

# CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1061526

## Details

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Other names	CONTAINERS OF HOPE, BABY AID, CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL, RAY OF HOPE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1997-03-24
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. 2. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY OF PEOPLE OVERSEAS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF AID.

**Activities:** We provide sponsored educational support for children in East & Central Africa. Financial support is sent to support individuals, community groups, health clinics and schools. The provision of knitted clothing and blankets to Eastern European orphanages via our shipping partners. The joint funding of small local initiative projects with our overseas partners

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Burundi
- Rwanda
- Uganda

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£391,750	£332,034	-	-
2024-03-31	£302,625	£303,860	-	-
2023-03-31	£351,114	£350,918	-	-
2022-03-31	£413,290	£260,747	-	-
2021-03-31	£245,905	£230,761	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Magali Louise Josette Ellis</b>	Chair	2021-11-25
AFOLABI JAMES OLADUNJOYE		2019-11-09
Carol Serena Phillips		2023-10-07
Gary Clark		2022-03-10
Paul Edward Guyver		2020-04-23
Stephen Caldwell		2025-05-22

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Year ending 31 March 2025

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# TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees present their report and the unaudited Annual report & Financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## CHARITY INFO

### Registered Name:

Christian Hope International

### Registered Charity Number:

1061526

### Year End Date

31 March 2025

### Registered Address:

Office Suite 2  
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### Trustees

Dr Magali Ellis (Chair)  
Mr Gary Clark (Treasurer)  
Mr. Paul Guyver  
Mrs Valerie Dobson  
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# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

## Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, being a constitution adopted 11th October 1996 and as amended on 14th March 1997, 18th November 1998 and 9th June 2008. The constitution, which provides the legal framework that sets out CHI's charitable purposes; the powers, who runs it and who can be a member, was reviewed and adopted at the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. Details of how this has been achieved are provided in the Trustee's report.

## Recruitment of Trustees

Potential new Trustees are usually identified from regular donors, volunteer workers and others with experience of and interest in, the areas of work in which the charity operates. Guidance notes on their responsibilities are given to new Trustees, together with a similar document produced by the Charity Commission and a copy of the Charity's constitution. Potential new Trustees are invited to attend one or two trustees' meetings before being formally adopted.

## Organisational Structure

The charity is registered with the UK Charities Commission, with a board of trustees. The day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to paid staff. During the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, the Charity had three part-time employees and one full time employee until end of July 2024. The employees work to an agreed programme and budget which is overseen by the Trustees. The Charity benefits from several regular and occasional volunteers who assist with the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project and office administration. Volunteers also assisted in packing in the warehouses for the Stitches of Hope knitting project up to the end of November 2024 when CHI moved premises and found itself unable to continue with the Stitches project.

## Risk Management

The Trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review potential risks to which employees, volunteers, recipients and partners of the Charity may be exposed and have sought to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to

manage those risks. We have protocols relating to the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project, policies for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We have a rolling programme to regularly review our policies. Fire and general risk assessments are carried out annually for the offices.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted funds of £30,000 (which represents approximately 3 months unrestricted expenditure) to enable the charity to continue to operate for that period if income or expenditure should vary adversely.

## OBJECTIVES

Christian Hope International (C.H.I.) seeks to bring the true HOPE only found in Jesus Christ along with the relief of poverty and sickness. We aim to support vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and families, predominantly in East Africa. Jesus' life and teaching are the motivation for our work. We partner with the existing Christian community in the developing world, mainly through the Anglican Church in Rwanda and Uganda.

We seek to glorify God through the Christian ethos of helping others less fortunate than ourselves and our support is provided to those in need, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

We believe that children are the future of the countries in which they live. We seek to help them develop their potential through improved education, small community projects and healthcare initiatives combined with the love and support provided by our partners in their local communities. We believe that this approach is the most effective way to benefit our client group. C.H.I. also links with another Christian charity (Mission Without Borders) which holds a similar ethos and, through whom, practical aid is channelled to countries in Eastern Europe. This project through Mission Without Borders ended at the end of November 2024.

In planning our activities for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

# UPDATES

## Office

C.H.I. moved to its new premises at the end of November 2024 and after a stressful couple of weeks, we are now settled into our offices. Unfortunately, we have had to stop our involvement with Mission Without Borders and our Stitches of Hope project mainly due to lack of warehouse and to changing parameters placed on the shipping of knitted items to Eastern Europe.

## Project Visits

As part of our rolling programme to monitor the projects supported, Carmen and Pauline returned to Rwanda and Uganda in May 2025.

The objective of these trips is manyfold:

- To inspect the progress and/or completion of current projects since the previous trip;
- To ensure that funds sent have been used for their intended purpose;
- To visit potential projects that our partners would like us to consider for funding;
- To build relationships with our partners and the communities in which we work.
- We will be visiting Karongi Diocese where a new partnership was formed during 2024.

The team kept a daily travel blog that can be found on our website [www.christianhope.org.uk](http://www.christianhope.org.uk)

## Staff, volunteers and Supporters

The Trustees wish to thank the dedicated work of our staff team whose contribution far exceeds their paid hours. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for ensuring that financial, practical and spiritual support has continued through challenging times and have demonstrated that those in need are not overlooked. We also wish to thank all our volunteers in the office and warehouse as well as the continuing loyalty of the Charity's many supporters, without whom the work would cease. Above all, we have to thank and praise our great God who inspires, equips and enables us to bring practical and spiritual hope.

# IMPACT

## Building Hope

We have helped to fund the renovation of two churches (money sent in March 2024 and work carried out from April). We supported the completion of the pastor's house in Kabwami enabling him to move into the parish.

The new nursery at Tumba was replastered and the toilet block at ALS was completed.

## Child Sponsorship

There has continued to be an increase in the number of children sponsored, rising from 564 last year to 582 by the end of March 2025. This includes the children with physical and Special Educational Needs at the Aunt Louise School in Uganda.

We have started a new sponsorship project in Rakai in Uganda.

We give thanks for the generosity of our sponsors, for the dedication of our partners during very testing times and for the hard work of staff and volunteers who oversee communication to and from the children and sponsors.

## Health Projects

- Whist sponsorship includes healthcare for the child, in Rwanda the government insist that the whole family be covered for anyone to be treated. We continue to support the purchase of health insurance for approximately 1,000 family members of the sponsored children in Rwanda. Our annual Health Insurance Appeal covers almost half the cost of this.

In Uganda, where there is no such insurance, we continue to support a health fund for the children and their families, which is utilised at the discretion of Reverend Canon Patrick Ssimbwa, who is in overall control of all our work in Kijjabwemi Diocese.

- CHI supports church run community health clinics in Shyogwe, Rwanda and in Kimwanyi, Uganda. Here, patients can receive treatment regardless of their ability to pay.

CHI continues to support five nurses across the two clinics. Nurse Prossy who was our first nurse in Kimwanyi, Uganda has moved to pastures new and has been replaced by Eleazer Kanyulya.

The nurses do an amazing job providing maternity, family planning and anti-natal care, dealing with physical trauma, testing, vaccinating and treating diseases. However, their resources are limited and often they are only able to pray for healing when the medicine cabinet is empty.

- CHI are continuing to help restock the pharmacy at Kimwanyi and provide medical equipment as and when needed. We have also funded two health camps this year in Kaleere in Uganda.
- Five water tanks have been provided for church run schools and clinic in Uganda and another one has been repaired.
- Sanitary and basic necessities have been provided for mums and their children in prison.
- Two schools and two nurseries have been provided with school lunches. Hannah Ministry project feeds approximately 50 children affected by AIDS/HIV and were supported with £400 to help with purchasing food.

### Livestock and Agriculture

- The vast majority of people in the rural communities we serve are subsistence farmers. Often the best way to help lift people out of poverty is by donating livestock. This can provide milk, eggs, meat and manure, helping to alleviate malnutrition, with the young often being sold to provide extra income.

In this financial year, CHI sent a total of £6,065 to various regions for the provision of livestock which includes goats, pigs, hens and rabbits.

- The **Hannah Ministry** project was further supported with the expansion of the rabbit project and the provision of a further 20 rabbits; the income from which should help provide food for the children and enable a dedicated person to be appointed to care for the livestock. With no source of funding, this project relies on donations and volunteers.
- A milling machine was provided to Mugina parish, Byumba as an income generation for the entire community. A grinding machine was also provided on Ishywa island, Cyanguku for the same purpose.

- Fertiliser was provided for the coffee plant at Kitengeesa, Uganda which is used as an income generation to help support the church and church-run school.
- Eucalyptus trees and seeds were provided in Rakai as income generation to the church and for school lunches at Rakai school.

## Education

CHI supports a number of schools through the school partner's project, funding equipment that will benefit the pupils and enhance their education:

**Aunt Louise School, Uganda** – there have been a number of issues at the school and it was clear during our last visit that extra help was needed.

A lady was identified to assist in the care of the children, some sponsors have increased their monthly support and CHI have undertaken to send additional funds on a regular basis. We also sent funds to replace bedding and mattresses. All children have been provided with a medical assessment.

**Gahima Agape School, Kibungo** – Following a fire which destroyed the boy's dormitory, school partner's funds were used to replace the beds. A drying area has been provided for the students' use which has proved a game changer in their lives as it prevents the skin diseases connected with the insects which would otherwise be caught in their clothes when hung on thorny bushes to dry out.

**Gikonko Secondary School, Butare** – A water tank has been supplied and seeds purchased to enable crops which will be used for school lunches.

**Kijjabwemi Primary School, Uganda** – School partner's funds were used to provide lunches for the students.

**St Peter's Secondary School, Shyogwe** – A fence has been built around the dormitory for security. Pigs were purchased and a sty was built as an income generation project to help the poorest students with their school fees.

**Tumba Nursery, Byumba** – This newly built nursery has used the funds to provide teaching and play equipment for their children.

Further educational support is offered on an ad hoc basis when required.

Academic pathways are not always suitable for everyone and so CHI regularly give bursaries for vocational training courses, enabling students to learn a trade and start a small business in anything from tailoring to welding.

Ten students at Kageyo VTC in Byumba, Rwanda completed their courses in 2024.

Hannah Ministry project, Byumba was supported with £600 going towards school uniforms and equipment.

Solar lamps enable students to do their homework after dark at 7pm. CHI provided £2000 for solar lamps to families.

### **Spiritual Growth**

Nurturing faith is at the heart of everything that we do at CHI. This can take on many different forms in the communities that we work in, but everything is done in His name and for His glory. Here are some of the ways in which we have been helping to lead people to and grow their faith.

**Kako Youth Mission, Uganda** – Eighty of our sponsored children were funded to attend the Youth Mission. We would like to thank our sponsors who contributed towards the cost.

**Bibles** – Hymn books have been purchased for Kabwami Church.

**KOP (Kijjabwemi Orphans Project)** – This Saturday centre day for sponsored children and all others who may turn up for a time of worship, prayer and praise continues to be funded by CHI. The children are also provided with a meal and have the opportunity to spend time in play. Up to 200 children regularly attend this event.

**Bikes for Pastors** – Seven motorbikes and a large number of bicycles have been provided to pastors and lay readers assisting them to visit their communities more regularly.

**Pastor Bursaries** – A theology degree is now required in Rwanda, before a pastor can lead a parish. The church in Rwanda has been supported with funding for the training of ten pastors.

### Stitches of Hope

We continued to receive and send significant quantities of newly knitted and crocheted clothes and blankets. In November 2024, several tonnes of knitting was sent through to Mission Without Borders to be distributed in Eastern Europe. These beautifully handcrafted gifts not only have practical benefits but also provide a tangible demonstration of God's love to those in need.

Sadly, since November, we have had to stop this project due to our relocation to premises that are too small to house all the knitting to be processed. It also coincided with Mission Without Borders being told that shipping regulations were changing.

### Publicity

We have continued to provide our magazine, free of charge, three times a year. We have also produced 'Monthly Updates' electronically. In addition, we have a presence on Facebook and Instagram to encourage and inform existing supporters and to reach out to a new audience. Our website has been updated: [www.christianhope.org.uk](http://www.christianhope.org.uk)

As part of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we have also organised several events:

- 'Sip and Paint' and 'Soup and Paint' wonderfully and generously organised by our patron Helen Youssaf;
- Spring Concert and Art Auction thanks to Helen Youssaf and All Saints Church, Woodford Wells;
- Summer Afternoon Tea Party for all our volunteers
- Christmas Party for all volunteers at the new premises. Invitations were sent to the businesses on the new estate and we were delighted that they turned up.

We attended 15 presentations about our work which included 2 Sunday morning church services. We have also produced a 2025 calendar and some specially designed Christmas cards which continue to prove very popular with our supporters.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

In recent years we have seen much in the CHI financial picture to be encouraged by and thankful for. This continues in the current year with the £89k increase in income to almost £392k perhaps suggesting that the cost of living pressures, which have contributed to a recent downward trend, are beginning to ease a little.

Drilling down into the increase in overall income we see improved figures for Unrestricted Income and Child Sponsorship. A good level of Unrestricted Income is important as it can be spent wherever the need is. This allows CHI to adapt and allocate funds where the need arises. A picture which is by no means static and subject to all kinds of external factors and influence.

It is worth mentioning that for the second year running there were no significant legacy gifts left to CHI. This is meaningful as it indicates that we can balance the books from regular and ad hoc giving without the need to rely on legacies. When received, legacies can then be spent on special projects and initiatives that may not otherwise be possible.

On the expenditure side there has also been an overall increase. However, it should be noted that this is made up of an increase in spending on our charitable activities, alongside a decrease in the CHI day to day running costs. It is noteworthy that the enforced premises move for CHI in late 2024 didn't have a serious financial implication. This is due to the hard work and adaptability of the office staff, and the Lord being at work in providing new premises which not only meet the needs of CHI, but do so in a good location and at no significant additional cost.

Ending the year with a financial surplus of almost £60,000 sets CHI up well for the coming year. It will enable us to meet existing financial commitments as well as looking for and starting new projects along the way. Not to mention being in a good position to meet those unexpected costs that, we all know, arise from time to time.

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

As reserves and income remain healthy, there are currently no concerns about the charity operating as a going concern and therefore plans for the future include:

- Continue to develop and increase the number of children being sponsored.
- Identify new initiatives to help those in need and spread God's word.
- Continue to strengthen relationships with our overseas partners.
- Ensure that our communications, technology and interaction with supporters meet their needs regardless of age or circumstance.

- Continue to raise the profile of CHI on social media to attract donors of all ages.
- Identify new fundraising initiatives.
- Continue the creation and reviews of our Policy Documentation.
- Promotion of speaking opportunities, particularly opportunities to encourage support from new churches and groups.
- Identify ways to increase donations.

We praise God for our growth and development and look forward with confidence, in Him, to the future.

## TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which present a true and fair view of the affairs of the Charity, and which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

The Trustees also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

1. The charity is operating efficiently and effectively.
2. Financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable.
3. The charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

  
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 Magali Ellis

04/07/2025  
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 Date

Chair of Trustees

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

## TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2025 as set out on pages 14 to 21.

**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.

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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.



Mr Alan Gray FCA

5TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Date

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# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

## Statement of Financial Activity

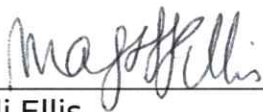
Year ending 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
<i>Income from:</i>					
Donations and legacies		107,080	281,359	388,439	300,400
Other income		3,311	—	3,311	2,225
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>110,391</b>	<b>281,359</b>	<b>391,750</b>	<b>302,625</b>
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds		9,187	—	9,187	8,138
Expenditure on charitable activities		71,343	251,012	322,355	295,602
Other expenditure		492	—	492	120
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>81,022</b>	<b>251,012</b>	<b>332,034</b>	<b>303,860</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<b>29,369</b>	<b>30,347</b>	<b>59,716</b>	<b>(1,235)</b>
<i>Transfers</i>					
Transfers between funds - in		71,413	19,225	90,638	105,405
Transfers between funds - out		(63,390)	(27,248)	(90,638)	(105,405)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37,393</b>	<b>22,324</b>	<b>59,716</b>	<b>(1,235)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>128,547</b>	<b>143,787</b>	<b>272,334</b>	<b>273,569</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>165,940</b>	<b>166,111</b>	<b>332,051</b>	<b>272,334</b>

# Balance Sheet

Year ending 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2024
<b>Current assets</b>			
<b>Cash at Bank</b>			
Petty Cash		34	34
Co-operative Bank		181,246	128,605
Kingdom Bank		132,724	129,413
<b>Debtors</b>	5	18,820	15,798
		<b>332,824</b>	<b>273,850</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	6	774	1,516
		<b>774</b>	<b>1,516</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>332,050</b>	<b>272,334</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		59,716	(1,235)
Opening balances		272,334	273,569
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>332,050</b>	<b>272,334</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>			
Unrestricted		136,130	98,547
Designated		29,810	30,000
Restricted		166,111	143,787
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>332,050</b>	<b>272,334</b>



Magali Ellis  
Chair of Trustees



Gary Clark  
Treasurer

# Notes to the Accounts

## 01

### Basis of Accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

### Accounting Policies

#### Income

All income is included on the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations of goods that are sent out in containers or lorries are not included in the SOFA as it is difficult to estimate the value of the goods. Details of goods sent out are recorded in the annual report.

#### Expenditure

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Support costs, including Governance, are not directly assigned to a particular group of projects.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

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## Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>				
<b><i>Donations and legacies</i></b>				
Unrestricted Donations	90,568	—	90,568	49,929
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	9,158	28,861	38,019	29,853
Office running	7,128	—	7,128	9,594
Child Sponsorship	—	134,982	134,982	120,257
Gifts for Children	—	11,584	11,584	11,087
Construct, Repair, Improve	—	1,770	1,770	3,420
Supporting Schools	226	19,784	20,010	3,885
Supporting medical staff	—	14,093	14,093	12,676
Educational support	—	6,177	6,177	13,085
Animals, Seeds, Tools	—	6,697	6,697	5,895
Medical & general welfare	—	10,783	10,783	12,544
Christian Outreach	—	27,487	27,487	7,402
Finance Initiatives	—	655	655	870
Emergency Aid	—	—	—	6,090
All Cyangugu support	—	15,396	15,396	13,813
All Rakai Support	—	3,091	3,091	—
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>107,081</b>	<b>281,359</b>	<b>388,439</b>	<b>300,400</b>
<b><i>Other income</i></b>				
Bank Interest	3,311	—	3,311	2,225
<b><i>Other income Totals</i></b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>2,225</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>110,391</b>	<b>281,359</b>	<b>391,750</b>	<b>302,625</b>

## Donated Goods

Large quantities of new knitted good of indeterminable value have been donated to the charity by knitters from around the country. This work ceased in November 2024 on the relocation of the office.

## Volunteers

The charity has relied on approximately 20 regular volunteers who assisted in the warehouse and office. This reduced to 4 on the relocation of the office in Nov 2024

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## Analysis of Expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
<i>Raising funds</i>					
Office Consumables		945	—	945	1,196
Postage		4,495	—	4,495	4,270
Printing		2,689	—	2,689	1,974
IT Software		37	—	37	—
Events & Travel UK		735	—	735	512
Publicity		286	—	286	187
<i>Raising funds Totals</i>		9,187	—	9,187	8,138
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>					
Office Services		203	—	203	—
Electricity		1,125	—	1,125	765
Phones		473	—	473	503
Rent, Rates, Insurance		11,809	—	11,809	13,478
Wages, PAYE, Pension	7	55,209	—	55,209	84,574
Bank Charges		653	—	653	507
Staff Travel Overseas		—	—	—	3,578
IT Maintenance & Hardware		—	—	—	17
Subscriptions		403	—	403	929
Field Assistants & Project Monitoring		—	3,300	3,300	3,300
Sundry support for overseas partners		420	—	420	450
Postage for Gifts to/from Children		524	220	744	1,002
Child Sponsorship		—	107,043	107,043	92,919
Sponsored Children's Gifts		—	13,852	13,852	11,381
Star Sch Sponsorship		—	15,600	15,600	13,140
Star School Uni Support		—	570	570	—
Construction Materials and Labour		—	13,850	13,850	11,685
Pupil Support		—	3,825	3,825	295
Vocational Training		—	150	150	1,350
Direct School Support		525	18,249	18,774	5,037
Parish Project Training		—	—	—	505
Animals		—	6,065	6,065	8,535
Seeds, tools etc.		—	5,230	5,230	—
Medicines & Mosquito Nets		—	2,215	2,215	595
Health Insurance		—	4,975	4,975	5,570
Food Support		—	2,190	2,190	400
Safe Water		—	6,065	6,065	—
Bedding, Hygiene Items etc.		—	1,845	1,845	750
Medical Staff Funding		—	15,000	15,000	15,000
Bibles & Christian Materials		—	648	648	7,175
Bikes for Pastors		—	10,175	10,175	9,750
Youth Mission		—	3,650	3,650	2,410
Bursaries for Pastors		—	11,375	11,375	—
Kabahire Pastors support		—	4,245	4,245	—
Small Loan Initiatives		—	675	675	—
<i>Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities</i>		71,343	251,012	322,355	295,602
<i>Other expenditure</i>					
Office Sundries		492	—	492	121
<i>Other expenditure Totals</i>		492	—	492	121
<b>Expenditure Total</b>		<b>81,022</b>	<b>251,012</b>	<b>332,034</b>	<b>303,860</b>

# 04

## Net Movement of Funds

Fund	Type	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Carried forward
CYANGUGU	R	11,708	10,996	8,010	(1,067)	13,626
RAKAI	R	—	3,172	—	(309)	2,862
KABAHIRE	R	747	4,980	4,245	(498)	984
ALS	R	—	2,299	1,050	1,506	2,754
STAR-SCH	R	17,283	22,640	15,600	(2,231)	22,092
TERTIARY	R	9,504	937	570	(90)	9,781
UKRAINE	R	277	—	—	—	277
General	U	98,547	102,167	1,195	(63,390)	136,130
OFFICE	D	30,000	8,224	79,827	71,413	29,810
REPAIRING	R	1	1,936	13,850	12,320	407
EDUCATION	R	8,430	5,737	3,975	(545)	9,647
GIFTS	R	4,535	13,277	14,072	—	3,740
HEALTH	R	10,329	12,535	17,290	(1,200)	4,375
LIVESTOCK	R	2	7,509	11,295	4,279	495
LOANS	R	1,460	799	675	(76)	1,508
NURSE+	R	12,739	15,244	15,000	(1,501)	11,481
SCHOOL PARTNERS	R	3,693	18,819	9,189	(3,099)	10,224
SPIRITUAL GROWTH	R	7,611	27,829	25,848	(2,761)	6,830
SPONSOR	R	55,468	132,651	110,343	(12,749)	65,027
<b>Totals</b>		<b>272,334</b>	<b>391,750</b>	<b>332,034</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>332,051</b>

\*See note 10 for explanation of funds.

# 05

## Debtors

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
<b>Debtors</b>				
HMRC - Gift Aid	4,304	13,818	18,820	15,798
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,304</b>	<b>13,818</b>	<b>18,820</b>	<b>15,798</b>

## 06

### Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
Employee Tax and Pensions	427		427	1,515
Limpio - Print Service Charge	341		341	0
Santander - Credit Card (Office Supplies)	6		6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>774</b>		<b>774</b>	<b>1,515</b>

## 07

### Staff Costs

There was an average of four part time staff. None received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

	2025	2024
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	52998	78916
Employers National Insurance Costs	-	1185
Pension Costs	2312	4473

## 08

### Trustee Expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses during the year.

## 09

### Transactions with Related Parties

There were no related party transactions during the year.

# 10

## Explanation of Funds

### Designated (D)

Office - staff costs, rent and utilities.

### Restricted (R)

Cyangugu - taken on from MPUK to support projects in this area of Rwanda

Rakai - support for projects in this area of Uganda

Kabahire - support for specific pastors in this area of Rwanda

ALS - support specifically for this school

Star School - child sponsorship project taken on from MPUK

Tertiary - supporting students from Star School in university

Ukraine - appeal in response to Russian invasion

Repairing - rebuilding and repairs to churches and schools

Education - bursaries, school materials and other educational support.

Gifts - gifts from sponsors to their children

Health - insurance, medical supplies and equipment.

Livestock - animals, seeds and tools for communities

Loans – funding for micro finance schemes run by our partners.

Nurse – support for the salaries of community nurses

School Partners – general support for specific schools

Spiritual Growth - Bibles, youth mission, bikes for pastors

Sponsor - child sponsorship

### Unrestricted (U)

General - running costs and projects.

# We thank you for your ongoing support of Christian Hope International

## Acknowledgements

The board of trustees would like to thank all our volunteers, without whom the charity would not be able to run.

We are also grateful to all our supporters who have donated financially, and through the provision of such wonderful blankets and clothes that were knitted with such love over so many years. It was with heavy hearts we had to end this area of work.

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Year ending 31 March 2024

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# TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees present their report and the unaudited Annual report & Financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

## CHARITY INFO

### Registered Name:

Christian Hope International

### Registered Charity Number:

1061526

### Year End Date

31 March

### Registered Address:

Hope House  
The Elms Industrial Estate  
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# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

## Governing Document

The Constitution provides the legal framework that sets out its charitable purposes; the powers, who runs it and who can be a member. The constitution was first ratified on 11 October 1996. Whilst there have been some alterations over the years, it was long overdue a complete review to bring it up to date. This review has now been completed and was adopted at the AGM on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The trustees would like to thank Paul Guyver and Alan Gray for all their hard work on this.

## Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. Details of how this has been achieved are provided in the Trustee's report.

## Recruitment of Trustees

Potential new Trustees are usually identified from regular donors, volunteer workers and others with experience of and interest in, the areas of work in which the charity operates. Guidance notes on their responsibilities are given to new Trustees, together with a similar document produced by the Charity Commission and a copy of the Charity's constitution. Potential new Trustees are invited to attend one or two trustees' meetings before being formally adopted.

## Organisational Structure

The charity is set up as a trust, registered with the UK Charities Commission, with a board of trustees. The day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to paid staff. During the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 the Charity had three part-time employees and one full time employee. The full-time employee resigned and ceased employment with the charity on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. The employees work to an agreed programme and budget which is overseen by the Trustees. The Charity benefits from regular and occasional volunteers who assist with the Stitches of Hope knitting project, the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project, packing in the warehouse and office administration.

## Risk Management

The Trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review potential risks to which employees, volunteers, recipients and partners of the Charity may be exposed and have sought to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to manage those risks. We have protocols relating to the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project, policies for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We have a rolling programme to regularly review our policies. Fire and general risk assessments are carried out annually for the warehouse and offices.

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted funds of £30,000 (which represents approximately 3 months unrestricted expenditure) to enable the charity to continue to operate for that period if income or expenditure should vary adversely.

# OBJECTIVES

Christian Hope International (C.H.I.) seeks to bring the true HOPE only found in Jesus Christ along with the relief of poverty and sickness. We aim to support vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and families, predominantly in East Africa. Jesus' life and teaching are the motivation for our work. We partner with the existing Christian community in the developing world, mainly through the Anglican Church in Rwanda and Uganda.

We seek to glorify God through the Christian ethos of helping others less fortunate than ourselves and support is provided to those in need, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

We believe that children are the future of the countries in which they live. We seek to help them develop their potential through improved education, small community projects and healthcare initiatives combined with the love and support provided by our partners in their local communities. We believe that this approach is the most effective way to benefit those we serve. C.H.I. also links with another Christian charity (Mission Without Borders) which holds a similar ethos and, through whom, practical aid is channelled to countries in Eastern Europe.

In planning our activities for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

# UPDATES

## Office

We have been notified by our landlord that our current operational office on the Elms Estate has been sold subject to contract. We do not yet know when we will have to move out, but a search is currently underway to find a new home that is affordable. This may be a challenge as we have not had a rent increase in 20 years! We continue to trust in the Lord for His provision.

## Project Visits

As part of our rolling programme to monitor the projects supported, Carmen, Joff and Pauline visited Rwanda and Uganda in January and February 2024.

The objective of these trips is threefold:

- to inspect projects that are in progress or completed since the last trip to ensure that the funds sent have been used for their intended purpose;
- to visit potential projects that our partners would like us to consider for funding;
- and perhaps just as importantly, to build relationships with our partners and the communities in which we work.

They were able to visit Cyangugu, a new diocese to CHI, where MPUK had some projects, in particular the Champion a Child project that was taken on by CHI. The team were delighted to make the acquaintance of Bishop Frances and his team and were very impressed with how well the projects were run.

As always, the team kept a daily travel blog that can be found on our website (<https://www.christianhope.org.uk/rwanda-uganda-2024>).

## Staff, volunteers and supporters

The Trustees wish to thank the dedicated work of our staff team whose contribution far exceeds their paid hours. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for ensuring that financial, practical and spiritual support has continued through challenging times and have demonstrated that those in need are not overlooked. We also wish to thank all our volunteers in the office and warehouse as well as the continuing loyalty of the Charity's many supporters, without whom the work would cease. Above all, we have to thank and praise our great God who inspires, equips and enables us to bring practical and spiritual hope.

# IMPACT

## Building Hope

In 2018, new building regulations came into force in Rwanda that resulted in 6,500 churches closing. Since learning of this, CHI have been doing our bit to refurbish them up to standard and reopen them. This year, by God's providence, we were able to reopen 5 churches in Butare, Marembo, Gashuru, Ruhango, Bukare with funds sent and work in progress on another in Karambo. What is most exciting is that these are all missionary parishes, taking the gospel to where it has largely been unheard.

## Child Sponsorship

We have continued to see an increase in the number of children sponsored, rising from 490 last year to 564 by the end of March 2024. This includes the 53 students brought onboard from MPUK at the Star School. The other 21 sponsorships were natural growth which is really encouraging.

Growth does not come without its challenges however. Several of the projects have now grown to such a size that we feel they are becoming unwieldy for the field assistants to manage. As a result, new sponsorship projects are being considered, initially extending the Gahima Agape Secondary School project to include children at the newly built Gahima Christian Academy Primary School in Kibungo, Rwanda.

We give thanks for the generosity of our sponsors, for the dedication of our partners and for the hard work of staff and volunteers who administer the project and oversee communication to and from the children and sponsors.

## Education

Academic pathways are not always suitable for everyone and so CHI regularly give bursaries for vocational training courses, enabling students to learn a trade and start a small business in anything from tailoring to welding. Ten teenage mums were given bursaries at Mubumbano VTC in Butare, along with a further ten students at Kageyo VTC in Byumba, both in Rwanda.

## Health Insurance Appeal

Whilst sponsorship includes healthcare for the child, in Rwanda the government insists that the whole family be covered for anyone to be treated.

We continue to support the purchase of health insurance for approximately 1,000 family members of the sponsored children in Rwanda. Our annual Health Insurance Appeal covers almost half the cost of this.

In Uganda, where there is no such insurance, we continue to support a health fund for the children and their families, which is utilised at the discretion of Reverend Canon Patrick Ssimbwa, who is in overall control of all our work in Kijjabwemi Diocese. During the year, funds were used to treat 67 sponsored children and their family members for a variety of illnesses, the most prevalent being malaria.

### Livestock

The vast majority of people in the rural communities we serve are subsistence farmers. Often the best way to help lift people out of poverty is by donating livestock. This can provide milk, eggs, meat and manure, helping to alleviate malnutrition, with the young often being sold to provide extra income. CHI provided goats to 183 families this year. The firstborn female will be passed on to another family, who in turn will then pass theirs on too. In this way, whole communities can be blessed and lives improved.

Hens are an excellent way to quickly improve diets with a regular source of protein. CHI provided 152 hens to 75 families this year.

The **Hannah Ministries** project feeds 40-50 children affected by HIV/AIDs each day. With no source of funding, it relies on donations and volunteers. CHI provided funds to help with purchasing food whilst 20 rabbits and their hutches could be secured. The rabbits will breed quickly and provide an ongoing source of much needed protein in these children's diets.

### Mission Possible UK

This year we successfully took on board another child sponsorship project at the Star School in Kigali, Rwanda. The sponsorship programme there was managed by another Christian charity called Mission Possible UK (MPUK) who were looking to wind down their work. The operation, and management of our sponsorship programmes were similar, and we had worked with the founder of Star School, Bishop Nathan Amooti previously. Negotiations commenced and following our visit to the school in June 2022 the handover was agreed with MPUK Trustees to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Star School is a day and boarding school in the capital city of Kigali and the fees reflect its select status. All the children that are sponsored come from families in need living in the local area. The Trustees are especially grateful to Richard and Ruth Wallis at MPUK, for their tireless efforts to ensure a smooth operational transition with the vast majority of sponsors being retained.

### Nurse+

CHI supports church run community health clinics in Shyogwe, Rwanda and in Kimwanyi, Uganda. Here, patients can receive treatment regardless of their ability to pay. CHI were delighted to be able to secure funding for two

additional nurses, Sophia and Francoise in Shyogwe, bringing the total number of nurses supported to five.

The nurses do an amazing job providing maternity, family planning and anti-natal care, dealing with physical trauma, testing, vaccinating and treating diseases. However, their resources are limited and often they are only able to pray for healing when the medicine cabinet is empty. CHI have restocked the pharmacy at Kimwanyi twice this year and also provided a new delivery table at Gikomero.

### School Partners

CHI supports a number of schools, funding equipment that will benefit the pupils and enhance their education:

**Aunt Louise School, Uganda** – there have been a number of issues at the school, mainly caused by Edward and Louise suffering from burnout, having been caring for at least 10 children with severe disabilities, unaided for many years. When we visited the school in February 2024, it was clear they needed some extra help. Canon Patrick was able to quickly identify a suitable helper, Maria, from a local church, who is able to help with cooking, cleaning and caring for the children. This and the increasing costs of food, medication and providing for the children's additional needs means that the standard sponsorship and school partner donations are no longer covering the costs of care for the children.

**Gahima Agape School, Kibungo** – the kitchen was equipped with aluminium utensils and serving bowls to improve hygiene and assist the school meet government requirements. Alas, there was a fire that burned down the boy's dorm in Jan 2024. Mercifully, no one was hurt but the boys had to sleep in classrooms until the dorm was rebuilt. CHI has since sent funds to replace the beds.

**Gahima Christian Academy** 25 desks were provided for the newly built primary classrooms.

**Gikonko Secondary School, Butare** – vegetables to supplement school lunches and a water tank for irrigation.

**Kijjabwemi Primary School, Uganda** – Due to a drought, pupils did not have anything to bring for lunch and so the school partner funds were used to feed the children.

**St Peter's Secondary School, Shyogwe** – Purchased musical equipment for worship and entertainment events.

### Spiritual Growth

Nurturing faith is at the heart of everything that we do at CHI. This can take on many different forms in the communities that we work in, but everything is

done in His name and for His glory. Here are some of the ways in which we have been helping to lead people to and grow their faith.

**Kako Youth Mission**, Uganda – 80 sponsored children attended a 5 day conference with 14 giving their life to Christ for the first time.

**Bibles** – 65 Bibles were distributed to people in Mugina missionary parish. They had never owned their own Bibles before and were immensely grateful that they are now able to read God's word at any time.

We also sent £6,625 to provide Bibles and Christian literature to people in Ukraine.

**Bikes for Pastors** – for most pastors, travel to the sub-parishes is normally by foot which can take several hours. CHI gave 7 motorbikes to pastors to enable them to minister to their communities more frequently. Pastor Celestine told us how a journey between Mugina and Gashuru used to take 4.5 hours each way on foot but now takes just 30 minutes by motorbike. The sub-parishes normally have a catechist who runs the local church. Whilst it would be great to be able to give each of these a motorbike, this is beyond our means. However, pushbikes are far more affordable and so we were able to provide 7 catechists with bicycles to help them with home visits and travel to the main parish.

### Stitches of Hope

We continue to receive significant quantities of newly knitted and crocheted clothes and blankets. On October 11, 4 tonnes of knitting was sent through Mission Without Borders to be distributed in Eastern Europe, with much of it helping those in Ukraine or who have been displaced by the conflict to neighbouring countries.

These beautifully handcrafted gifts not only have practical benefits but also provide a tangible demonstration of God's love to those in need.

### Ukraine Appeal

As the war has continued in Ukraine, so have the funds coming into our Ukraine Appeal. A further £6,625 was raised during the 2023/2024 financial year, bringing the total funds raised since the start of the conflict to £59,000. This was sent to Mission Without Borders with whom we have had a link for many years. They work on the ground in Ukraine and these additional funds were used to provide Bibles and Christian literature for those searching for hope amongst the devastation of war. We pray that they find it in God's word.

Whilst we have now closed our fundraising appeal, we continue to support the people of Ukraine with our Stitches of Hope project.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Another busy year for CHI with much activity out in the field providing support for families and communities in need. And in the office where we manage, monitor and evaluate the work being done to help ensure good stewardship of the generous donations provided by our supporters.

Unsurprisingly, the continuing cost of living pressures we all faced are reflected in our figures for the year with overall income dropping to £302,625. On the bright side, Child Sponsorship continues an upward trend to yet another all time high of £120,257.

It is also worth noting that the income this year includes £36,700 received from Mission Possible UK as part of the handover of their projects to CHI. Also, unlike the previous 2 years, there were no significant legacy gifts left to CHI. This provides some context that will better enable us to understand this year's figures.

On the expenditure side, the overall figure dropped to £303,860. However, this is not necessarily a bad thing as it is largely driven by the needs we encounter in the communities we are working with. And these are unpredictable and will ebb and flow with the tides of life.

After seeing an increase in our running costs over the last couple of years, it's good to see these at the same level as last year.

In the end we managed to more or less break even for the year, with a small deficit of £1,235.

And so for another year, God provides for our work through the generous giving of our supporters. And CHI works to practically support and bring the hope found only in Jesus Christ to those in need.

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

As reserves and income remain healthy, there are currently no concerns about the charity operating as a going concern and therefore plans for the future include:

- Continue to develop and increase the number of children being sponsored.
- Identify new projects to help those in need and spread God's word.
- Continue to strengthen relationships with our overseas partners.
- Ensure that our communications, technology and interaction with supporters meet their needs regardless of age or circumstance.
- Continue to raise the profile of CHI on social media to attract donors of all ages.
- Identify new fund raising initiatives.
- Continue the creation and reviews of our Policy Documentation.
- Promotion of speaking opportunities, particularly opportunities to encourage support from new churches and groups.
- Identify ways to increase donations.

We praise God for our growth and development and look forward with confidence, in Him, to the future.

## TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which present a true and fair view of the affairs of the Charity, and which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

The Trustees also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

1. The charity is operating efficiently and effectively.
2. Financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable.
3. The charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



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Magali Ellis

Chair of Trustees

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20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Date

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

## TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2024 as set out on pages 14 to 22.

**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.

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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.



Mr Alan Gray FCA

1st OCTOBER 2024

Date

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# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

## Statement of Financial Activity

Year ending 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and legacies		67,303	233,097	300,400	350,882
Other income		2,225		2,225	232
<b>Total income</b>	2	69,528	233,097	302,625	351,114
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising funds		8,138		8,138	7,746
Charitable activities		105,960	189,642	295,602	342,806
Other expenditure		120		120	366
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	114,218	189,642	303,860	350,918
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<b>(44,690)</b>	<b>43,455</b>	<b>(1,235)</b>	196
Transfers between funds - in		97,888	7,517	105,405	31,089
Transfers between funds - out		(80,594)	(24,811)	(105,405)	(31,089)
Net movement in funds	4	(27,396)	26,161	(1,235)	196
Total funds brought forward		155,943	117,627	273,570	273,374
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>128,547</b>	<b>143,788</b>	<b>272,335</b>	<b>273,570</b>

# Balance Sheet

Year ending 31 March 2024

	Note	2024	2023
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		258,052	259,679
Debtors	5	15,798	15,829
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>273,850</b>	<b>275,508</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors Amount falling due within one year	6	1,515	1,938
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,938</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>272,335</b>	<b>273,570</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Opening balances		273,570	273,374
Excess / (deficit) for the year		(1,235)	196
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>272,335</b>	<b>273,570</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>			
Unrestricted			
General		98,548	125,942
Designated		30,000	30,000
Restricted		143,787	117,628
<b>Total</b>		<b>272,335</b>	<b>273,570</b>



Magali Ellis  
Chair of Trustees

20/9/24

Date



Gary Clark  
Treasurer

Date

# Notes

## 01

### Accounting Policies

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

### Income

All income is included on the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations of goods that are sent out in containers or lorries are not included in the SOFA as it is difficult to estimate the value of the goods. Details of goods sent out are recorded in the annual report.

### Expenditure

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Support costs, including Governance, are not directly assigned to a particular group of projects and are included under charitable activities.

### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

### Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

# 02

## Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and Legacies				
Unrestricted Donations	49,929		49,929	129,292
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	7,780	22,073	29,853	28,498
Office Admin	9,594		9,594	
Child Sponsorship		120,257	120,257	86,054
Gifts for Children		11,087	11,087	8,388
Construct, Repair, Improve		3,420	3,420	5,795
Supporting Schools		3,885	3,885	4,496
Supporting medical staff		12,676	12,676	6,793
Educational support		13,085	13,085	3,056
Animals, Seeds, Tools		5,895	5,895	3,819
Medical & general welfare		12,544	12,544	8,542
Spiritual Growth		7,402	7,402	11,930
Finance Initiatives		870	870	380
Emergency Aid		6,090	6,090	53,840
Cyangugu Support		13,813	13,813	
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,303</b>	<b>233,097</b>	<b>300,400</b>	<b>350,882</b>
<b>Other income</b>				
Bank Interest	2,225		2,225	232
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>2,225</b>		<b>2,225</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>69,528</b>	<b>233,097</b>	<b>302,625</b>	<b>351,114</b>

### Donated Goods

Large quantities of new knitted good of indeterminable value are donated to the charity by knitters from around the country.

### Volunteers

The charity relies on approximately 20 regular volunteers who assist in the warehouse and office.

# 03

## Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Office Consumables	1,196		1,196	1,448
Postage	4,270		4,270	3,016
Printing	1,973		1,973	3,242
Events & Travel (UK)	512		512	
Publicity	187		187	
Staff Travel UK				40
<b>Raising funds Total</b>	<b>8,138</b>		<b>8,138</b>	<b>7,746</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Office Services				170
Electricity	765		765	1,121
Phones	503		503	389
Rent, Rates, Insurance	13,480		13,480	13,129
Wages, PAYE, Pension	7 84,574		84,574	83,058
Bank Charges	507		507	486
Staff Travel Overseas	3,578		3,578	3,216
IT Maintenance & Hardware	17		17	188
Subscriptions	929		929	2,437
Field Assistants & Project Monitoring		3,300	3,300	2,750
Sundry support for overseas partners	450		450	4,000
Postage for Gifts to/from Children	602	400	1,002	512
Child Sponsorship		92,919	92,919	84,882
Star School Sponsorship		13,140	13,140	
Sponsored Children's Gifts	50	11,331	11,381	8,058
Construction Materials and Labour		11,685	11,685	22,625
Pupil Support		295	295	2,065
Vocational Training		1,350	1,350	5,280
Direct School Support		5,037	5,037	6,240
Parish Project Training	505		505	75
Animals		8,535	8,535	13,395
Seeds, tools etc.				4,012
Medicines & Mosquito Nets		595	595	2,013
Health Insurance		5,570	5,570	7,490
Food Support		400	400	28,045
Safe Water				4,310
Bedding, Hygiene Items etc.		750	750	5,800
Medical Staff Funding		15,000	15,000	6,500
Bibles & Christian Materials		7,175	7,175	5,375
Bikes for Pastors		9,750	9,750	1,530
Youth Mission		2,410	2,410	22,505
Small Loan Initiatives				1,150
<b>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>105,960</b>	<b>189,642</b>	<b>295,602</b>	<b>342,806</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>				
Office Sundries	120		120	366
<b>Other expenditure Total</b>	<b>120</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>366</b>
<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>114,218</b>	<b>189,642</b>	<b>303,860</b>	<b>350,918</b>

# 04

## Net Movement of Funds

Fund	Type	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Carried forward
Cycangugu	R		13,008		(1,300)	11,708
Kabahire	R		830		(83)	747
Star school	R	36	33,379	(13,140)	(2,992)	17,283
Tertiary	R		10,560		(1,056)	9,504
Ukraine	R	1,144	6,398	(6,625)	(640)	277
General	U	125,942	55,658	(2,460)	(80,592)	98,548
Office	D	30,000	13,869	(111,757)	97,888	30,000
Repairing	R	4,305	3,845	(11,685)	3,536	1
Education	R	7,968	2,680	(2,050)	(168)	8,430
Gifts	R	3,484	12,782	(11,721)	(10)	4,535
Health	R	5,414	13,733	(7,350)	(1,468)	10,329
Livestock	R	1,229	6,726	(8,535)	582	2
Loan	R	614	940		(94)	1,460
Nurse+	R	15,890	13,165	(15,000)	(1,316)	12,739
School partners	R	4,165	4,405	(4,437)	(440)	3,693
Spiritual growth	R	12,995	8,140	(12,710)	(814)	7,611
Sponsor	R	60,384	102,507	(96,390)	(11,033)	55,468
<b>Totals</b>		<b>273,570</b>	<b>302,625</b>	<b>(303,860)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>272,335</b>

\*See note 10 for explanation of funds.

# 05

## Debtors

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
<b>Current assets - Debtors</b>				
HMRC - Gift Aid	4598	11,200	15,798	15,829
<b>Accounts Receivable Total</b>	<b>4598</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>15,798</b>	<b>15,829</b>

# 06

## Liabilities - amounts falling due within one year

<b>Liabilities – Creditors</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Employee Tax and Pensions	1,515	1,679
Limpio - Print Service Charge		180
Santander - Credit Card (Office Supplies)		79
<b>Accounts Payable Total</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,938</b>

# 07

## Staff Costs

There was an average of three part time staff and one full time member of staff. None received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Wages & Salaries	65,035	63,186
Social Security Costs	13,784	17,371
DC Pension	5,755	2,461
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,574</b>	<b>83,018</b>

# 08

## Trustee Expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses during the year.

# 09

## Transactions with Related Parties

There were no related party transactions during the year.

# 10

## Explanation of Funds

### **Designated (D)**

Office - staff costs, rent and utilities, etc.

### **Restricted (R)**

Cyangugu – taken on from MPUK to support projects in this area of Rwanda

Kabahire – support for specific pastors in this area of Rwanda

Star School – Child sponsorship project taken on from MPUK

Tertiary – supporting students from the Star School that go on to university

Ukraine – appeal in response to Russian invasion

Repairing - rebuilding and repairs to churches and church run schools

Education - bursaries, school materials and other educational support.

Gifts - gifts from sponsors to their children

Health - insurance, medical supplies and equipment.

Livestock - animals, seeds and tools for communities

Loans – funding for micro finance schemes run by our partners.

Nurse – support for the salaries of community nurses

School Partners – general support for specific schools

Spiritual Growth - Bibles, youth mission, bikes for pastors

Sponsor - child sponsorship

### **Unrestricted (U)**

General - running costs and projects.

# We thank you for your ongoing support of Christian Hope International

## Acknowledgements

The board of trustees would like to give special thanks to all our volunteers, without whom the charity would not be able to run, including:

Helen Yousaf (Patron)

Val Dobson  
Val Hardyman  
Pauline Hirst  
Eileen Knowles  
Trish Nelson  
Peter North  
Carol Phillips  
John Slocombe  
Jill Stanford  
Audrey Vinten  
Joan Whatty

Many others also contribute on an ad hoc basis which we are just as grateful for.

We are also so grateful to all our supporters that donate such wonderful blankets and clothes that are knitted with such love.

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Year ending 31 March 2023

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## TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees present their report and the unaudited Annual report & Financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## CHARITY INFO

### Registered Name:

Christian Hope International

### Registered Charity Number:

1061526

### Year End Date

31 March

### Registered Address:

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Mr. P. Guyver (Chairman)  
Mr S. Wheeler (Treasurer resigned 1<sup>st</sup> October)  
Mr Gary Clark (Treasurer from 1<sup>st</sup> October)  
Mrs V. Dobson  
Dr Magali Ellis  
Mr Tony Gibbs  
Mr J. Oladunjoye J  
Mrs Elizabeth Shipway (from 14<sup>th</sup> March)

### Independent Examiner

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# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

## Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, being a constitution adopted 11th October 1996 and as amended on 14th March 1997, 18th November 1998 and 9th June 2008.

## Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. Details of how this has been achieved are provided in the Trustee's report.

## Recruitment of Trustees

Potential new Trustees are usually identified from regular donors, volunteer workers and others with experience of and interest in, the areas of work in which the charity operates. Guidance notes on their responsibilities are given to new Trustees, together with a similar document produced by the Charity Commission and a copy of the Charity's constitution. Potential new Trustees are invited to attend one or two trustees' meetings before being formally adopted.

## Organisational Structure

The charity is set up as a trust, registered with the UK Charities Commission, with a board of trustees. The day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to paid staff. The Charity has three part-time employees and one full time employee. The four employees work to an agreed programme and budget which is overseen by the Trustees. The Charity benefits from several regular and occasional volunteers who assist with the Stitches of Hope knitting project, the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project, packing in the warehouse and office administration.

## Risk Management

The Trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review potential risks to which employees, volunteers, recipients and partners of the Charity may be exposed and have sought to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to manage those risks. We have protocols relating to the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project, policies for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We have a rolling programme to regularly review our policies. Fire and general risk assessments are carried out annually for the warehouse and offices.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of £30,000 (which represents approximately 3 months unrestricted expenditure) to enable the charity to continue to operate for that period if income or expenditure should vary adversely.

## OBJECTIVES

Christian Hope International (C.H.I.) seeks to bring the true HOPE only found in Jesus Christ along with the relief of poverty and sickness. We aim to support vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and families, predominantly in East Africa. Jesus' life and teaching are the motivation for our work. We partner with the existing Christian community in the developing world, mainly through the Anglican Church in Rwanda and Uganda.

We seek to glorify God through the Christian ethos of helping others less fortunate than ourselves and our support is provided to those in need, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

We believe that children are the future of the countries in which they live. We seek to help them develop their potential through improved education, small community projects and healthcare initiatives combined with the love and support provided by our partners in their local communities. We believe that this approach is the most effective way to benefit our client group. C.H.I. also links with another Christian charity (Mission Without Borders) which holds a similar ethos and, through whom, practical aid is channelled to countries in Eastern Europe.

In planning our activities for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011 .

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

It seems that there is never a dull moment in the life of Christian Hope International and 2022/2023 has been no exception:

## Covid 19 Pandemic

As life returned to near normal for our partners in Rwanda & Uganda projects that had been placed on hold have resumed and the sponsored children have returned to school. Ensuring that communication to and from our partners and sponsored children was back on track has been a priority.

## Ukraine war

The shock waves of the war have impacted many countries and led to a significant increase in the price of food and energy. As a result, those in the developing world who are least able to afford it suffered disproportionately. Through our partnership with other Christian charities we were able to play a part in the initial aid response by sending a container of emergency aid, and significant funds to provide spiritual encouragement and support Christian outreach. The container was a huge one-off team effort and took up considerable time and energy. We dispatched 5.5 tonnes of clothing, bedding, toiletries and medical supplies in partnership with Mission Without Borders, along with £42,000 from donations to our Ukraine Appeal for: emergency food and hygiene packs (£17,000); Bibles and Christian literature (£4,000); Christian Camps for vulnerable youngsters (£17,000); and several cultivators to help the poorest families provide food for themselves and others in these very difficult times (£4,000). A further £10,000 was sent via Mission Possible UK to provide emergency food supplies in Ukraine.

## Mission Possible UK

This year we have been exploring the handover of a child sponsorship project at the Star School in Kigali, Rwanda. The sponsorship programme there is managed by a Christian charity called Mission Possible UK (MPUK). The operation, and management of our sponsorship programmes were similar, and we had worked with the founder of Star School, Bishop Nathan Amooti previously. Negotiations commenced and following our visit to the school in June 2022 the handover was agreed with MPUK Trustees to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Star School is a day and boarding school in the capital city of Kigali and the fees reflect its select status. All the children that are sponsored come from families in need living in the local area. Richard and Ruth Wallis, the founders and staff of MPUK will continue to work alongside CHI for 12 months or so to ease the transition.

## CHI Charity Constitution

The Constitution provides the legal framework that sets out its charitable purposes; the powers, who runs it and who can be a member. It is overseen by

the Charity Commission. The constitution was first created in 1996 and while there have been minor alterations over the years there has been a clear need to review the whole document and update some of the wording.

The purpose of the Constitution update is to give existing and potential supporters a clear and logical explanation of how the charity operates and is managed. We have drafted a new Constitution which will formalise the existing Trustee led Charity structure which has been our operational practice over many years. These changes have been agreed by the Trustees.

### Charity Policies and procedures

We have registered with an online organisation called Charity Excellence Framework, which provides a Trustee governance and management checklist to measure the charity's performance and commitment to excellence in the work of CHI. Among other resources, it has helped us to identify where new policies are required, to regularly monitor our existing policies and procedures and generally improve performance and maximise impact. We have received their Quality Mark of Excellence.

### Project Visits

As part of our rolling programme to monitor the performance of our projects Carmen, Joff and Pauline visited Rwanda in June 2022. They were able to visit all the projects, meet many of the beneficiaries of our support and encourage our Partners to resume those projects that had been postponed. They visited the Star School in Kigali to assess the viability of the handover of the MPUK sponsorship programme.

### Child Sponsorship

We have continued to see an increase in the number of children sponsored to 490 which includes those children with physical and Special Educational Needs at the Aunt Louise School in Uganda. We give thanks for the generosity of our sponsors, for the dedication of our partners during very testing times and for the hard work of staff and volunteers who oversee communication to and from the children and sponsors.

### Health Care Insurance

We continue to support the purchase of health insurance for approximately 1600 family members of the sponsored children in Rwanda of which almost 50% is funded by sponsors. In Uganda, where there is no such insurance, additional sponsor donations continue to support a health fund for the children and their families, which is utilised at the discretion of Reverend Canon Patrick Ssimbwa who is in overall control of all our work in Kijjabwemi Diocese

### Field Assistants

During this year of recovery from the limitations posed by the Pandemic our Field Assistants have continued to work hard to maintain contact with sponsored children and their donors, albeit at a reduced level, and are gradually resuming other projects that were placed on hold. We give thanks for their dedication and energy.

### Trustees

We welcome the appointment of a new Trustee, Mrs Elizabeth Shipway on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### Publicity

We have continued to provide our magazine, free of charge, three times a year titled 'Journeys', 'Realities' and 'Beginnings'. We have also produced 'Monthly Updates' electronically. In addition, we have a presence on Facebook and Instagram to encourage and inform existing supporters and to reach out to a new audience. We attended 18 presentations about our work which included 3 Sunday morning church services. We have also produced a 2023 calendar and some specially designed Christmas cards which continue to prove very popular with our supporters.

### CHI Office

We updated and rebranded all our documentation in June 2022 and there has been a huge effort to synchronise and simplify the variety of ways we record and manage the different elements of our work. Joff has worked hard on the new database while the everyday business of the charity has continued, albeit with some disruption. The new database went live in March and is now being tested and adjustments made as need be. The Trustees fully appreciate the additional strain that this has been for our staff, but we all have confidence in the long-term benefit of this development. Ultimately, our aim is to equip CHI for the future work that God has in store for us for His praise and glory.

### Stitches of Hope

We continue to receive significant quantities of newly knitted and crocheted clothes and blankets all of which formed part of the shipment sent to Ukraine. These beautifully handcrafted gifts not only have practical benefits but also provide a tangible demonstration of love to those in need.

### Staff, volunteers and supporters

The Trustees wish to thank the dedicated work of our staff team whose contribution far exceeds their paid hours. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for ensuring that financial, practical and spiritual support has

continued through challenging times and have demonstrated that those in need are not overlooked. We also wish to thank all our volunteers in the office and warehouse as well as the continuing loyalty of the Charity's many supporters, without whom the work would cease. Above all, we have to thank and praise our great God who inspires, equips and enables us to bring practical and spiritual hope.

A more detailed analysis of our Project support during the 2022/2023 financial year is shown below.

## Projects in Rwanda

### Shyogwe Diocese, Rwanda

Projects overseen by Bishop Jered Kalimba and Leonard Nsabimana (head of development)

Funds sent for:

- Nurse+ project: Gikomero health clinic supporting Nurse Brigitte Mukangwije and from Feb 23 Sophia Bazubagira and Francoise Mukamusoni supported by a grant. Providing nursing care at the clinic and advice on healthcare, hygiene, nutrition and family planning in the local community.
- Medical Supplies at Gikomero clinic: 25 mattresses and a baby incubator.
- Provide sewing and craft materials to train young women.
- St. Peter's College: New office and storeroom funded for vocational training. £1,000 for vocational tools. School Partner funds: £350 used for traditional dance costumes.

### Kibungo Diocese, Rwanda

Bishop Emmanuel Ntazinda. Elie and Anastase Nteziryayo (headmaster) Gahima Agape School, Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship scheme: Sponsoring 45 children at Gahima Agape School. Christmas celebration for sponsored children.
- Gahima Agape School: 20 bunk beds, and showers and hand washing stations for the new girl's accommodation, partly funded by the School Partners Fund.
- Health insurance funded for sponsored children's families.
- Livestock: 300 goats benefitting 6 parishes
- Nkondo Parish: Nursery School painted and posters supplied. 100 Bibles provided.

### Gasabo Diocese, Rwanda

Field assistant - Mrs Hope Nyiraneza (overseen by the Archbishop's wife, Mrs Chantal Mbanda). Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship scheme: Sponsoring 128 students at several locations in this Diocese.
- Christmas celebration for sponsored children
- Health insurance for sponsored children's families.
- Parish project in Kinyinya Parish: identified to receive support. Training 30 women in animal husbandry, crop production and nutrition. Seeds, 30 goats, 60 hens and 30 mosquito nets were provided. Family health insurance was provided. Christian concert was held for the community. This was the first of a two year programme.
- Loan4hope project: 21 women had received small microfinance loans to start or improve their businesses. Most are doing well and 90% of the money loaned has been repaid at the end of the first year. Every woman also received a Bible.

### Kigali Diocese, Rwanda

Bishop Nathan Amooti, Sam Kandole (Headmaster), Agnes Rukundo (Assistant) Preparations for the transfer of 57 sponsored children from MPUK to CHI

- Kigali Prison Ministry; 200 Sanitary packs, toys, Biblical literature and counselling £2500

### Byumba Diocese, Rwanda

Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo oversees the projects. Field Assistant; Mr Robert Tayebwa supported by Mrs Consilee Nzitakuze. Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship: Supporting 130 students at several locations in the Diocese.
- Christmas celebrations for sponsored children
- Health insurance for sponsored children's families.
- School Partner funds used to support 3 of the poorest students at King Salomon Nursery.
- Repair and renovation of 3 sponsored children's homes that were in particular need, mostly funded by the sponsors.
- Prosthetic limb for one sponsored child.
- Rumarangoga church building completed, and church reopened.
- Kagayo Vocational Training bursaries for 10 individuals.
- Hannah Ministries: Contribution for 6 months towards food for approximately 100 children affected by HIV/AIDs
- Tumba Parish: Motor bike for Pastor and 2 bicycles for sub parish leaders. Marembo & Buyoga churches renovation work funded to reopen churches.

## Butare Diocese, Rwanda

Projects overseen by Rev. Odilo Rushayigi Funds sent for:

- Gikonko School Partner funds used to plant a larger vegetable garden to provide for the students meals.
- One year bursary for Gregoire, an orphaned student.
- Bursaries for 10 single young mothers at Mubumbano Vocational Training Centre

## Projects in Uganda

The Rev. Canon Patrick Ssimbwa, Archdeacon at St. John's Church, Kijjabwemi oversees all our projects with the exception of Rakai and Kaleere. Field Assistant is David Ssewankambo.

Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship: Supporting 171 students at several locations in the Diocese.
- Health Fund of £200 per month to pay the emergency medical costs of sponsored children and their immediate families.
- Christmas celebrations for sponsored children
- £1400 for play equipment and Scripture materials for the KOP Saturday Project.
- Support towards the ongoing cost of the KOP Saturday Project which primarily caters for the sponsored children, but never turns a child away, sponsored or not.
- Lunch provided for most needy children under School Partner's project at Kijjabwemi School.
- Nurse+ Project: Nurse/midwife, Mrs Prossy Nalutaaya supported, and part-fund the salary of the clinic manager, Grace Berwu.

## Aunt Louise School, Masaka:

- Operated by Pastor Edward and his wife Louise and overseen by Rev. Canon Ssimbwa Funds sent for:
- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship: Privately-run school and home supporting 16 children and young adults with various physical and Special Educational Needs. Sponsorship provides food and medical care.
- Basic daily needs of the school and students through School Partners fund
- New toilet block built.

### Kaleere Sub-Parish

- Overseen by Rev. Canon Eriab Nkambo Mugerwa, Archdeacon of Rakai Parish.
- Funds sent for:
- £1000 for annual health clinic at Kaleere for 150 – 200 individuals
- Educational support for 20 students in need.
- £240 for Bibles and scripture materials for young people.

## Project in Burundi

### Bujumbura

Overseen by CRIB (Children Rescued in Burundi) Orphanage. Contact is managed through Mrs Libby Nahimana. The original 52 babies and young children have now grown and completed their education.

Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship: Supporting 2 students at university. Project concluded December 2022 after the 2 remaining students completed their education.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Another positive year with much to thank God for. Although down on last year, total income of £351,114 is a very encouraging figure. Especially given the pressure that the cost of living crisis has placed on the finances of us all. And it's good to see the underlying regular and one-off donations on an upward trend. A highlight being Child Sponsorship which reached another all time high of £84,882.

Following the receipt of a significant legacy last year, we received another 5 legacies this year totaling just over £50,000. Leaving a legacy to CHI is such a good and effective way for supporters to continue to advance the work of CHI beyond this life.

And so for another year we see God provide for our work through the generous giving of our supporters in life and in death. And we continue to work towards bringing new donors and sources of funding on board.

As you would expect, with income continuing in a positive direction, our expenditure is also on the increase. At £350,918 for the year, our spending reached its highest ever level. And higher spending means more aid being delivered to those who need it. And that is why CHI exists.

Our running costs increased as it was the first full financial year where the figures included the Charity Development Officer on the staff. And we continue to seek and work towards receiving more Unrestricted Income to help secure this position and the work of CHI well into the future.

Taking all this into account it's great to see that we more or less broke even for the year with a final position of £196 in surplus.

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

As reserves and income remain healthy, there are currently no concerns about the charity operating as a going concern and therefore plans for the future include:

- Continue to develop and increase the number of children being sponsored.
- Identify new initiatives to help those in need and spread God's word.
- Ensure that our communications, technology and interaction with supporters meet their needs regardless of age or circumstance.

- Continue to raise the profile of CHI on social media to attract donors of all ages.
- Identify new fund raising initiatives.
- Continue the creation and reviews of our Policy Documentation.
- Promotion of speaking opportunities, particularly opportunities to encourage support from new churches and groups.
- Identify ways to increase donations.
- We praise God for our growth and development and look forward with confidence, in Him, to the future.

## TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES


The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which present a true and fair view of the affairs of the Charity and which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

The Trustees also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

1. The charity is operating efficiently and effectively.
2. Financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable.
3. The charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

  
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 Paul Guyver

Chair of Trustees

\_\_\_\_\_ 19/9/23  
 Date

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

## TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2023 as set out on pages 14 to 22.

**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.

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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.



Mr Alan Gray FCA

Date

19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

73 Shepherds Hill, Harold Wood, Romford, Essex RM3 0NP

# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

## Statement of Financial Activity

Year ending 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and legacies		137,277	213,605	350,882	413,281
Other income		232		232	10
<b>Total income</b>	2	<b>137,509</b>	<b>213,605</b>	<b>351,114</b>	<b>413,291</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising funds		7,746		7,746	7,516
Charitable activities		110,593	232,213	342,806	260,748
Other expenditure		366		366	142
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<b>118,705</b>	<b>232,213</b>	<b>350,918</b>	<b>268,406</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<b>18,804</b>	<b>(18,608)</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>144,885</b>
Transfers between funds - in		984	30,105	31,089	51,223
Transfers between funds - out		(30,080)	(1,009)	(31,089)	(51,223)
Net movement in funds	4	(29,096)	29,096		
Total funds brought forward		166,233	107,140	273,373	128,488
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>155,941</b>	<b>117,628</b>	<b>273,569</b>	<b>273,373</b>

# Balance Sheet

Year ending 31 March 2023

	Note	2023	2022
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		259,678	257,026
Debtors	5	15,829	19,090
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>275,507</b>	<b>276,116</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors	6	1,938	2,744
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,938</b>	<b>2,744</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>273,569</b>	<b>273,373</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Opening balances		273,373	273,373
Excess / (deficit) for the year		196	
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>273,569</b>	<b>273,373</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>			
Unrestricted			
General		125,942	136,234
Designated	7	30,000	30,000
Restricted		117,627	107,139
<b>Total</b>		<b>273,569</b>	<b>273,373</b>



Paul Guyver  
Chair of Trustees



Gary Clark  
Treasurer

# Notes

## 01

### Accounting Policies

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

#### Income

All income is included on the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations of goods that are sent out in containers or lorries are not included in the SOFA as it is difficult to estimate the value of the goods. Details of goods sent out are recorded in the annual report.

#### Expenditure

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Support costs, including Governance, are not directly assigned to a particular group of projects.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will

be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

## 02

### Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and legacies				
Unrestricted Donations	129,292		129,292	219,765
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	7,905	20,592	28,497	37,001
Child Sponsorship	80	85,974	86,054	80,141
Gifts for Children		8,388	8,388	5,849
Construct, Repair, Improve		5,795	5,795	20,710
Supporting Schools		4,496	4,496	7,686
Supporting medical staff		6,793	6,793	6,858
Educational support		3,056	3,056	4,831
Animals, Seeds, Tools		3,819	3,819	5,860
Medical & general welfare		8,542	8,542	20,575
Christian Outreach		11,930	11,930	2,880
Finance Initiatives		380	380	1,124
Emergency Aid		53,840	53,840	
<b>Total</b>	<b>137,277</b>	<b>213,605</b>	<b>350,882</b>	<b>413,281</b>
<b>Other income</b>				
Bank Interest	232		232	10
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>232</b>		<b>232</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>137,509</b>	<b>213,605</b>	<b>351,114</b>	<b>413,291</b>

## **Donated Goods**

Large quantities of new knitted good of indeterminable value are donated to the charity by knitters from around the country.

## **Volunteers**

The charity relies on approximately 20 regular volunteers who assist in the warehouse and office.

# 03

## Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Office Consumables	1,448		1,448	742
Postage	3,016		3,016	3,113
Printing	3,242		3,242	3,640
Staff Travel UK	40		40	20
<b>Raising funds Total</b>	<b>7,746</b>		<b>7,746</b>	<b>7,516</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Office Services	170		170	158
Electricity	1,121		1,121	708
Phones	389		389	372
Rent, Rates, Insurance	13,129		13,129	13,059
Wages, PAYE, Pension	7 83,058		83,058	45,764
Bank Charges	486		486	463
Staff Travel Overseas	3,216		3,216	1,637
IT Maintenance & Hardware	188		188	246
Subscriptions	2,437		2,437	403
Field Assistants & Project Monitoring	550	2,200	2,750	3,300
Sundry support for overseas partners	3,500	500	4,000	934
Postage for Gifts to/from Children	384	128	512	729
Child Sponsorship		84,882	84,882	81,374
Sponsored Childrens Gifts		8,058	8,058	6,080
Construction Materials and Labour		22,625	22,625	49,567
Pupil Support		2,065	2,065	3,555
Vocational Training		5,280	5,280	
Direct School Support	1,640	4,600	6,240	10,000
Parish Project Training	75		75	
Animals		13,395	13,395	10,755
Seeds, tools etc.		4,012	4,012	3,000
Medicines & Mosquito Nets		2,013	2,013	2,628
Health Insurance		7,490	7,490	4,237
Food Support	200	27,845	28,045	10,330
Safe Water		4,310	4,310	3,395
Bedding, Hygiene Items etc.	50	5,750	5,800	1,365
Medical Staff Funding		6,500	6,500	5,400
Bibles & Christian Materials		5,375	5,375	100
Bikes for Pastors		1,530	1,530	
Youth Mission		22,505	22,505	1,188
Small Loan Initiatives		1,150	1,150	
<b>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>110,593</b>	<b>232,213</b>	<b>342,806</b>	<b>260,748</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>				
Office Sundries	366		366	142
<b>Other expenditure Total</b>	<b>366</b>		<b>366</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>118,705</b>	<b>232,213</b>	<b>350,918</b>	<b>268,406</b>

# 04

## Net Movement of Funds

Fund	Type	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Carried forward
Star school	R		37			37
Ukraine appeal	R	7,740	46,373	52,968		1,145
General fund	U	136,234	137,509	118,705	(29,096)	125,942
Office contingency	D	30,000				30,000
Building & repairs	R	4,874	7,056	22,625	15,000	4,305
Education	R	7,552	3,206	2,790		7,968
Gifts for children	R	4,413	9,661	10,516	(75)	3,483
Health & welfare	R	1,328	19,027	19,940	5,000	5,415
Livestock & agriculture	R	413	4,223	13,407	10,000	1,229
Loan for hope	R	1,334	430	1,150		614
Nurse +	R	15,285	7,105	6,500		15,890
School partners	R	4,713	5,053	5,600		4,166
Spiritual growth	R	6,878	12,196	6,080		12,994
Sponsorship	R	52,609	99,238	90,637	(829)	60,381
<b>Totals</b>		<b>273,373</b>	<b>351,114</b>	<b>350,918</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>273,569</b>

\*See note 10 for explanation of funds.

# 05

## Debtors

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
<b>Current assets - Debtors</b>				
HMRC - Gift Aid	4,408	11,421	15,829	19,090
<b>Accounts Receivable Total</b>	<b>4,408</b>	<b>11,421</b>	<b>15,829</b>	<b>19,090</b>

## 06

### Liabilities - amounts falling due within one year

Liabilities - Creditors	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Employee Tax and Pensions	1,679		1,679	832
Limpio - Print Service Charge	180		180	178
Santander - Credit Card (Office Supplies)	79		79	1,734
<b>Accounts Payable Total</b>	<b>1,938</b>		<b>1,938</b>	<b>2,744</b>

## 07

### Staff Costs

There was an average of three part time staff and one full time member of staff. None received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

## 08

### Trustee Expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses during the year.

## 09

### Transactions with Related Parties

There were no related party transactions during the year.

# 10

## Explanation of Funds

### **Designated (D)**

Office - staff costs, rent and utilities.

### **Restricted (R)**

Repairing - rebuilding and repairs to churches and schools

Education - bursaries, school materials and other educational support.

Gifts - gifts from sponsors to their children

Health - insurance, medical supplies and equipment.

Livestock - animals, seeds and tools for communities

Loans – funding for micro finance schemes run by our partners.

Nurse – support for the salaries of community nurses

School Partners – general support for specific schools

Spiritual Growth - Bibles, youth mission, bikes for pastors

Sponsor - child sponsorship

### **Unrestricted (U)**

General - running costs and projects.

# We thank you for your ongoing support of Christian Hope International

## Acknowledgements

The board of trustees would like to give special thanks to all our volunteers, without whom the charity would not be able to run, including:

Val Dobson  
Val Hardyman  
Pauline Hirst  
Eileen Knowles  
Trish Nelson  
Peter North  
Carol Phillips  
John Slocombe  
Jill Stanford  
Audrey Vinten  
Joan Whatty

Many others also contribute on an ad hoc basis which we are just as grateful for.

We are also so grateful to all our supporters that donate such wonderful blankets and clothes that are knitted with such love.

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**CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1061526

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# Accounts

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**CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**  
**THE ANNUAL REPORT &**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**31 MARCH 2022**

**Charity Number 1061526**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited Annual report & Financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**

**Registered charity name** Christian Hope International

**Charity registration number** 1061526

**Principal address**  
Hope House  
The Elms Industrial Estate  
Church Road  
Harold Park  
Romford  
Essex  
RM3 0JU

#### **The trustees**

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mr. P. Guyver (Chairman)  
Mr S. Wheeler (Treasurer)  
Mrs V. Dobson  
Mr Tony Gibbs  
Mr Gary Clark (From 10/3/2022)  
Mrs P. Nelson  
Dr Magali Ellis (From 28/11/2021)  
Mr J. Oladunjoye  
Mr Ian Phillips (Deceased 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022)  
Mr Grant Gooding (Resigned 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021)  
Mr Joff Trinder (Resigned 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021)

**Independent Examiner**  
Mr Alan Gray FCA  
73 Shepherds Hill  
Harold Wood  
Romford  
Essex RM3 ONP

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, being a constitution adopted 11th October 1996 and as amended on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1997, 18<sup>th</sup> November 1998 and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Potential new Trustees are identified normally from regular donors, volunteer workers and others with experience of and interest in, the areas of work in which the charity operates. Guidance notes on their responsibilities are given to new Trustees, together with a similar document produced by the Charity Commission and a copy of the Charity's constitution. Potential new Trustees are invited to attend one or two trustees' meetings before being formally adopted. Two new Trustees have joined us in the financial year; Mrs Magali Ellis and Mr Gary Cark

### **Organisational Structure**

The day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to paid staff. The Charity has three part-time employees and, since 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, one full time employee. The four employees work to an agreed programme and budget which is overseen by the Trustees. The Charity benefits from several regular volunteers who assist with the Stitches of Hope knitting project, the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project, packing in the warehouse and office administration. Other volunteers help on an occasional basis.

On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 after 15 years loyal service as volunteer in various administrative and promotional roles, Trustee and, nearly eleven years as Chair of Trustees, Ian Phillips had to step down from his role as Chairman due to ill health. He was replaced by Paul Guyver. Sadly, Ian passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. We give thanks for his wisdom, insight and devotion to Christian Hope International and, above all, to his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ the inspiration for his service.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review potential risks to which the Charity may be exposed and have sought to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to manage those risks. We have protocols relating to the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project, a policy for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We have a rolling programme to introduce new and review existing policies.

Fire risk and general risk assessments are carried out annually for the warehouse and offices.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives**

Christian Hope International (C.H.I.) seeks to bring the true HOPE only found in Jesus Christ alongside the relief of poverty and sickness. We aim to support vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and families, predominantly in East Africa. Jesus' life and teaching are the motivation for our work. We partner with the existing Christian community in the developing world, mainly with the Anglican Church in Rwanda and Uganda. We seek to glorify God through the Christian ethos of helping others less fortunate than ourselves and our support is provided to those in need, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

We believe that children are the future of the countries in which they live. We seek to help them develop their potential through the provision of improved education, small community projects and healthcare initiatives combined with the love and support provided by our partners in the local communities. We believe that this approach is the best way to benefit our client group. C.H.I. also links with another charity with a similar ethos, through whom aid is sent to countries in Eastern Europe.

In planning our activities for the year, the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011 .

## **SUMMARY OF MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

C.H.I. continues to have three main areas of regular activity which was unusually supplemented by an Emergency Appeal for Ukraine :

**Ray of Hope Child sponsorship programme:** Operating in Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi assisting children with primary and secondary education expenses. Vulnerable and needy children are sponsored by individuals or small groups

**Community Projects:** Resourcing small projects specifically targeted to help improve health, nutrition, education and spiritual growth within a community through our partnership with overseas colleagues. A combination of initiatives are often integrated into a Parish Project tailored to the specific needs of a community to promote self-sufficiency and build relationships through sharing, setting up of savings and loan schemes and engaging in church activities

### **Stitches of Hope**

The provision of knitted clothing and blankets to vulnerable families and orphaned children in Eastern Europe through our association with another charity.

### **Ukraine Emergency Appeal**

We do not usually respond to emergency aid situations but through our established links with Eastern Europe we were able to swiftly respond to the Russian invasion of Ukraine to provide material aid and funds. We therefore launched an appeal to support those suffering in the war zone or who had become refugees to flee from the conflict.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Challenges:**

#### **Covid 19 Pandemic**

This Annual Report covers a period when the UK began to gradually move out of lockdown as vaccination programmes to tackle the Covid 19 pandemic were rolled out to the public at large. The situation in East Africa was less promising as lockdowns were still in place, many schools and churches closed, and travel restrictions continued. Latterly the war in Ukraine dominated the news and our activity.

The Covid-19 pandemic has continued to impact our activities here in the UK and the work of our partners in East Africa. The office and warehouse had remained open throughout this period but by the end of March 2022 while Covid regulations were followed, our volunteers returned, and we returned to some sort of normality. The situation was very different in Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi where lockdown conditions varied from one area to another and not being able to work often meant no food for already struggling families. The closure of schools did mean that with the authority of donors, the school fee money could be used to feed the whole family of the sponsored child. The reopening of schools has often been dependent on the provision of hand sanitising stations and other improvements, and we have helped schools to provide the necessary equipment.

There was an outbreak of Covid Virus at the Aunt Louise School in Uganda which cares for children with a range of disabilities. Sadly, two of the children died and most of the children and staff contracted the disease. Also in Uganda two of the nurses at Kimwanyi Clinic contracted the virus, one of whom has medically retired as a result.

**National Westminster Bank account:** In May 2021, we were notified that our charity account with National Westminster Bank would be closed in 6 weeks without recourse to any appeal. In the absence of any official notification regarding the reason for the closure, we carried out a rigorous assessment of our financial transactions and procedures to ensure that we met all the necessary financial requirements. We were, and are, completely satisfied as to the integrity and transparency of the charity's finances. Meanwhile we applied to other banks to urgently open a

charity account. The National Westminster Bank eventually agreed to extend the deadline for closure to September. During this time we opened an account with the Cooperative Bank and transferred the funds seamlessly.

**Community Projects:** We have endeavoured to continue to support these projects in Rwanda and Uganda but the pandemic and government limitations on work and movement within communities have meant that a number of them have not been completed or put on hold until the situation improves. The lack of access, particularly in Rwanda has meant that some elements of community initiatives have been delayed, postponed or not developed as expected. We are confident that the planned visit to Rwanda in June 2022 will resolve many of these problems, reinvigorate their development and generate new ideas that will bring hope both practically and spiritually.

**Project Visits:** The policy of regular visits to our overseas projects to meet our partners and review the work personally every few years in a rolling programme meant that a visit to Rwanda was due to be made at the beginning of 2022. The Pandemic delayed this until June.

### **Encouragements**

**Appointment of Charity Development Officer:** For some time God has been encouraging us to plan for the future of CHI. We truly value our existing supporters, volunteers and staff, but we have to recognise that the majority are at the more mature end of the age spectrum. We have made significant progress over recent years to advance into social media and electronic communications, but we still need to do more to appeal to a younger audience while retaining and encouraging our current membership.

The uncertainty and the fragility of health and life itself has been obvious during the Pandemic and when the opportunity arose through a substantial legacy in November to recruit a full-time employee God led us to Joff Trinder. He and his family have been supporters over many years, he has great IT and business skills and brings a younger and fresh perspective on the work while, at the same time, appreciating the value of a wide and diverse support base. He felt God's calling and joined the Staff Team in November. We have since experienced a flurry of activity to create and update our various Policy documents, to rationalise our IT systems and make progress on new branding.

**Ukraine Appeal:** Our collaboration with MWB through whom we channel hand knitted and crochet items to Eastern Europe meant that when the Russian invasion of Ukraine took place on 24th February, we already had channels to both Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Led by our newly appointed Charity Development Officer, Joff Trinder, a very successful appeal was launched for food, clothing, basic health supplies, knitted items and finance. Numerous new volunteers played an active role in sorting and packing these donations.

**Ray of Hope Child Sponsorship Project:** The number of children in the child sponsorship programme has grown to 458; an increase of 17 over the previous year. It is encouraging that, despite the inevitable turnover of sponsors for a whole variety of reasons, we still have new people signing up to support this project as well as existing sponsors willing to support additional children. Our grateful thanks to those who administer this work both here and overseas. The continued growth is testament to their dedication and skill even in these most difficult of times.

**Health Care for Sponsored children:** In both Rwanda and Uganda, health care is not free. Rwanda has a health insurance scheme that covers 90% of medical costs. In Rwanda sponsorship includes health insurance for a child but covering the remaining family members puts a huge strain on the finances of a family. In 2021 it was decided that for Rwanda, CHI would pay the annual cost of insurance (£3.00) for each member of the sponsored child's family. Uganda does not have a health insurance scheme therefore a fund was set up for the families of the sponsored children to be used when necessary. Sponsors were invited to contribute, and many responded generously. The total cost was almost £6,000.00 enabling around 2000 individuals to receive Health Insurance, sponsors donated almost half this amount.

**Field Assistants:** Despite sporadic school closures and restricted contact because of Covid, the Field Assistants who maintain contact with the sponsored children have ensured that letters, testimonies and photographs have been received from most of our sponsored children albeit at a reduced level. Inevitably children have left the programme and most sponsors have taken up the offer of a replacement child. Many sponsors have continued to provide small gifts to their child in addition to their sponsorship payments and these are largely used to benefit the whole family. The popularity of this initiative has caused some administrative and time consuming difficulties for both the UK staff and our partners. We aim to introduce a new practice in June to make the whole process simpler and more efficient.

**Trustees:** We have welcomed two new Trustees; Magali Ellis and Gary Clark, and continued to meet via Zoom until September when we resumed 'in person' meetings.

**Communications:** We have continued to produce our magazines, three times a year and give monthly updates as well as having a presence on social media to keep our supporters informed.

**Office:** We have upgraded our computers and our website

**Finances:** Our supporters have maintained their enthusiasm to finance existing and new projects through these difficult times and donations were roughly similar to the previous financial year without the inclusion of the legacy mentioned earlier and the Ukraine Appeal which attracted significant funds amounting to £7,700 by the year end.

**Stitches of Hope:** Large quantities of new knitted and crocheted clothes and blankets produced by our supporters continue to be delivered to our warehouse. We dispatched 600 sacks and boxes of aid in November to countries in Eastern Europe through our association with the charity, Mission Without Borders.

**Publicity:** C.H.I. has produced three magazines free of charge to supporters this year with the following titles:- 'Encouraged', 'Trust In' and 'Building'. The magazine is also available online and we have a presence on Facebook and Instagram. We have also produced regular news updates, a 2022 calendar and some specially designed Christmas cards. We have not carried out any speaking / preaching engagements this year due to Covid restrictions.

**Staff, volunteers and supporters:** The trustees wish to thank the dedicated work of the staff who do a significant amount of voluntary work beyond their regular hours. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for ensuring that financial, practical and spiritual support has continued to grow and have demonstrated that, even during difficult times, those in need can know that they are loved and supported. We also wish to thank all our volunteers in the office and warehouse as well as the continuing loyalty of the Charity's many supporters, without whom the work could not continue. Above all, we have to thank and praise our great God who inspires, equips and enables us to bring hope in troubled times.

A more detailed analysis of our Project support during the 2021/2022 financial year is shown below.

## **PROJECTS IN RWANDA**

### **Shyogwe Diocese, Rwanda**

Funds sent for:

- Nurse+ project: Nurse Brigitte Mukangwije at Gikomero health clinic. Providing nursing care at the clinic and advice on healthcare, hygiene, nutrition and family planning in the local community.
- Medical Supplies at Gikomero clinic: purchase of some essential replacement medicines.
- School equipment at St. Peter's College to meet Covid hygiene requirements and pay school fees of poorest students under School Partner funds
- Gisanga parish: ongoing support of pastors in this area.

### **Kibungo Diocese, Rwanda**

Project overseen by Bishop Emmanuel Ntazinda. Athanase Makuza headmaster Gahima Agape School,

Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship scheme: Sponsoring 54 children at Gahima Agape School.
- Funds used to feed sponsored children and their families during lockdown.
- Health insurance funded for sponsored children's families.
- Solar lamps
- Gahima Agape School: new fence and provide school materials for those most in need under School Partner fund
- Livestock: £10,000 sent for livestock in two tranches in various parishes
- Bikes for Pastors: Final bike delivered
- Roofing sheets, the repair of the church building, and the purchase of Bibles in Gasabo sub-parish

### **Gasabo Diocese, Rwanda**

Field assistant - Mrs Hope Nyiraneza (overseen by the Archbishop's wife, Mrs Chantal Mbanda).

Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship scheme: Sponsoring 128 students at several locations in this Diocese. (Funds used to buy food for sponsored children and their families during lockdown)
- Christmas celebration for sponsored children
- Health insurance for sponsored children's families
- Parish project in Kinyinya Parish: on hold until March 2022 due to lockdown
- Loan4hope project deferred until March 2022 due to lockdown

### **Byumba Diocese, Rwanda**

Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo oversees the projects. Field Assistant; Mr Robert Tayebwa supported by Mrs Consolee Nzitakuze.

Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship: Supporting 99 students at several locations in the Diocese. (Funds used to feed sponsored children and their families during lockdown).
- Christmas celebrations for sponsored children
- Health insurance for sponsored children's families.
- New project providing play equipment, water tanks, guttering and a new roof at King Salomon Nursery under School Partner Fund
- Solar lamps
- Development of a piggery project alongside the successful Youth Union Bakery Project.
- Building a new church and providing seed potatoes and goats at Rumarangoga Village.

### **Butare Diocese, Rwanda**

Projects overseen by Rev. Odilo Rushayigi

Funds sent for:

- Solar lamps
- New piggery project under School Partner project at Gikonko Secondary School. Proceeds will be used to assist students in most need.
- Bursaries for 12 single young mothers at Mubumbano Vocational Training Centre;

## **PROJECTS IN UGANDA**

The Rev. Canon Patrick Ssimbwa, Archdeacon at St. John's Church, Kijjabwemi oversees all our projects with the exception of Rakai and Kaleere. Field Assistant is David Ssewankambo

Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship: Supporting 160 students at several locations in the Diocese.
- Food for sponsored children and their families during lockdown
- Health Fund of £150.00 per month to pay the emergency medical costs of sponsored children and their immediate families.

### **Kijjabwemi Parish**

- School lunches at all church schools in Parishes where renovations have taken place
- Solar lamps
- Christmas celebrations for sponsored children
- Sanitary packs for older girls.
- School materials for poorest students
- Kitchen and teacher's accommodation refurbished at Kabwami School
- Uniform provided for most needy children under School Partner's project at Kijjabwemi School.
- Two classroom blocks refurbished at Kabanda School
- Water Tanks for Kabanda School
- New toilets for boarding students at Kijjabwemi Primary School.
- Nurse+ Project: Nurse/midwife, Mrs Prossy Nalutaaya supported, and part-fund the salary of the clinic manager, Grace Berwu
- Solar power provided for Kimwanyi Clinic

### **Aunt Louise School, Masaka:**

Operated by Pastor Edward and his wife Louise and overseen by Rev. Canon Ssimbwa

Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship: Privately-run school and home supporting 15 children and young adults with various physical and mental disabilities.
- funds sent for medical costs and food.
- Basic daily needs of the school and students through School Partners fund

### **Rakai and Kaleere Parishes:**

Overseen by Rev. Canon Eriab Nkambo Mugerwa, Archdeacon of Rakai.

Funds sent for for:

- Annual Health clinic at Kaleere
- Seeds provided at Kaleere for those in most need

## **PROJECT IN BURUNDI**

### **Bujumbura:**

Overseen by CRIB (Children Rescued in Burundi) Orphanage. Contact is managed through Mrs Libby Nahimana. Sadly the founder and manager at CRIB, Chrissie Chapman, passed away in November

Funds sent for:

- Ray of Hope Child sponsorship: Supporting 2 students at university. ( Final sponsored children)

**Financial Review:**

**Reserves Policy** The Charity endeavor to ensure that funds are used quickly and efficiently for the purpose they are given whilst maintaining a reserve of funds to ensure the continuity of the work. The challenges of working during Covid has resulted in a larger than normal reserve of funds at the end of 2022.

CHI had another amazing year experiencing God’s great generosity through our faithful supporters with the highest ever annual income £414,290.64 surpassing the previous best of £245,905.56 in 2020/2021, this increase was due to a significant legacy left to us by a long term supporter. It came at a time when we were praying for God’s guidance as we considered how we could future proof the charity, new blood was needed but the unrestricted income was not enough to cover a realistic salary for a new member of staff. God though, has great timing and the legacy provided the security to enable the employment of Joff Trinder as charity development officer, however, the unrestricted giving does need to increase; we pray on.

Gift aid was £37,001.29 another all-time high.

Child sponsorship spending followed the trend £80,141 up from £77,318

As the financial year ended UK inflation was rising strongly, lots of the population are struggling with financial pressures. However, God’s work is not bound by earthly rules. We move on in His hands trusting that whatever he wants done by CHI will be achieved, lives will be changed, and He will get the glory.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

- Continue to promote the Ray of Hope child sponsorship programme
- Revitalising existing Parish Projects and identify new initiatives
- Continue to raise the profile of CHI to attract donors of all ages
- Look at ways to create new fund raising initiatives
- Complete the rebranding of all CHI documents
- Continue the creation and reviews of our Policy Documentation
- Promotion of speaking opportunities
- Explore opportunities to encourage support from new churches and groups.

The charity is currently thriving and we look to the future with excitement and optimism.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

  
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P. Guyver

3/9/22  
.....  
Date

**CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2022 as set out on pages 10 to 15.

**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.

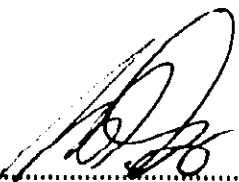
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.

Signed.....

Date.....11 September 2022

**Name:** Mr Alan Gray FCA

**Address** 73 Shepherds Hill  
Harold Wood  
Romford  
Essex RM3 0NP

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2021 total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	227,151	186,129	—	413,280	245,905
Other income	9	—	—	9	—
<b>Total income</b>	<b>227,160</b>	<b>186,129</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>413,290</b>	<b>245,905</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7,515	—	—	7,515	7,434
Expenditure on charitable activities	66,136	194,611	—	260,747	223,155
Other expenditure	142	—	—	142	171
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>73,794</b>	<b>194,611</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>268,405</b>	<b>230,761</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>153,366</b>	<b>(8,481)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>144,885</b>	<b>15,144</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	13,551	37,671	—	51,222	53,666
Gross transfers between funds - out	(50,671)	(551)	—	(51,222)	(53,666)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>116,247</b>	<b>28,637</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>144,885</b>	<b>15,144</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>49,985</b>	<b>78,501</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>128,487</b>	<b>113,343</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>166,233</b>	<b>107,139</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>273,372</b>	<b>128,487</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	136,233	—	—	136,233	32,985
<b>Designated</b>					
OFFICE CONTINGENCY	30,000	—	—	30,000	17,000
<b>Restricted</b>					
BUILDING & REPAIRS	—	4,874	—	4,874	34
EDUCATION	—	7,551	—	7,551	5,421
GIFTS FOR CHILDREN	—	4,413	—	4,413	2,504
HEALTH & WELFARE	—	1,328	—	1,328	5,585
LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE	—	412	—	412	12
LOAN FOR HOPE	—	1,334	—	1,334	10
NURSE +	—	15,285	—	15,285	13,155
SCHOOL PARTNERS	—	4,712	—	4,712	5,615
SPIRITUAL GROWTH	—	6,878	—	6,878	3,800
SPONSORSHIP	—	52,608	—	52,608	42,362
Ukraine Refugee Crisis	—	7,739	—	7,739	—


## Balance sheet

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Class and code	Description	31 Mar 2022	31 Mar 2021
<b>Current assets</b>			
1000	NAT WEST CURRENT ACCOUNT	—	113,761
1001	PETTY CASH	45	20
1002	Co-operative Bank	229,970	—
1003	Kingdom Bank	27,009	—
Z05	Accounts Receivable	19,090	15,907
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>276,116</b>	<b>129,689</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Z04	Accounts Payable	2,743	1,201
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>1,201</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>273,372</b>	<b>128,487</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	144,885	15,144
Z01	Starting balances	128,487	113,343
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>273,372</b>	<b>128,487</b>
	<b>Represented by funds</b>		
	Unrestricted	136,233	32,985
	Designated	30,000	17,000
	Restricted	107,139	78,501
	Endowment	—	—
	<b>Total</b>	<b>273,372</b>	<b>128,487</b>



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Paul Guyver  
Chair of Trustees



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Steve Wheeler  
Treasurer

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Note 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### BASIS OF PREPARATION

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

These accounts have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

#### INCOME

All income is included on the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations of goods that are sent out in containers or lorries are not included in the SOFA as it is difficult to estimate the value of the goods. Details of goods sent out are recorded in the annual report.

#### EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Support costs, including Governance, are not directly assigned to a particular group of projects.

### Note 2: ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Unrestricted Donations	219,765	—	219,765	76,033
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	7,205	29,795	37,001	29,493
Child Sponsorship	180	79,961	80,141	77,318
Gifts for Children	—	5,849	5,849	4,870
Construct, Repair, Improve	—	20,710	20,710	3,548
Supporting Schools	—	7,686	7,686	6,631
Supporting medical staff	—	6,858	6,858	7,420
Educational support	—	4,831	4,831	6,578
Animals, Seeds, Tools	—	5,859	5,859	5,075
Medical & general welfare assistance	—	20,575	20,575	21,961
Christian Outreach	—	2,880	2,880	6,245
Finance Initiatives	—	1,124	1,124	730
Total	227,151	186,129	413,280	245,905
<b>Other income</b>				
Bank Interest	9	—	9	—
Total	9	—	9	—
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>227,160</b>	<b>186,129</b>	<b>413,290</b>	<b>245,905</b>

#### DONATED GOODS

Large quantities of new knitted good of indeterminable value are donated to the charity by knitters from around the country.

#### VOLUNTEERS

The charity relies on approximately 20 regular volunteers who assist in the warehouse and office.

**Note 3: ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Office Consumables	741	—	741	885
Postage	3,113	—	3,113	2,987
Printing	3,640	—	3,640	3,561
Staff Travel UK	20	—	20	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,515</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,515</b>	<b>7,434</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Office Services	158	—	158	267
Electricity	707	—	707	1,152
Phones	372	—	372	412
Rent, Rates, Insurance	13,058	—	13,058	12,740
Wages, PAYE, Pension	45,764	—	45,764	31,482
Bank Charges	463	—	463	556
Staff Travel Overseas	1,637	—	1,637	(403)
IT Maintenance & Hardware	245	—	245	99
Subscriptions	402	—	402	229
Governance costs	—	—	—	1,008
Field Assistants & Project Monitoring	—	3,300	3,300	2,900
Sundry support for overseas partners	934	—	934	2,775
Postage for Gifts to/from Children	551	177	728	567
Child Sponsorship	—	81,374	81,374	66,367
Sponsored Childrens Gifts	1,100	4,980	6,080	3,535
Construction Materials and Labour	—	49,567	49,567	42,862
Pupil Support	240	3,315	3,555	525
Direct School Support	—	10,000	10,000	10,849
Animals	—	10,755	10,755	11,780
Seeds, tools etc.	—	3,000	3,000	1,265
Medicines & Mosquito Nets	—	2,628	2,628	4,580
Health Insurance	—	4,237	4,237	—
Food Support	500	9,830	10,330	8,500
Safe Water	—	3,395	3,395	6,365
Bedding, Hygiene Items etc.	—	1,365	1,365	1,035
Medical Staff Funding	—	5,400	5,400	5,400
Bibles & Christian Materials	—	100	100	2,350
Youth Mission	—	1,188	1,188	2,339
Small Loan Initiatives	—	—	—	1,615
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,136</b>	<b>194,611</b>	<b>260,747</b>	<b>223,155</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>				
Office Sundries	142	—	142	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>73,794</b>	<b>194,611</b>	<b>268,405</b>	<b>230,761</b>

**Note 4: Creditors and Accruals falling due under one year**

	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Taxation and Social Security	831	194
Other Creditors - Beatons	-	1008
Santander Credit card	1734	-
Limpio – copier charges	178	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2743</b>	<b>1202</b>

**Note 5: STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS****2021/22****2020/21**

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Total staff costs		
Salaries	40396	27245
Social security costs	3288	2343
Other pension costs	2080	1894
<b>Total</b>	<b>45764</b>	<b>31482</b>
Average Number of staff during the year	4	3

The three part time staff worked a total of 5-6 days a week, and one full time staff member worked 5 days a week from November 21. None received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

**Note 6: DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS****2021/22****2020/21**

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Other Debtors – HMRC Gift Aid	19090	15907
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**Note 7: CHARITY FUNDS**

**Fund Movement Summary  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Fund	Balance B/Fwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance C/Fwd
UKRAINE	—	7,739	—	—	7,739
General	32,985	227,160	73,794	(50,119)	136,233
OFFICE	17,000	—	—	13,000	30,000
REPAIRING -	34	25,650	49,587	28,757	4,874
EDUCATION -	5,421	5,475	3,345	—	7,551
GIFTS	2,504	6,872	4,964	—	4,413
HEALTH	5,585	15,856	21,455	1,342	1,328
LIVESTOCK	12	6,763	13,755	7,392	412
LOANS	10	1,324	—	—	1,334
NURSE	13,155	7,530	5,400	—	15,285
SCHOOL-PTN	5,615	9,097	10,000	—	4,712
SPIRITUAL	3,800	3,187	110	—	6,878
SPONSOR	42,362	96,633	86,015	(371)	52,608
<b>Totals</b>	<b>128,487</b>	<b>413,290</b>	<b>268,405</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>273,372</b>

\*Key R – restricted funds; U – unrestricted funds; D – designated funds

The transfers from restricted to unrestricted funds shown on the Statement of Financial Activities and the notes was to cover the cost of restricted projects overheads.

The transfer of funds from unrestricted to restricted projects shown on the Statement of Financial Activities and the notes was to cover expenditure over and above income from restricted funds.

## **Explanation of Funds**

OFFICE – Office contingency

REPAIRING – Building and repairs

EDUCATION – Educational support

GIFTS – Individual gifts for sponsored children

HEALTH – Medicines, mosquito nets and equipment for clinics

LIVESTOCK – Livestock, seeds and agricultural tools

LOANS – Support of recycling loan scheme for individuals (not recoverable by CHI)

NURSE – Support for nurse's salaries

SCHOOL-PTN – Regular support for specific schools

SPIRITUAL – Bibles, bikes for pastors, youth conferences etc.

SPONSOR – Child Sponsorship

GENERAL – General charity expenditure

## **Note 8: DESIGNATED FUNDS**

<b>Planned Use</b>	<b>Purpose of the designation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
OFFICE	A fund to cover unexpected office expenditure	£30000

## **Note 9: TRUSTEES EXPENSES**

There was no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses for the year ending 31 March 2022.

## **Note 10: TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

There have been no related party transactions for the year ending 31 March 2022.

**CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1061526

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**31 MARCH 2021**

**Charity Number 1061526**



## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited Annual report & Financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**

**Registered charity name** Christian Hope International

**Charity registration number** 1061526

**Principal address** Hope House  
The Elms Industrial Estate  
Church Road  
Harold Park  
Romford  
Essex  
RM3 0JU

#### **The trustees**

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Dr I. Phillips (Chairman)  
Mr A. Gibbs (Treasurer)  
Mr S. Wheeler  
Mrs V. Dobson  
Mrs P. Nelson  
Mr G. Gooding  
Mr J. Oladunjoye  
Mr J. Trinder (From 28/11/20)  
Mr. P. Guyver (From 28/11/20)

#### **Independent Examiner**

Mr Vincent Frostick,  
Chartered Certified Accountant & Statutory Auditor  
Beatons Accountants  
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## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, being a constitution adopted 11th October 1996 and as amended on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1997, 18<sup>th</sup> November 1998 and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Potential new trustees are identified normally from regular donors, volunteer workers and others with experience of and interest in, the areas of work in which the charity operates. Guidance notes on their responsibilities are given to new trustees, together with a similar document produced by the Charity Commission and a copy of the Charity's constitution. Potential new trustees are invited to attend one or two trustees' meetings before being formally adopted.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Charity has three part-time paid employees with the remaining work being undertaken by unpaid volunteers. The day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to three part-time staff. These three employees work to an agreed programme and budget which is overseen by the trustees. The Charity benefits from several regular volunteers who assist with the Stitches of Hope project, the Ray of Hope project, packing in the warehouse and office administration. Other volunteers help on an occasional basis.

Mr Paul Guyver has ceased paid employment but continues as a trustee and volunteer.

### **Risk Management**

The trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review potential risks to which the Charity may be exposed and have sought to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to manage those risks. We have protocols in place relating to the Ray of Hope child sponsorship project and a policy for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Mr Ian Phillips (Chair of trustees) has DRB clearance. We have also had fire risk and general risk assessments carried out at the warehouse and offices.

We have taken steps to comply with the Data Protection regulations.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives**

Christian Hope International (C.H.I.) seeks to bring the true HOPE only found in Jesus Christ alongside the relief of poverty and sickness and the support of vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and families, predominantly in East Africa. Jesus' life and teaching are the motivation for our work.

We work in partnership with the existing Christian community in the developing world, mainly with the Anglican Church in Rwanda and Uganda. We seek to glorify God through the Christian ethos of helping others less fortunate than ourselves, but the aid is provided to those in need, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

C.H.I. also links with another charity with a similar ethos, through whom aid is sent to countries in Eastern Europe.

In planning our activities for the year, the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

C.H.I. has been providing care in Africa for over 26 years. Our partners in these parts of the world work towards helping vulnerable people in countries that are amongst the poorest in the world. Our work is principally directed to helping widows and children, especially those orphaned by war or disease. It is our belief that children are the future of the countries in which they live, and we seek to help them develop their potential through the provision of improved education and healthcare combined with the love and support provided by our partners in the local communities. We believe that this approach is the best way to benefit our client group.

## **SUMMARY OF MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

C.H.I. continues to have three main areas of activity :-

### **Ray of Hope**

A child sponsorship programme operating in Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi that assists approximately 441 children with primary and secondary education expenses. This represents an increase of 70 on the previous year. Vulnerable and needy children are sponsored by individuals or small groups. Five schools are also supported with direct funding through our School Partners Project.

### **Stitches of Hope**

The provision of knitted clothing and blankets to vulnerable families in Eastern Europe through association with another charity.

### **Community Projects**

Small local community projects are resourced in partnership with our overseas colleagues in East Africa.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**This Annual Report reflects the period of lockdown in the UK and East Africa due to the Covid 19 pandemic.**

**Inevitably, lockdown has impacted our activities here in the UK and what our partners in East Africa have been able to do in their respective countries. However, as we hope this report will demonstrate, God has continued to work through C.H.I. and we have not only survived but have been able to increase our work in several areas. Our supporters have continued to send financial aid during lockdown, and we have been able to send more overseas during this financial year than ever before. Our bank balance in the UK remains stable even though we have sent this additional support. It has been a truly amazing year despite the pandemic and we are most grateful for this.**

As Covid-19 struck the UK, we reduced those attending the office to a minimum and adopted appropriate safety measures and social distancing. Although this has been a very strange year for all, we have been able to continue with most of our projects. The trustees have continued to meet via Zoom and we have been able to produce our magazines and updates on time and keep our supporters informed.

C.H.I. has continued to receive ongoing financial support from the charity's supporters up and down the U.K. and abroad. This has enabled us to maintain, and in some cases expand, our work.

We have continued to receive vast quantities of knitted goods as many of our supporters have been particularly busy during lockdown!

Liaison and communication with our overseas partners are vital to maintaining a successful oversight of our work. We endeavour to have regular email or telephone contact with the supervisors of our overseas projects to ensure that funds are being used wisely and as designated. The difficulties experienced by our partners in some remote areas inevitably means that a prompt response to communication is not always possible, but generally we have been able to monitor the projects successfully by ensuring that our partners provide us with regular photographs, testimonies and receipts. The Covid pandemic has caused the closure of both schools and churches in Uganda and Rwanda. This has required some projects to be paused but conversely has provided an opportunity for others to go ahead promptly.

We have previously formulated a policy whereby representatives from the charity endeavour to visit our overseas projects every few years to meet our partners and to review the work personally.

In February/March 2020 a CHI team comprising Carmen Denham, Pauline Davidson and Ian Phillips visited Uganda. They were able to visit all the CHI projects currently supported in Uganda and to meet and have discussions with our partners there. They were also able to visit many of the Uganda sponsored children in their schools and homes. Thankfully, the team arrived safely back in the UK just prior to worldwide lockdown.

We reported on this visit in last year's Annual Report and much of our work this year reflects ongoing support for needs that were identified during our time in Uganda.

A more detailed analysis of our activities is shown below.

### **Ray of Hope Child Sponsorship Project**

The number of children in the child sponsorship programme supported by C.H.I. has increased to approximately 441, an increase of 70 over the previous year. Forty-five of these children have been taken on by supporters new to C.H.I. Within that figure there have been a number of interchanges with both some children and some sponsors leaving the project and others coming on board.

**Despite the challenges of lockdown, this figure represents our biggest ever annual increase in the number of sponsored children.**

We continue to look to increase the number of sponsored children.

Sponsored children are in the following locations:- In Rwanda - Byumba, Kibungo, Gasabo; in Uganda - Kijjabwemi, Aunt Louise School and in Burundi - Bujumbura.

Letters, testimonies and photographs have been received from nearly all of our sponsored children, giving details about their lives and the difference that sponsorship has made to them. We have been encouraged to hear from some of the senior students who have left the project and moved on to either tertiary education or to paid employment. This information has been forwarded to the sponsors.

As well as regular sponsorship, many sponsors have also sent small gifts or additional financial aid to their sponsored children on occasions like their birthday, Easter or Christmas. We have regularly received reports on how these additional gifts have made a difference to the quality of life of the families of the sponsored children. During the visit to Uganda, the team were able to confirm that these gifts are most frequently used to purchase livestock to help support the family unit. It is also clear that the sponsorship of one child in a family is a substantial benefit to the whole family. The number of sponsors who have funded the purchase of additional livestock has significantly increased.

During the visit to Uganda the team visited the Aunt Louise School for Disabled Children near Masaka. It was apparent that this school had significant needs and the 13 students there have now been sponsored and the school has received additional support as recorded later in this report.

We have continued to support three part-time Field Workers, who assist with communications to and from the children. They are Mr David Ssewankambo at Kijjabwemi, Uganda; Mrs Hope Niyiraneza at Gasabo, Rwanda and Mrs Consolee Nzitakuze at Byumba, Rwanda.

We have continued to support five schools through the School Partners Project, namely, in Rwanda – Gikonko Secondary School; Gahima Agape Secondary School, Kibungo; St. Peter's College, Shyogwe and in Uganda, -- Kijjabwemi Primary School, Masaka and the Aunt Louise School for Disabled Children, Masaka.

We funded Christmas parties for the children at the Ray of Hope sponsor projects.

### **Stitches of Hope**

Large quantities of new knitted and crocheted clothes and blankets produced by our supporters continue to be delivered to our warehouse both by mail and in person. These are sorted and packed by our team of volunteers. They have then been sent to countries in Eastern Europe through our association with the charity, Mission Without Borders. We dispatched 420 sacks and boxes of aid and we have sent funds to Mission Without Borders to assist with the cost of transportation.

### **Community Projects**

C.H.I. has been able to support the projects detailed in the next section of the report.

We have continued to concentrate our resources on supporting several integrated initiatives in targeted communities. These "Parish Projects" use a variety of elements that help to improve health, nutrition, education and spiritual growth and provide a holistic approach to addressing the needs of those communities. We feel that this is giving a more lasting benefit and is assisting in the move to self-sufficiency. The concept was pioneered with our involvement at Kimwanyi, Uganda and has now been extended to other villages in Uganda and Rwanda. The feedback that we have received, as well as our own personal observations, indicate that this approach has greatly improved the social and spiritual life of these communities.

### **EMERGENCY APPEAL**

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic we received news from our partners regarding the dire need for emergency food aid as families were unable to travel and local markets were closed. Most people in East Africa purchase food day to day and our partners reported that "starvation was a bigger threat than dying from Covid-19".

An emergency appeal to our supporters raised over £11,000 to assist families at that time.

### **PROJECTS IN RWANDA**

#### **a) Shyogwe Diocese, Rwanda**

We have continued to provide funds to support an additional nurse (Mrs Brigitte Mukangwije) at Gikomero health clinics in Shyogwe diocese through our Nurse+ project. She provides advice on healthcare, hygiene, nutrition and family planning as well as giving nursing care at the clinics and in the local community.

Funds have also been sent to Gikomero clinic for the purchase of some essential replacement medicines.

School Partner funds have been sent to St. Peter's College, Shyogwe and have been used to fund Covid hygiene requirements.

In Gisanga parish, funds have been sent for the ongoing support of pastors in this area.

#### **b) Kibungo Diocese, Rwanda**

Many of the parishes in Kibungo Diocese are both remote and in areas subject to severe drought. We have sent £8500 to enable the church to distribute goats to needy families in several parishes. The Diocesan administrator reports that the goats have considerably changed the lives of the families that received them in economic, social and spiritual ways. People who received goats formed saving and loaning groups where they meet together once a month for saving money, sharing the Word of God and discussions about how they can solve their own problems together by helping one another. Goats become bonds between families because when the goat gives birth, the

families that received the goats pass on the firstborn daughter goat to other needy families and the plan is that every needy family in the community will eventually receive a goat originating from the ones first given by CHI.

The primary benefit of the goat may be manure for improved crop production, but there is a deep spiritual benefit as people return to church because of the caring love and witness that is demonstrated in this way.

We sent funds to Gasabo sub-parish for roofing sheets, the repair of the church building, and the purchase of Bibles.

We have continued to sponsor around 55 children at Gahima Agape School and this school also receives School Partner funds which were used to construct hand washing stations, additional toilets and showers and refitting of the kitchen area – measures which were necessary to enable the school to reopen after lockdown.

**c) Gasabo Diocese, Rwanda**

C.H.I. has supported approximately 125 students at several locations in this Diocese through our Ray of Hope child sponsorship scheme. This project is managed by a field assistant, (Mrs Hope Nyiraneza) and is overseen by the Archbishop's wife, Mrs Chantal Mbanda.

The new parish project at Kinyinya parish has been put on hold due to the restrictions of lockdown, as has the new Loan4hope project. Funds are being held by the Mother's Union.

**d) Kigeme Diocese, Rwanda**

No additional funding was sent to Kigeme Diocese in 2020. This partnership has ceased due to lack of communication.

**e) Byumba Diocese, Rwanda**

We have continued to support approximately 87 students at several locations in this Diocese through our Ray of Hope child sponsorship scheme.

The oversight of the sponsored students at Byumba has now been transferred to Mr Robert Tayebwa, assisted by the Field Assistant, Mrs Consolee Nzitakuze.

Rapid communication with Byumba has vastly improved and this was reflected in the increased number of sponsored students in this Diocese.

Funding has been sent to Byumba Diocese to assist the Youth Union in the development of a new piggery project.

**f) Butare Diocese, Rwanda**

The parish project at Gasha has been assisted with funds for the repair of the church and the provision of a water tank.

We have continued to support Gikonko Secondary School through our School Partner project. These funds have been used to initiate a new piggery project.

**PROJECTS IN UGANDA**

**g) Kijjabwemi Parish, Masaka, Uganda**

The Venerable Rev. Canon Patrick Ssimbwa continues as Archdeacon at St. John's Church Kijjabwemi, Masaka with responsibility for 11 sub-parishes including Kimwanyi (his former parish). His official inauguration was held in March 2021 and C.H.I. supplied a written article for a commemorative magazine testifying to our partnership.

The field assistant for Kijjabwemi Orphans Project is David Ssewankambo. We have continued to support approximately 155 students at Kijjabwemi through the Ray of Hope sponsorship project.

Patrick, David and their colleagues also run the Kijjabwemi Saturday Project which gives over 200 youngsters spiritual education, nutritional support and counselling as well as an opportunity to simply have fun. Funds were sent for the building of an extension to enable this work to develop further and also for the purchase of 200 plastic chairs.

A motorcycle was funded which enables David to visit the children and their families more easily.

Funds were sent for some repairs to the nursery classroom at Kijjabwemi Primary School. Mosquito nets were funded for students boarding at Kijjabwemi School. Kijjabwemi Primary School has also received funds through the School Partner's project.

Funds were sent for the provision of handwashing facilities at several schools in the Kijjabwemi area to enable them to reopen after lockdown.

Several of the sponsored children have received special one-off gifts from their sponsors for the purchase of livestock, etc.

Funds have been sent for the initiation of a loan scheme at Kijjabwemi to enable families to start up small business enterprises.

Funds were sent for the purchase of crop seeds which were distributed to several families in this area.

Canon Patrick approached us regarding a young disabled man, Jonathan, who was in need of funds to purchase a wheelchair and complete the final semester of his education. We responded to this need and Patrick personally delivered the wheelchair to Jonathan at his school in Kasese.

#### **h) Kimwanyi Parish, Masaka, Uganda**

C.H.I. has continued to fund the salary of nurse/midwife, Mrs Prossy Nalutaaya, through our Nurse+ Project. We also continued to part-fund the salary of the clinic manager Ms Agnes Tebugulwa.

Funds were sent for the restocking of drugs and PPE at Kimwanyi Health Clinic.

Funds were sent for the repair of the hand pump and well at Kimwanyi.

#### **i) Kagganda Primary School, Masaka, Uganda**

Kagganda Primary School received funds for the purchase of Bibles.

#### **j) Kitengeesa Parish, Masaka, Uganda**

We were made aware that the home belonging to the guardian of one of our sponsored children had been destroyed in a violent storm. The sponsor and others raised funds for a new secure home to be built.

Kitengeesa Primary School received significant funds for refurbishment of the school building, the construction of a new toilet block and the provision of dance and music equipment.

Kitengeesa church also received some funds for repairs.

**k) Kikonge Primary School, Masaka, Uganda**

Kikonge School received funds for some painting to the walls of the classrooms.

**l) Aunt Louise School, Masaka**

Aunt Louise School is a privately-run school which is home to 13 children and young adults with various physical and mental disabilities. It is the only facility school for the disabled in the whole of the Masaka region. It is run by Pastor Edward and his wife Louise who both gave up their jobs as teachers to do this work. They rely solely on voluntary donations and CHI had previously sent some funds to support them.

During our visit in 2020, the team were impressed by the care and education being given to these vulnerable young people in very difficult circumstances.

We sent funds for the purchase of new mattresses, mosquito nets, solar lighting, goats, a cow, 4 wheelchairs, a water tank together with some food and educational supplies. This funding was in part assisted by a legacy to C.H.I.

We felt that it was important that this facility had some form of regular income. Accordingly, sponsors have now been found for each of the students and this will have a significant impact for their ongoing care. The nature of these students' disabilities means that the sponsorship funding here goes to the school rather than the individual child.

The school also benefits from donations through the School Partners fund.

**m) Kabwami Primary School, Masaka**

Kabwami school is relatively remote and at the time of our visit it was in need of refurbishment and equipment. It had no electricity and was 3 Km from the nearest water source. We identified significant needs as well as the potential for a Parish Project in the community. We have since sent substantial funds to renovate the school, providing a new roof, bigger classrooms, windows and doors, concrete floors, a water tank, school lunches, uniforms, educational materials and Bibles. The new school was subsequently reopened by the Bishop of West Buganda.

We have also sent funds for the provision of Bibles for the members of Kabwami church and painting of the church building.

We are seeking advice from Canon Patrick regarding expansion of our work in this parish.

**n) Rakai and Kaleere Parishes, Uganda**

We have continued our partnership with Rev. Canon Eriab Nkambo Mugerwa, Archdeacon at Rakai. Eriab oversees both Rakai and Kaleere sub-parish.

We also have regular updates through social media from Eriab's son, Samuel Kiggundu, who is closely involved with the work of the Bagonvu Elderly Project at Kaleere.

In the last year, we have sent funds for two visiting Health clinics at Kaleere.

Teaching seminars were funded in 10 locations which gave 2000 girls education in matters of sexual health. Similar workshops were held which reached only 250 boys.

We funded the provision of 100 plastic chairs for the use of the church community at Kaleere.

## **PROJECT IN BURUNDI**

### **o) Bujumbura, Burundi**

We have continued to support 4 students at the CRIB (Children Rescued in Burundi) Orphanage through our Ray of Hope child sponsorship scheme. No new students are entering CRIB and so the number of students supported is diminishing as the current students graduate or go on to employment.

Burundi continues to undergo serious civil unrest and internal conflict and our partners at CRIB require considerable prayer and financial assistance as they work in one of the poorest countries in the world. Several of our sponsors have continued to send funds to support students who have gone on to tertiary education outside of Burundi although this is beyond usual CHI policy.

The supervisor at CRIB, Chrissie Chapman, returned to the UK for health reasons and her return to Burundi has subsequently been prevented by lockdown. Oversight of the work there has continued to be supervised by Mrs Libby Nahimana and others. Communication has inevitably been somewhat restricted.

## **PUBLICITY**

C.H.I. has produced three magazines free of charge to supporters this year with the following themes:-

- a) Responses b) Changes and c) Transformation. The magazine is also available online.

We have also produced regular news updates on specific topics, a 2021 calendar and some specially designed Christmas cards.

We have not carried out any speaking / preaching engagements this year due to Covid restrictions.

We have carried out a major revamp of our website.

We also have a presence on Facebook and Instagram.

We have produced the following document :-

Memorandum of Understanding re role of Rev. Canon Patrick in Uganda.

## **STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS**

The trustees wish to profoundly thank the dedicated work of the staff, all of whom do a significant amount of voluntary work beyond their regular hours.

The trustees also wish to thank all our volunteers in the office and warehouse as well as the continuing loyalty of the Charity's many supporters, without whom the work could not continue.

Three staff members have been enrolled in the government's NEST pension scheme.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

We give thanks to our Lord for our ever faithful supporters whose generosity has resulted in our highest ever income for a financial year, £245,905.56, to follow the previous highest of £217,947.95 (2019/2020). This achievement came about despite the lack of any legacies.

One of the effects of the hugely encouraging numbers of new child sponsors is that the percentage of restricted donations has increased to 65% of total income, from 61%, whilst the corresponding income for general (non-restricted) donations has fallen from 39% to 35%.

The total amount of Gift Aid recovered was £29,493.93, made up from both restricted and non-restricted donations, proportionately.

£175,610.13 (76% of our income) was spent directly on projects, up from £117,833.43 (63%), whilst the cost of indirect expenditure of £47,716.59 (21% of our income) was down from £59,235.40 (32%).

Furthermore, the cost of publicity (or fundraising) fell from £8,537.31 (5%) to £7,434.33 (3% of our income).

On behalf of the recipients and Trustees, I wish to record our appreciation to everyone who has contributed in any way to enable the work of CHI to bring so much glory to our Lord, by transforming so many lives.

## **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

**As this report is being written, the world continues to be in the grip of the Covid19 pandemic. As this report has demonstrated, C.H.I. has been in a very fortunate position compared to many charities. We have been blessed by the ongoing prayers and financial donations from our supporters and this has made it possible for several significant projects to go ahead. The closure of schools and churches in Uganda and Rwanda ironically made it easier for some of the building projects to be completed.**

**Although the UK has started to come out of lockdown, we can only speculate on how the pandemic will continue to impact the communities in East Africa. We must expect restrictions to continue for some time to come. C.H.I. will continue to work with our partners and implement existing and new projects wherever possible.**

The Ray of Hope sponsorship scheme continues to be popular with our supporters. The figure of 441 children sponsored is the highest it has ever been. We hope to increase this support even more.

The knitted and crocheted items donated through the Stitches of Hope project will continue to be sent to those in need through our link with Mission without Borders when it is possible to do so.

The current level of financial donations from our supporters means that the Charity should be able to further develop our Community Projects. We are particularly keen to further develop the principle of supporting parish projects. The concentration of several small but related projects in a one community has the greatest effect both practically and spiritually.

The Nurse+ project will continue to support three nurses in Uganda and Rwanda.

We will continue to provide funds through the School Partners project.

The current projects to supply goats, pigs and egg-laying hens to needy families will continue when it is safe to do so and we are considering other potential areas of agricultural support.

We have been particularly encouraged when initial assistance from CHI has led to communities developing self-help projects of their own which we can further assist. Parish projects continue at Nkondo, Gasha, Nkamatira, Kinyinya and in smaller ways elsewhere.

The solar light project has proved to be very successful and we will look to expand this.

We are in the process of identifying new initiatives at several of our project locations.

A team is scheduled to visit the CHI projects in Rwanda in early 2022 but it remains to be seen whether international travel will be possible at this time.

As well as continuing to produce an informative and challenging magazine three times per year, we are seeking to raise the profile of the charity through social media. We hope to resume speaking engagements when these are permitted.

The charity is currently thriving and we look to the future with excitement and optimism.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**



2-7-2021

Date:.....

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**CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2019 which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:(1)which gives me the reasonable cause to believe that ,in any material respect ,the requirements to keep accounting record in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act. Have not been met; or (2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

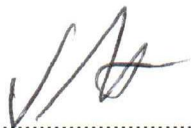
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Vincent Frostick,  
Beatons Accountants Limited

Independent examiner  
Beatons Accountants  
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## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	85,359	160,545	—	245,905	217,947
<b>Total income</b>	<b>85,359</b>	<b>160,545</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>245,905</b>	<b>217,947</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7,434	—	—	7,434	8,537
Expenditure on charitable activities	52,647	170,507	—	223,155	176,661
Other expenditure	171	—	—	171	406
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>60,253</b>	<b>170,507</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>230,761</b>	<b>185,606</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>25,106</b>	<b>(9,961)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,144</b>	<b>32,341</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	7,326	46,340	—	53,666	23,176
Gross transfers between funds - out	(46,340)	(7,326)	—	(53,666)	(23,176)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(13,907)</b>	<b>29,051</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,144</b>	<b>32,341</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>63,892</b>	<b>49,450</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>113,343</b>	<b>81,001</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>49,985</b>	<b>78,501</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>128,487</b>	<b>113,343</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	32,985	—	—	32,985	46,892
<b>Designated</b>					
Office contingency	17,000	—	—	17,000	17,000
<b>Restricted</b>					
Building & repairs	—	34	—	34	186
Education	—	5,421	—	5,421	875
Gifts for children	—	2,504	—	2,504	265
Health & Welfare	—	5,585	—	5,585	3,373
Livestock & Agriculture	—	12	—	12	261
Loan for Hope	—	10	—	10	25
Nurse +	—	13,155	—	13,155	10,483
School Partners	—	5,615	—	5,615	2,280
Spiritual Growth	—	3,800	—	3,800	242
Sponsorship	—	42,362	—	42,362	31,456

## Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets</b>			
1000	Nat West current account	113,761	100,331
1001	Petty Cash	20	15
Z05	Accounts Receivable	15,907	15,666
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>129,689</b>	<b>116,013</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Z04	Accounts Payable	1,201	2,670
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>2,670</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>128,487</b>	<b>113,343</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	15,144	17,880
Z01	Starting balances	113,343	95,462
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>128,487</b>	<b>113,343</b>
	<b>Represented by funds</b>		
	Unrestricted	32,985	46,892
	Designated	17,000	17,000
	Restricted	78,501	49,450
	Endowment	—	—
	<b>Total</b>	<b>128,487</b>	<b>113,343</b>



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Ian Phillips  
Chair of Trustees



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Tony Gibbs  
Treasurer

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Note 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

These accounts have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

### Note 2:

#### INCOME

Donation income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when it is received.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities.

Legacies are included in the SOFA when the legacy has been received.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor.

Donations of goods that are sent out in containers or lorries are not included in the SOFA as it is difficult to estimate the value of the goods. Details of goods sent out are recorded in the Annual Report.

The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts but is included in the Trustees Annual Report

Debtors is the tax refund claim for gift aided donations not yet received.

#### ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
1010 - Unrestricted Donations	76,033	—	76,033	74,140
1011 - Gift Aid Tax Recovered	9,326	20,167	29,493	26,314
3010 - Child Sponsorship	—	77,318	77,318	65,033
3011 - Gifts for Children	—	4,870	4,870	2,956
3012 - Construct, Repair, Improve	—	3,548	3,548	5,270
3013 - Supporting Schools	—	6,631	6,631	5,166
3014 - Supporting medical staff	—	7,420	7,420	14,087
3015 - Educational support	—	6,578	6,578	11,598
3016 - Animals, Seeds, Tools	—	5,075	5,075	3,100
3017 - Medical & general welfare assistance	—	21,961	21,961	7,412
3018 - Christian Outreach	—	6,245	6,245	2,490
3019 - Finance Initiatives	—	730	730	380
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>85,359</b>	<b>160,545</b>	<b>245,905</b>	<b>217,947</b>

## **DONATED GOODS**

Unpaid volunteers play a vital role in the running of the charity and enable wage costs to be kept to a minimum.

Large quantities of new knitted good of indeterminable value are donated to the charity by knitters from around the country.

### **Note 3:**

## **EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

Liabilities are recognized where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Creditors do not include services that have been supplied to the charity but not yet invoiced.

Support Costs have been allocated between Governance Costs and other support:

- Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability for the charity and its compliance with good practice.
- Other support is all other support not directly assigned to a particular group of projects.

## ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

### Expenditure

#### Raising funds

1101 - Office Consumables	885	—	885	860
1102 - Postage	2,987	—	2,987	2,856
1103 - Printing	3,561	—	3,561	4,501
1104 - IT Software	—	—	—	22
1105 - Staff Travel UK	—	—	—	295
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	<b>7,434</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,434</b>	<b>8,537</b>

#### Expenditure on charitable activities

1350 - Office Services	267	—	267	138
1351 - Electricity	1,152	—	1,152	1,703
1352 - Phones	412	—	412	574
1353 - Rent, Rates, Insurance	12,740	—	12,740	12,593
1354 - Wages, PAYE, Pension	31,482	—	31,482	38,008
1355 - Bank Charges	556	—	556	302
1356 - Staff Travel Overseas	(403)	—	(403)	3,235
1357 - IT Maintenance & Hardware	99	—	99	974
1358 - Subscriptions	229	—	229	290
1360 - Governance costs	1,008	—	1,008	1,008
2101 - Field Assistants & Project Monitoring	100	2,800	2,900	2,550
2102 - Sundry support for overseas partners	2,775	—	2,775	4,289
2103 - Postage for Gifts to/from Children	497	70	567	252
3101 - Child Sponsorship	—	66,367	66,367	51,096
3102 - Sponsored Children's Gifts	135	3,400	3,535	3,869
3201 - Construction Materials and Labour	—	42,862	42,862	9,840
3301 - Pupil Support	250	275	525	8,380
3302 - Vocational Training	—	—	—	5,000
3303 - Direct School Support	1,345	9,504	10,849	7,656
3304 - Parish Project Training	—	—	—	500
3401 - Animals	—	11,780	11,780	3,555
3402 - Seeds, tools etc.	—	1,265	1,265	360
3501 - Medicines & Mosquito Nets	—	4,580	4,580	3,825
3503 - Food Support	—	8,500	8,500	2,610
3504 - Safe Water	—	6,365	6,365	—
3505 - Bedding, Hygiene Items etc.	—	1,035	1,035	—
3601 - Medical Staff Funding	—	5,400	5,400	5,950
3701 - Bibles & Christian Materials	—	2,350	2,350	1,525
3702 - Bikes for Pastors	—	—	—	600
3703 - Youth Mission	—	2,339	2,339	3,725
3801 - Small Loan Initiatives	—	1,615	1,615	2,250
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>52,647</b>	<b>170,507</b>	<b>223,155</b>	<b>176,661</b>

#### Other expenditure

1359 - Office Sundries	171	—	171	406
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>406</b>

#### Expenditure Grand totals

	<b>60,253</b>	<b>170,507</b>	<b>230,761</b>	<b>185,606</b>
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<b>Creditors and Accruals</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Taxation and Social Security	194	583
Other Creditors - Beatons	1008	1008
British Telecom	-	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1662</b>

<b>Note 4: FEES FOR EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examiners fee	1008	1008

<b>Note 5 STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total staff costs		
Salaries	27245	32208
Social security costs	2343	3927
Other pension costs	1894	1882
<b>Total</b>	<b>31482</b>	<b>38008</b>
Average Number of part time staff during the year	3	4

The three part time staff worked a total of 5-6 days a week, and none received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

#### **Note 6: ASSETS**

The charity has no tangible or intangible fixed assets.

Current assets were held in one bank account

<b>Note 7: DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other Debtors – HMRC Gift Aid	15907	15667

<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	113782	100347

**Note 10: CHARITY FUNDS**

**Fund Movement Summary**  
**01 April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Fund Balances B/Fwd</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Fund Balances C/Fwd</b>
GENERAL	U	46,892	85,359	60,253	(39,013)	32,985
OFFICE	D	17,000	—	—	—	17,000
REPAIRING	R	186	4,160	42,862	38,550	34
EDUCATION	R	875	7,746	3,200	—	5,421
GIFTS	R	265	5,638	3,400	—	2,504
HEALTH	R	3,373	24,486	22,275	—	5,585
LIVESTOCK	R	261	5,775	13,045	7,020	12
LOANS	R	25	830	1,615	770	10
NURSE	R	10,483	8,071	5,400	—	13,155
SCHOOL PTNS	R	2,280	7,843	4,509	—	5,615
SPIRITUAL	R	242	7,073	3,515	—	3,800
SPONSOR	R	31,456	88,918	70,686	(7,326)	42,362
<b>Totals</b>		<b>113,343</b>	<b>245,905</b>	<b>230,761</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>128,487</b>

**Fund Movement Summary**  
**01 April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Fund Balances B/Fwd</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Fund Balances C/Fwd</b>
GENERAL	U	34,496	85,275	75,343	2,464	46,892
OFFICE	D	17,000	—	—	—	17,000
REPAIRING	R	158	5,520	9,840	4,348	186
EDUCATION	R	273	13,050	13,840	1,391	875
GIFTS	R	962	3,367	3,901	(162)	265
HEALTH	R	77	8,412	5,115	—	3,373
LIVESTOCK	R	200	3,476	3,915	500	261
LOANS	R	463	430	2,250	1,382	25
NURSE	R	1,981	14,682	5,950	(230)	10,483
SCHOOL PTN	R	844	6,093	4,656	—	2,280
SPIRITUAL	R	328	2,736	5,450	2,627	242
SPONSOR	R	24,215	74,907	55,346	(12,320)	31,456
<b>Totals</b>		<b>81,001</b>	<b>217,948</b>	<b>185,606</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>113,343</b>

\*Key R – restricted funds; U – Unrestricted funds

The transfers from restricted to unrestricted funds shown on the Statement of Financial Activities and the notes was to cover the cost of restricted projects overheads, including visits to these projects.

The transfer of funds from unrestricted to restricted projects shown on the Statement of Financial Activities and the notes was to cover expenditure over and above income from restricted funds.

### **Explanation of Funds**

OFFICE – Office contingency  
REPAIRING – Building and repairs  
EDUCATION – Educational support  
GIFTS – Individual gifts for sponsored children  
HEALTH – Medicines, mosquito nets and equipment for clinics  
LIVESTOCK – Livestock, seeds and agricultural tools  
LOANS – Support of recycling loan scheme for individuals (not recoverable by CHI)  
NURSE – Support for nurse's salaries  
SCHOOL-PTN – Regular support for specific schools  
SPIRITUAL – Bibles, bikes for pastors, youth conferences etc.  
SPONSOR – Child Sponsorship  
GENERAL – General charity expenditure

### **Note 11: DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Planned Use	Purpose of the designation	Amount
OFFICE	A contingency fund to cover unexpected office expenditure	£17000

### **Note 12: TRUSTEES EXPENSES**

There was no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses for the year ending 31 March 2021.

### **Note 13: TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

There have been no related party transactions for the year ending 31 March 2021.