

# GrassRoots Rwanda

Accounts for the period ending 31 March 2025.

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## Report of the Trustees for year ending March 2025

We have welcomed two new trustees, Emile Pinco and Caroline Gainey who have joined Peter Muir, Greg Moss and Paul Reynolds in administering the charity. Both new trustees are active members of St Michael's in Bishops Cleeve and we look forward to good times with them.

We were very saddened by the death of Mary Hughes in August 25, a real prayer warrior who will be very much missed at our meetings. Our prayers go out to her family.

Our main aim remains the same and is to "help the poorest communities living far from the tarmac road".

Several years ago, the government announced that all church buildings in Rwanda must adhere to new standards, including brick roofs, toilet facilities, car parks and to show a contribution to community wellbeing. In 2024 and 2025, they started to enforce these restrictions and as a consequence, around 7,000 churches and chapels were closed and will not be allowed to re-open until those standards have been met. They are administered and interpreted by the local government.

GrassRoots has been alarmed at such closures and wanted to assist in the reopening, even at the cost of slightly moving our focus in the short term. What swayed us was that the church is often the only public building in a village, where the pre-school, the mothers' and fathers' unions meet, and of course the many choirs. So much of church life would have been disrupted, and pastors, who still rely in part on the weekly collections, were beginning to suffer. We sent over £14,000 for the diocese to use at their discretion to re-open church buildings. We are delighted that that the Diocese has put this money to good use.

We received a response from Arch-deacon Venent saying: I am pleased to share that there has been encouraging progress at the Church of Karama. The plastering work has been completed, and the pavement is being finalized this week. The parishioners are now moving forward with glazing, painting, and installing the water harvesting system. He also says there is encouraging progress at Nyabinoni Church. The roofing work and the installation of doors and windows have been completed. Plastering is currently in progress, with three walls finished so far.

We have received other messages concerning the work done at other churches and we are pleased with the progress the diocese has made.

Along with churches, the usual work of supporting other building work carry on – for example the pre-school in Shyogwe Diocese where funds have been used for the construction of a building for the Sunday School and Pre-School at Munazi Parish. The three-classroom building is now roofed, and the installation of windows and doors is currently in progress.



In March, Trustee Greg Moss visited Rwanda to attend the consecration of the new Bishop, Louis Pasteur Kabayiza and we are looking forward to hosting the Bishop for a visit in the last week of January 2026 – visa permitting.

We have continued to support the Dufantanye Project sending restricted contributions donated by supporters. In 2025, we have sent £2,000 so far.

They say *Today, we celebrate God's goodness through your generosity:*

✔ 640 children received school supplies

✔ 28 children had their school fees paid, from primary, to secondary, vocational, and even university

*Because of your faithful support, vulnerable children are remaining in school, families are finding relief, and thanksgiving is rising from many lips. We give special thanks to our beloved partners including GrassRoots Rwanda, for standing with us. As Paul reminds us, "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11'. We remain delighted to support this project.*

In the last twelve months GrassRoots have been able to contribute to the following causes:

- Paying school fees for Jean de Dieu, son of the security guard at the bishop's compound. We have supported this child for many years and have one family giving on a regular basis to allow him to continue with his education. He has just started secondary school.
- £7,000 for training for pastors. The government has stated that only those with a theology degree can preach, so there has been many pastors going through college. However, the fees were outstanding and the college was now allowing them to graduate until the fees were paid. This gift largely paid for the outstanding fees allowing them to graduate and lead their church.
- £14,000 to help bring the churches up to the standard required by the government as noted above
- £3,200 for supporting health projects
- £400 for Nyarugenge parish

We would like to thank all the donors for their continued generosity which allows us to support those most need in need in Rwanda. Your gifts have never been more important as the Diocese goes through extensive change, some via government decree, some internally as the new bishop looks to re-order work priorities.

*Peter Muir*

On behalf of the Trustees of GrassRoots Rwanda

If you wish to give a one off gift to GrassRoots Rwanda, you can follow this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/GrassRootsRwanda> or make a bank transfer using:

Co-operative bank

Sort Code            08-92-99

Account number    67246713

For a regular monthly gift, contact our accountant Caroline on [cgainey009@btinternet.com](mailto:cgainey009@btinternet.com)

To look at the web site: <https://www.grassrootsrwanda.com/>

To see our facebook page where current updates are posted:

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*Independent examiner's report to the trustees of GrassRoots Rwanda Trust*

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the GrassRoots Rwanda Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**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 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**

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.

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:

*David Horton*

Name:

*DAVID HORTON*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

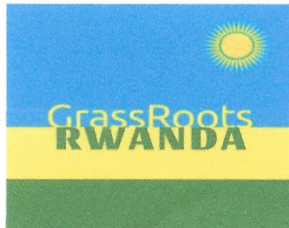
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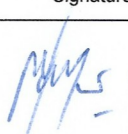


	<b>GrassRoots Rwanda</b>		charity number <b>1086330</b>
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>		
	For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	2023/2024 to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bible School	-	0		0	0
Diocesan support	0	50		50	5,885
Education support	-	420		420	740
General	26,889	-		26,889	17,166
Health Support	-	0		0	0
Individual Support	-	240		240	620
Mothers Union	-	0		0	0
Parish Support	-	666		666	1,016
Vocational Training	-	0		0	0
Dufatanye Project		3,532		3,532	4,931
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,889</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,797</b>	<b>30,358</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,889</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,797</b>	<b>30,358</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bible School	0	12		12	4,246
Diocesan support	864	3,138		4,002	4,026
Education support	0	236		236	7,201
General	18,744	0		18,744	53
Health Support	0	0		0	10,641
Individual Support	2,650	637		3,288	5,317
Mothers Union	0	3,487		3,487	0
Parish Support	0	3,490		3,490	8,017
Trust Expenses	765			765	519
Vocational Training	0	226		226	4,474
Dufatanye Project	0	3,974		3,974	5,121
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,024</b>	<b>15,199</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,223</b>	<b>49,615</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,024</b>	<b>15,199</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,223</b>	<b>49,615</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>(10,291)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,426)</b>	<b>(19,258)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>18,760</b>	<b>24,328</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,088</b>	<b>62,345</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>22,626</b>	<b>14,037</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36,662</b>	<b>43,088</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>			
		22,626	14,037
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>22,626</b>	<b>14,037</b>
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