituality and cling onto her Christina roots. Thesis contribution was a success. Using different skilled and kind contractors, Taye was able to complete the work at least getting her house both tidy and safe. Her morale has been lifted and she is continuing to develop her Christian walk courtesy of her exploration of online sites.

### **Cost of support**

### **Oikos Church (£250)**

Friend Gavin who escaped drug addiction through Holy Spirit empowerment following Christian commitment whilst in Livingstone House some 2 years ago and since which time has developed a new Christian based ministry for folk with compulsions which he rolled out at Solihull Renewal Church had an organised transfer to Oikos Church in Erdington which has contacts with many homeless folk and a heart for ministry but no money. The trustees agreed to a grant of £250 and in days the church and Gavin started to set up a three times week outreach to vulnerable people due to start in October. I have visited the Church and it is wonderfully "messy" in that the congregation sits at round tables with so much congregation participation at times it feels like a family dinner party. The worship is spiritual and sincere but unskilled in its presentation. I felt very at home there.

## **Finances Locally**

**Total Expenditure Locally : £1.250**

### **Conclusion on 2022 - 2023**

A quieter year than last partly because the shock of post covid and post war crises have now been factored into people's psyche. I do not think folk are necessarily that much better off. Also Nick is happy with our present support and keen that we do not change. Finally Pete (Hill) is keen to have one last throw at ministry in Nechells and so is devoting less time to NOCF. We are no longer sending out general newsletters instead simply individual letters to our small band of regular supporters.

One of our most faithful supporters both financially and through Barnabas encouragement was Helen's dad, Tony who has been promoted to glory and whose personified a life dedicated to the Lord. Our condolences to Helen and Helens mum Connie for this loss.

## **Finances overall**

Total income from Donations :	£29,562.78
Total income from HMRC gift aid claim :	£10,428.07
Total income from donations specifically for Gulu Connection :	£2,501.84
Total income from Give as you live and Amazon Smile.:	£67.99
 Total income :	 £39,990.85
Total expenditure :	£46,628.04*

\*There is a discrepancy between the noted total expenditure and the amounts of donations in the annual report and that came about because of a balancing payment of £12,000 which had to be noted as expenditure but was not included in donations towards the work of the charity.

## **Management Expenses**

The fund's only management expense is for accountancy which amounted to £200

## **Future Plans**

## Possible Parameters for 2023 -24, for information and decisions at the AGM.

- **Donations to the fund** are expected to be similar to this year.
- **Donations from the fund** look set to fall.
- **Sri Lanka Sustainability.** Sathyendra has embarked on a sustainability project of planting Coconut trees both so that poor families have income and as a global warming offset initiative. The trustees will be invited to consider whether this should be continued or even increased
- **Pastor Jayaseelan.** Now the acute crisis is over and in the knowledge that Pastor Jayaseelan is getting significant support from Dr Pedley, I think the trustees might consider ceasing support here.
- **Uganda food aid.** This year's aid was given in a single sum to buy seeds for the planting season but the outcome was poor on account of poor rains. I am not sure what to advise for the coming year.
- **Uganda Diocesan Health Care Team.** I imagine there will be no need for changes. There might be room for another larger one off donation towards the end of the financial year.
- It is hoped that **Christian outreach in Nechells** will develop and the trustees are invited to consider whether this would be appropriate to be supported by NOCF. (Probably the fourth year I have made this suggestion)
- A possible new area of support would be for **Pastor Zeeshan** who is pioneering churches in Pakistan. We are short of details and so we will need for greater clarity before the trustees will be able to make a decision.

## Possible Future Finances

I suggest we consider whether planning along the following lines would be appropriate

Projects Abroad		2022-23	2023-24
Uganda			
	Diocesan Health Team	19,065.89	11000
	Regular food aid / sustainability	5,838.97	2500
Sri Lanka			
	Sathy transport support	4463.70	5000
	Coconuts	2038.91	3000
	Food aid	2401.9	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	33809.37	21,500

I would like to thank the trustees for their guidance and support throughout the year

Peter Hill  
NOCF Administrator