

Word for Life Trust

Report of the Trustees

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Financial Statements

for the

Year Ended 31st December 2022

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The objects of the charity are:

The advancement of the Christian Religion, especially, but not exclusively, by the education of churches in healing, counselling, evangelism and other relevant subjects.

Public Benefit

The Trust sees itself as a servant ministry of the worldwide Body of Christ. The Trust is mindful to put no financial burden on those we seek to serve. No formal charge is made for our ministry - only a donation sought according to the means of the beneficiaries. Our donors in Britain make up the shortfall in the operating costs of our ministry.

We endeavour to make our ministry accessible to all, regardless of merit, following the Jesus model.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Overview

The work of the Trust is to support the ARK - a special community and ministry of residential care, Christian discipleship and rehabilitation. The ARK is based in Churachandpur, Manipur, NE India. Our vision is to see those who have slipped through the cracks of society restored and transformed by the love of Jesus - those struggling with addiction and homelessness, those who may be HIV+ and/or suffering other physical or mental health issues.

Isaiah 61 is our theme Scripture for the ARK, "to proclaim good news to the poor, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners". Our mission is the rebuilding, renewing and restoring of broken, ruined, blighted lives.

By "being Jesus" to those who have lost their way - broken in spirit and rejected by their families and society - the ARK offers a loving Christian family to which they can belong, and within which they can flourish.

The base of operations in NE India is the Living Word Centre (LWC) in Churachandpur ("CCpur"), which is the second town of Manipur after the state capital, Imphal.

This area of NE India is effectively under martial law by the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. However, the need for visitors to obtain a Protected Area Permit (PAP) remained suspended throughout 2022.

The work of WFLT, in seeking to serve God in situations such as this, calls for wisdom, courage and sacrifice. The trustees wish to express our overwhelming gratitude to our directors, Diki and Stephen Hawkins, and their local team who, through God's love and grace, have a vision to care for the people of CCpur and are motivated to undertake this challenging work. To God be the glory.

The Trust does not, at present, carry out ministry within the UK. Nonetheless, back in 2019, and with the support of the WFLT Trustees, our ministry directors, Diki and Stephen Hawkins, stepped out in faith, leaving the ARK and Diki's hometown of CCpur to come to Britain, to "lay tracks" for the future expansion of the ministry, trusting in God to continue His loving counsel, guidance and provision.

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They both felt called to the UK with a clear purpose, to see the ARK flourish in India and also be a model and inspiration to the Church in the UK. Diki and Stephen are here to promote and build support for the ARK and to work with the Trustees of WFLT to enable the Trust to grow and be a blessing and a help to the lost, broken and rejected in Britain also.

We believe the Lord is leading us to establish an ARK UK, a Christian community of worship, discipleship and healing. To this end, we continue to pray for more support and more supporters ("Partners- in-Vision").

The Trust maintains a website: www.wflt.org and an email address in the UK: office@wflt.org The postal correspondence address is: 17, Old School Place, North Grove, Wells, Somerset BA5 2TD.

The Work and Ministry of WFLT

Background to our work in Manipur, India

Manipur is one of the tribal states of the north-east of India and covers an area of approx. 20,000 sq. km (about the size of Wales in the UK). It has a population of approx. 3 million (again about the size of that of Wales), and is predominately Christian thanks to Welsh missionaries who came to Manipur following the Welsh Revival of 1910.

Geographically, Manipur shares an unfenced border with Myanmar/ Burma which was drawn up in the colonial era with little or no regard for the indigenous population (the Pemberton Line). Nonetheless, there has continued to be relatively free movement for locals to cross the border for agriculture, trade, and to visit the other half of their families.

Sadly, alongside this benign cross-border traffic, high-grade heroin also comes into Manipur from Myanmar. Many young men in Manipur - without work other than agriculture or one of the few government jobs - fall victim to the drug which is highly addictive. As a result, they bring poverty and shame on themselves and their families and end up destitute and sleeping on the streets.

The Word for Life Trust operates its ARK ministry out of the Living Word Centre (LWC) in Churachandpur (CCpur), close to the border. There are many drug addicts in CCpur and no small number of commercial rehab centres. However, the ARK is the only rehab centre which will care for addicts free of charge, following a Christian model. The ARK, and the nearby ARK Garden, offer a safe and loving environment in which to break a drug habit and to get a fresh start in life.

We are pleased to report that our rehab regime has a low relapse rate for those who complete the 18 month rehab course, and that past ARK graduates regularly return for reunions and to encourage those still undergoing rehab.

The ARK (CCpur)

Ever since India lifted lockdown restrictions in 2021, the gates of the ARK communities in CCPur - both the Living Word Centre (LWC) and the ARK Garden - have been open to all those seeking help.

As it has done for many years now, 2022 began with the ARK Annual Sports Day. It's a highlight at the start of the year for all the ARK community. Another highlight of the early months of 2022 was to hear of several brave new residents of the ARK who were staying the course during the hardest part of their recovery. The ARK continues to provide a safe place to seek freedom from drug dependency and grow as a disciple of Jesus. It is also a loving Christian family.

COVID was still present in CCPur town, but infections were much less than before (and much less than in the UK at that time). This allowed the daily program at the ARK of worship, prayer, Bible study and fellowship to be open to the public without fear or hindrance. Outreach and home visits were also able to continue to those trapped in their addictions.

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In the spring of 2022 there was a huge 4 week-long revival crusade in CCPur, led by a young evangelical Christian team from the neighbouring state of Mizoram. This attracted thousands of people to the town and every night the ARK family were able to be a part of it.

After 18 months of lockdown, Stephen & Diki were again able to visit India between 3rd to 30th August 2022, overcoming considerable visa and air travel dislocations. As soon as Stephen heard that he had been granted his visa, the family booked the next available sensibly-priced tickets, packed, emailed their supporters the news, flew and reached CCpur within the week.

In the autumn of 2022 another ARK reunion was held, welcoming back former ARKies and pastoral team members. Folks came from all over Manipur, to worship, pray, and weep together and to catch up. They also shared a very special meal together that was sponsored by Stephen & Diki's home group in the U.K

In September, after Stephen & Diki's return, some personal events overtook them. As the UK gathered to observe the Queen's funeral, news came from CCPur that Diki's father had passed away that morning. Robert - 'Pa' - was 75 and had been poorly for some time. His funeral was held the following day. Although it was not possible for Diki to be there physically, she was able to join online to be part of all the proceedings.

Stephen, Diki and family were especially thankful to God for their time with him during their August visit. Diki felt the loss of her father keenly, but was heartened to see how much he was loved and honoured at his funeral service by many from across the different groups, tribes and denominations. It turns out that Robert was something of a bridge between communities in the otherwise factious town of CCpur.

Robert was also the ARK's honorary 'Grandfather'. The ARKies would often call upon him to help them out with bits of wisdom and tools when practical work needing to be done. Some were even around his hospital bed caring for him as he passed away peacefully.

The ARK UK

Despite the pandemic, our directors, Stephen & Diki have not been furloughed but continued to work fulltime to promote and build support for the ARK, and to work together with the Trustees to enable the Trust to grow and be a blessing and a help to the lost, broken and rejected in both India and the UK.

We still believe the Lord is leading us to establish an ARK UK, a Christian community of worship, discipleship and healing. As the world moves out of lockdown we are praying for more opportunities to share our vision and gather more support and more supporters ("Partners- in-Vision") to see this exciting ministry grow.

Stephen's Theological Training

In autumn 2022, WFLT Director, Stephen Hawkins, began his final year of his Applied Theology course at Moorlands College, Dorset. He also continued to serve in the Wells Vineyard Church on Sundays as his course placement.

Stephen's tuition fees have been covered by a mature-student bursary and support from friends and family. No WFLT charitable funds have been expended on Stephen's training.

In 2022, Stephen also got involved with the "Open the Book" project, bringing to life Bible stories during primary school assemblies.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our donation income was slightly reduced in 2022 being £ 40,427 (2021: £47,319). Our total expenditure for the year was £54,601 (2021: £44,752), resulting in a bank balance of £8,474 at the end of the year.

In addition to paying the directors' salaries, a sum of £21,258 (2021: £15,258) was remitted to India during 2022, which went to support the ARK residents, 3 accompanying family members, and 3 local team, all residing between the ARK and the ARK Garden Extension. In addition, there are a further 9 full-time local team members, plus a varying number of "day scholars" (prospective ARK entrants) who come to the LWC daily.

The Trustees consider that the state of the Trust's finances to be satisfactory, but they continue to seek additional financial support at every opportunity. The Trustees regularly review the finances and activities of the LWC and the ARK and can confirm that the usage of the moneys remitted to India has fully satisfied the requirements of WFLT.

We thank God for giving us such a loyal base of supporters. Our core operational funding comes from a body of regular donors - our 'Partners-in-Vision'. In addition to regular donations, the Trust also received occasional funding from other trusts, churches, and individuals.

There were no loans taken out or repaid by the Trust during 2022.

The Trust has no investments and no reserves.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Word for Life Trust is constituted as an unincorporated charity and controlled by its trust deed dated 5th February 1998 and deeds variation dated 28th July 1998, 26th April 2007 and 17th September 2011.

Accordingly, there shall be at least three trustees on the Board of Trustees at any one time. Trustees are appointed by the existing board and serve for a term of five years (renewable). In the selection of new trustees, the board may consider the benefits of appointing the person who by reason of residence, occupation, employment, or otherwise, has special knowledge of the area of benefit or who is, by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications, able to contribute to the pursuit of the objects or the management of the charity.

Day-to-day management of the charity is carried out by the directors and trustees. The Trustees meet at least twice a year and more frequently when deemed necessary.

Risk Management

Concerning financial risks, the Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against error, conflicts of interest and fraud.

Concerning risks to life and limb, the work in Manipur, NE India carries security and health risks to our personnel living, working and/or visiting in the area. Health risks arise from the poor infrastructure of the region which includes very basic sanitation, poor quality drinking water, absence of refuse collection, badly maintained and overcrowded roads, intermittent electricity etc.

The security risks arise from insurgency and civil unrest which has plagued Manipur since the 1990s. Manipur State is effectively under martial law by the imposition of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. The UK Foreign, Commonwealth, & Development Office (FCDO) advise against all travel to Manipur and against all but essential travel to Imphal, the Manipur state capital,

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noting that, although foreigners have not been directly targeted, the continuing violent unrest can be indiscriminate.

These risks cannot be completely avoided and must therefore be managed. It is precisely because Manipur so needs restoration of peace, harmony and hope that Word for Life Trust is operating there. Risks are monitored on a continual basis and safeguards kept under constant review to mitigate the risk wherever possible. Non-indigenous personnel are accompanied wherever they travel.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1071313

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CONCLUSION

Following the Corona Virus pandemic, the year 2022 was a year of praise and thanksgiving for the continuing ministry of the ARK in India without loss and a year of vision for the future ministry of WFLT and the ARK in the UK.

We thank God that the work of WFLT and the ARK can continue unobtrusively in a region of the world where it does not pay to draw too much attention to oneself. Meanwhile, the reputation of the ARK continues to grow amongst the churches, organisations, ministries, and rehabilitation centres of CCpur.

The Trustees would like to thank all those who have contributed their time, energy, talents, money, and prayers to this work, which seeks to offer God's unconditional love and unmerited favour to the lost and hurting. We, in turn, pray for the wisdom, courage, and grace to be open and obedient in fulfilling the vision the Lord has set before us.

Last but not least, the Trustees wish to express our thanks to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for their medical support of the ARK, and to the Salvation Army for their inclusivity towards our ARKies, and their acceptance of them irrespective of their background.

D.G.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

K Hawkins – Chairman, 7th June 2023

Approved by order of the board of trustees on
and signed on its behalf by:

26th Sept. 2023

K. Hawkins

Mr K Hawkins – Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Word for Life Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

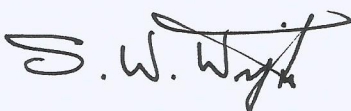
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

 26th September 2023

Stewart Wright
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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	31.12.22 Total unrestricted funds £	31.12.21 Total unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations		40,427	47,319
Legacies		-	11,729
Total Income	2	40,427	59,048
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities			
Contribution to The Living Word Centre		21,258	15,258
Staff costs	4	27,096	27,096
Travelling		4,952	-
Office costs		493	1,533
Accountancy		276	276
Other		526	589
Total expenditure on charitable activities		54,601	44,752
Total expenditure	3	54,601	44,752
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(14,174)	14,296
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JANUARY		22,648	8,352
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER		8,474	22,648

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
at the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	31.12.22 Total unrestricted funds £	31.12.21 Total unrestricted funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors			
Gift Aid		-	-
Other debtors	5	-	-
		-	-
Cash at bank		8,474	22,648
		8,474	22,648
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year:	6	-	-
Sundry creditors		-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,474	22,648
NET ASSETS	7	8,474	22,648
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds (2020: as previously stated)		8,474	22,648
TOTAL FUNDS		8,474	22,648

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on [26/09/] 2023,
and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr K Hawkins (Trustee)

K. Hawkins

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these financial statement

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a cash basis. This is allowed for a charity of this size.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as it is received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as they are paid. Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's Pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. INCOME

The Charity's only source of income is from donations and legacies. There was no income from trading activities in the periods under review.

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' remuneration

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2022 nor for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2022 nor for the year ended 31st December 2021.

4. STAFF COSTS

The number of employees during the year and the previous year was two. Employment costs amounted to £25,843 (2021: £25,843). There were no employees with emoluments over £60,000. Both employees are enrolled in a workplace pensionscheme, contributions to which were £1,253 in 2022 (2021: £1,253).

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5. DEBTORS

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Other creditors	-	-

7. MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
NET MOVEMENTS				
Income				
From charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies	40,427	40,427	59,048	59,058
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	-	-
	<u>40,427</u>	<u>40,427</u>	<u>59,058</u>	<u>59,058</u>
Expenditure				
On raising funds	-	-	-	-
On charitable activities	54,601	54,601	44,752	44,752
	<u>54,601</u>	<u>54,601</u>	<u>44,752</u>	<u>44,752</u>
Surplus (deficit) for year	(14,174)	(14,174)	14,296	14,296
Balance at 1 January 2022/2021	22,648	22,648	8,352	8,352
Balance at 31 December 2022/2021	<u>8,474</u>	<u>8,474</u>	<u>22,648</u>	<u>22,648</u>
Represented by:				
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Investment assets	-	-	-	-
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
Cash equivalents	8,474	8,474	22,648	22,648
Creditors and accruals	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,474</u>	<u>8,474</u>	<u>22,648</u>	<u>22,648</u>

The charity has only its unrestricted general fund. It has no restricted or endowment funds.

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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

SMH (Employee) is the son of KH and FTH (Trustees), but was appointed before KH and FTH became trustees.