

BRINGING GOOD NEWS

England & Wales · Charity number 1095430

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-01-16

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND SUFFERING ESPECIALLY AMONGST ORPHANS AND BY SUPPORTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED WORLDWIDE.

Activities: We visit and provide help for orphanages, community development projects, schools, further education, Bible colleges and pastors.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£328,025	£325,524	-	-
2024-03-31	£314,508	£312,007	-	-
2023-03-31	£262,682	£300,438	-	-
2022-03-31	£291,668	£246,591	-	-
2021-03-31	£188,931	£211,677	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MAGGIE SMITH	Chair	
IAN THOMSON		
JOHN SYMONS		
MRS H THOMSON		

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025



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Trustees report for the year ending 31 March 2025

Charitable objects

The purpose of the charity is to Bring Good News to the poor. We partner with local people to positively advance the Christian faith; to actively relieve suffering for the poor especially orphans, to support self-sufficiency and to encourage others to care about the poor worldwide.

The trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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The trustees consider annually whether the constitution and objects of the Charity would benefit from any changes.

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The trustees who were involved with the charity over the year were:

Mrs. M. Smith (Chairperson)
Mrs. H. Thomson (Treasurer)
Mr. I. Thomson
Mr I. Newton
Mr. J. Symons

Activities during the year

Overview

Like last year, a significant proportion of the Charity's focus this year has been proactively facilitating the spread of the gospel through pastor training, supporting Christian camps for women, youths and children, helping to build and extend churches, supporting schools and Sunday schools for children raised in slavery in brick kilns. Similarly, much of the focus has been a mixture of proactive and reactive alleviation of suffering by helping free slaves, supporting the ability of women or communities to be self sufficient and providing clothing, food and other humanitarian and medical aid to families following external events such as religious persecution or the continued war in Ukraine.

Providing support continues to make a huge impact – over 1,000 children attend Christian camps in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, over 350 children attended schools in Pakistan and 700 attended Christmas programmes, over 300 families in Nepal were supported with provision of food and blankets and support in Ukraine and South Sudan continues for thousands who have been displaced. Our ability to provide some relief through our partners who work on the ground is hugely welcomed by both our partners and their recipients but as importantly, those we help realise that we care for them and of much greater value, that Jesus is alive and cares for them. We continue to spread the gospel message of hope wherever we work.

25% (2024:33%) of our giving was to Africa – to South Sudan (17%), villages in the Nuban mountains (6%) and Mozambique (2%); 69% (2024:60%) of our giving was to Asia – to Pakistan (30%), Kyrgyzstan (2%), Tajikistan (13%) and Nepal (24%); and 6% (2024:7%) was to the Ukraine.

South Sudan and the Nuban Mountains

In South Sudan and Nuba, we worked with seven clergy. We provided funds for churches, bible colleges and gifts (bibles, hymn books and service books) for the 23 who graduated and helped Sunday schools and primary schools by funding school infrastructure and providing teacher salaries, printing 100 Sunday School books in the local language and providing teaching supplies. We helped support a farm that provides income for a pastor, bought a used grinding mill for another pastor to help provide poor families with food and bought a bicycle for a pastor who was having to walk hours to lead services. We also provided support for humanitarian aid for refugees fleeing slaughter in neighbouring Sudan.

Mozambique

We supported a Zambian missionary couple whose work in Mozambique has seen great fruit, having now led to six church plants with over twenty baptisms this year despite the persecution in the country towards those who profess faith. We helped provide three houses for Christians displaced by religiously motivated attacks.

Pakistan

We helped provide funds to release a further fourteen families from slavery (bringing the total number of families freed by 31 March 2025 because of the charity to 94): we also funded support for those who had recently been released – buying food parcels, clothes and initial rent support. We provided support for 19 brick kiln Sunday schools and 10 brick kiln schools for hundreds of children including funding books, security and teachers' salaries. We supported medical missions, three sewing centres and provided support for women on their graduation from the centres. We supported families so children could attend schools, buying clothes for children from eight families to enable them to attend and helped fund students at university and a Christian Technical Training College. We have helped establish churches, helped fund repairs and helped establish a safe house for recently converted Christians.

Kyrgyzstan

We provided funds for childrens' summer camps and Christmas food deliveries.

Tajikistan

We provided funds for 15 summer camps witnessing to women, youths and children. We provided support for Christmas food and activity programmes. We continue to support some very effective ministry, leadership and discipleship training with fifty support groups now established across the country. Much of our support continues to help Turkmen and refugees who have fled Afghanistan, including provision of medical supplies. We helped provide school clothes for 15 families whose children were then able to attend school. We were able to support a recent widower by funding a washing machine for his family.

Nepal

We provided support for pastors and churches – many of the churches were meeting without church buildings so we have helped create church buildings (acquiring land and/or helping construction). We supported pastor conferences. We helped over 300 families with blankets and rice in Chitwan region and helped provide a further 350 children with warm clothing. We have helped train over 70 leaders – providing course equipment and material for two year courses with a second and third course now underway in Chitwan and Dhanusha provinces.

Ukraine

We continue to provide support for pastors helping relief efforts during the war for refugees both inside and outside of the Ukraine, including transport, shelter, food, clothes and medication. In addition, one of the pastors helps support orphanats and orphans, the number of whom has sadly increased significantly as a result of the war.

Assessing support

To determine first-hand the current priorities for giving, to provide personal support for those ministering in often difficult circumstances and to assess how effective Bringing Good News' support had been, trustees typically visit those receiving funds (subject to warfare and pandemic-related restrictions in the last few years). Over the last two years, trustee trips to Tajikistan, Pakistan, Nepal and South Sudan have been undertaken. To complement the visits, beneficiaries of funds are required to sign a partnership agreement acknowledging the charity's expectations and agreeing to comply with monitoring requirements including providing regular reports including photographic evidence of where the funds have had an impact.

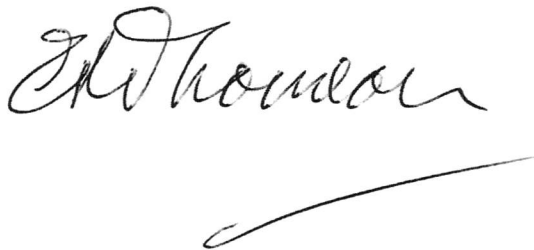
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The trustees are satisfied that the charity is fulfilling its aims and objectives.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 29/08/2025.

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Ian Thomson
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										Total Funds
	Total	£	Ukraine Ministry	Central Asia	Mozambique Mission	South Sudan	Freeing families	Birck Kiln ministry	Other Pakistan	Nepal	Total	£	
Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	303,100		2,440	0	2,100	0	1,350	1,220	0	17,815	24,925	328,025	
Other income:													
Interest	0										0	0	
Total other income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Receipts	303,100		2,440	0	2,100	0	1,350	1,220	0	17,815	24,925	328,025	
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	0		20,120	47,515	7,100	71,390	18,086	17,261	61,311	74,826	317,609	317,609	
Administration:													
Total administration	7,915		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,915	
Total Payments:	7,915		20,120	47,515	7,100	71,390	18,086	17,261	61,311	74,826	317,609	325,524	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	295,185		(17,680)	(47,515)	(5,000)	(71,390)	(16,736)	(16,041)	(61,311)	(57,011)	(292,684)	2,501	
Interfund transfer	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers from General Fund	(292,684)		17,680	47,515	5,000	71,390	16,736	16,041	61,311	57,011	292,684	0	
Balance brought forward	44,675		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,675	
Balance at 31 March 2025	47,176		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47,176	

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FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										Total Funds
	Total	£	Ukraine Ministry	Central Asia	Mozambique Mission	South Sudan	Freeing families	Brick Kiln ministry	Other Pakistan	Nepal	Total	£	
Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	243,929	£	2,390	7,536	3,800	1,490	13,512	5,362	36,089	400	70,579	£	314,508
Other income:													
Interest	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total other income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total Receipts	243,929		2,390	7,536	3,800	1,490	13,512	5,362	36,089	400	70,579		314,508
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	0		17,760	59,849	7,675	74,327	14,392	15,429	67,703	48,371	305,506		305,506
Administration:													
Total administration	6,501		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		6,501
Total Payments:	6,501		17,760	59,849	7,675	74,327	14,392	15,429	67,703	48,371	305,506		312,007
Excess of Receipts over Payments	237,428		(15,370)	(52,313)	(3,875)	(72,837)	(880)	(10,067)	(31,614)	(47,971)	(234,927)		2,501
Interfund transfer	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Transfers from General Fund	(234,927)		15,370	52,313	3,875	72,837	880	10,067	31,614	47,971	234,927		0
Balance brought forward	42,174		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		42,174
Balance at 31 March 2024	44,675		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		44,675

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BALANCE SHEET

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Sundry Debtors		12,682		10,632
Cash at Bank and In Hand				
Sterling Cash and Current Accounts	15,041		18,944	
US\$ Cash and Current Accounts	19,453		15,099	
		<u>34,494</u>		<u>34,043</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>47,176</u>		<u>44,675</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry Creditors		-		-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets		47,176		44,675
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>47,176</u>		<u>44,675</u>
Income Funds				
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund UK		27,723		29,576
General Fund USA		19,453		15,099
		<u>47,176</u>		<u>44,675</u>
Total Funds		<u>47,176</u>		<u>44,675</u>

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting: These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with SORP FRS 102: the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Change in Basis/ Changes to Previous Accounts: There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Changes to previous accounts: No changes have been made to the accounts for the previous year.

2. Expenditure:

Details of expenditure are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3. Grants Made:

All gifts were to individuals or organisations to advance the Christian faith; to alleviate suffering for the poor, to support self-sufficiency and to encourage others in the UK and overseas to care about the poor worldwide. Recipients where aggregate gifts exceeded £10,000 in the year to 31 March 2025 were:

- A bishop who oversees the work of six pastors in South Sudan, supporting two bible schools, churches, pastor training, ministry, infrastructure and humanitarian aid – £50k;
- A pastor who assists a Bible School and Theological College and helped communities struggling in the Nuba Mountains - £20k;
- An organisation in Pakistan supporting brick kiln schools, students and teachers, sewing centres, Christmas programmes, freeing individuals from slavery and helping support those in brick kilns and those who have been freed from them – £46k;
- A second organisation in Pakistan in support of brick kiln Sunday schools and schools, a sewing centre, medical missions, Christmas programmes and freeing people from slavery – £21k;
- Two pastors in Pakistan in support of caring for children, pastor training, planting churches and establishing a safe house for recently converted Christians - £27k.
- A pastor in Nepal who oversees church and children's activities and who co-ordinates other pastors, training them and supporting them in evangelism and significant relief efforts – £40k;
- Another pastor in Nepal who helps oversee the pastor conferences and helped establish and repair churches – £22k;
- A pastor in Tajikistan who has overseen medical and food relief programmes, leadership training, youth and adult ministry and Christian camps for women and youths - £13k;
- Another pastor in Tajikistan with a similar mission and who also ministers to Turkmen - £13k;
- A pastor in Ukraine who ministers to orphanages, internats and rescue centres providing food, medicines and other humanitarian aid during the war – £13k.

4. Paid Employees:

The Charity has no paid employees.

5. Trustees:

No Trustee has received any remuneration from the Charity.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets:

The Charity has no fixed assets.

7. Investment Assets:

The Charity does not hold any investment assets.

8. Debtors and Prepayments:

The Charity has no material debtors and prepayments other than outstanding gift aid related tax reclaims on gifts received during the year.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9. Creditors and Accruals:
The Charity has no creditors.
10. Endowment and Restricted Funds:
There are no endowment funds.
11. Movement of the Major Funds:
Details of movements are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.
12. Other Information:
Contingent Liabilities: There are no contingent liabilities.
Guarantees to Third Parties: There are no guarantees to third parties.
Loans received: There are no loans secured on any assets.
Loans granted: No loans have been made to any institution connected with the charity.
Ex-gratia payments: No ex-gratia payments were made to individuals during the year.
13. Declarations:
Adequacy of assets to meet fund restrictions: Sufficient resources are held in an appropriate form to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with the restrictions imposed.
Branches: The financial activities, assets and liabilities of all the Charity's branches have been included.
Change in year end: The Trustees have not changed the year end nor the length of the Charity's financial year.
Discontinued, continuing and acquired operations: No operations were acquired or discontinued and all other operations are continuing.
Funds in deficit: There were no funds in deficit at the balance sheet date.
Inalienable or historic assets: The Charity holds no assets on the balance sheet classed as inalienable or historic.
Intangible assets: The Charity has no intangible assets.
Inter-fund loans: There were no inter-fund loans outstanding at the balance sheet date.
Revaluations: The Charity has no fixed assets.
Subsidiaries: The Charity has no subsidiary companies.
Uncapitalised fixed assets: The Charity has no fixed assets which have not been capitalised and included on the balance sheet.
14. Accounting Policies:
Incoming Resources:
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources: These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when: the Charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts: These are included on the SOFA in the same financial year as the gift to which they relate.
Expenditure and Liabilities:
Liability recognition: General liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal and constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.
15. Additional matters:
There are no additional matters.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRINGING GOOD NEWS

I report to the trustees ("Trustees") of Bringing Good News ("the Trust") on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:



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FCA

Address: 27 Roman Road
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Date: 29/08/2025

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During the year, following guidance from experts at the Charity Commission, the Charity has implemented a number of new policies and protocols. These new measures provide even greater reassurance that funds given by donors go to the right causes and also seek to minimise risk to trustees from visiting areas of the world that can pose significant hazards. In addition, the trustees considered whether the constitution of the Charity would benefit from any changes, given it was created over twenty years previously, but felt that the alleviation of suffering and spreading of Christian love were just as relevant now as they were then.

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Providing support continues to make a huge impact – one of the churches supported by the Charity in South Sudan now has insufficient space for the community of worshippers and we are supporting the building of an extension to help the typically 150 to 200 who have to stand outside to hear the message, Christian conferences for over 100 pastors in the Nuban Mountains were extended due to interest and demand, 1,800 children attended Christian camps in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, 500 children attended a Vocational Bible School in Pakistan over the summer, over 350 families in Nepal were supported when hot weather killed their staple crops and the provision of food, blankets, clothes and other support in Ukraine for those who are displaced remains a significant effort. Our ability to provide some relief through our partners who work on the ground is hugely welcomed by both our partners and their recipients but as importantly, those we help realise that we care for them and of infinite greater value, that Jesus cares for them. We continue to spread the gospel message of hope wherever we work.

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South Sudan and the Nuban Mountains

In South Sudan and Nuba, we worked with five clergy supporting churches, two bible schools with 63 trainee pastors and helped facilitate conferences for pastors and for youths. We provided funds for churches, Bible Colleges and primary school infrastructure and teaching supplies. We supported teachers and helped print songbooks and Sunday School books. We helped fund a brick making machine, helped extend a church whose congregation had outgrown the current space, replaced a damaged church roof, helped start a farm and supported two farming projects.

Mozambique

We supported a Zambian missionary couple whose work in Mozambique has seen great fruit, having now led to six church plants. We helped provide a house and supported one very traumatised lady and were pleased to see the progress of two self-sufficiency businesses helped by Bringing Good News.

Pakistan

We helped provide funds to release a further eleven families from slavery (bringing the total number of families freed by 31 March 2024 because of the charity to 78). We provided support for 20 Sunday schools and 10 brick kiln schools including funding books, desks, blackboards, school bags and support for teachers' salaries. We supported five medical missions, four sewing centres and provided sewing machines enabling employment for women on their graduation from the centres. We supported families so over twenty children could attend schools and helped fund students at university and a Christian Technical Training College. We have helped establish five churches providing infrastructure and pastor support and provided food, cooking utensils, medicine and blankets to a Christian community where 100 homes and 26 churches were burnt and looted and hundreds of families displaced. In addition, we helped start businesses for those freed from slavery and supported a vocational bible school that saw 500 children attend from 18 Sunday schools.

Kyrgyzstan

We provided funds for childrens' summer camps and Christmas food deliveries.

Tajikistan

We provided funds for summer camps that saw 1,800 children attend and Christmas food programmes. We continue to support some very effective ministry, leadership and discipleship training with over 80 support groups now established across the country. In addition, we funded a youth conference. Much of our support continues to help refugees who have fled Afghanistan, including provision of medical supplies.

Nepal

We now provide support for six pastors and a number of existing churches. We supported pastor conferences and youth camps, helped a church acquire land and a pastor rebuild his collapsed roof. We helped 20 families with blankets, rice, oil and salt following a landslide and provided rice for 350 families after hot weather destroyed their crops. We helped instal a toilet and a water pump in one location and helped Christmas programmes that witnessed to 4,000 children in nine schools. We provided funding for warm clothes during the cold season.

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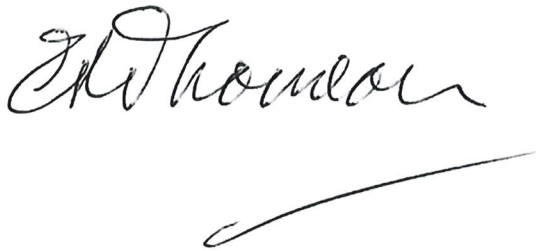
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Gifts received:													
Total gifts	243,929	£	2,390	7,536	3,800	1,490	13,512	5,362	36,089	400	70,579	314,508	
Other income:													
Interest	0	£									0	0	
Total other income	0	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Receipts	243,929	£	2,390	7,536	3,800	1,490	13,512	5,362	36,089	400	70,579	314,508	
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	0	£	17,760	59,849	7,675	74,327	14,392	15,429	67,703	48,371	305,506	305,506	
Administration:													
Total administration	6,501	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,501	
Total Payments:	6,501	£	17,760	59,849	7,675	74,327	14,392	15,429	67,703	48,371	305,506	312,007	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	237,428	£	(15,370)	(52,313)	(3,875)	(72,837)	(880)	(10,067)	(31,614)	(47,971)	(234,927)	2,501	
Interfund transfer	0	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers from General Fund	(234,927)	£	15,370	52,313	3,875	72,837	880	10,067	31,614	47,971	234,927	0	
Balance brought forward	42,174	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42,174	
Balance at 31 March 2024	44,675	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,675	

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										Total Funds
	Total	£	Ukraine Ministry	Central Asia	Mozambique Mission	South Sudan	Freeing families	Brick Kiln ministry	Pakistan	Other	Nepal	Total	
Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	216,366	£	4,319	14,582	1,800	9,756	893	1,350	1,200	12,416	46,316	£	262,682
Other income:													
Interest	0										0		0
Total other income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total Receipts	216,366		4,319	14,582	1,800	9,756	893	1,350	1,200	12,416	46,316		262,682
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	0		36,995	76,658	7,900	47,910	1,800	15,051	46,566	62,479	295,359		295,359
Administration:													
Total administration	5,079		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		5,079
Total Payments:	5,079		36,995	76,658	7,900	47,910	1,800	15,051	46,566	62,479	295,359		300,438
Excess of Receipts over Payments	211,287		(32,676)	(62,076)	(6,100)	(38,154)	(907)	(13,701)	(45,366)	(50,063)	(249,043)		(37,756)
Interfund transfer	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Transfers from General Fund	(239,647)		23,280	62,076	6,100	38,154	907	13,701	45,366	50,063	239,647		0
Balance brought forward	70,534		9,396	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,396		79,930
Balance at 31 March 2023	42,174		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		42,174

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BALANCE SHEET BREAKDOWN

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2024	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2023
Current Assets						
Sundry Debtors	10,632	-	10,632	17,242	-	17,242
Cash at Bank and In Hand						
Sterling Cash and Current Accounts	18,944	-	18,944	20,367	-	20,367
Dollar Cash and Current Account	15,099	-	15,099	4,565	-	4,565
Total Current Assets	44,675	-	44,675	42,174	-	42,174
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	44,675	-	44,675	42,174	-	42,174
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	44,675	-	44,675	42,174	-	42,174

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BALANCE SHEET

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Sundry Debtors		10,632		17,242
Cash at Bank and In Hand				
Sterling Cash and Current Accounts	18,944		20,367	
US\$ Cash and Current Accounts	15,099		4,565	
		<u>34,043</u>		<u>24,932</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>44,675</u>		<u>42,174</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry Creditors		-		-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets		44,675		42,174
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>44,675</u>		<u>42,174</u>
Income Funds				
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund UK		29,576		37,609
General Fund USA		15,099		4,565
		<u>44,675</u>		<u>42,174</u>
Total Funds		<u>44,675</u>		<u>42,174</u>

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting: These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with SORP FRS 102: the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Change in Basis/ Changes to Previous Accounts: There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Changes to previous accounts: No changes have been made to the accounts for the previous year.

2. Expenditure:

Details of expenditure are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3. Grants Made:

All gifts were to individuals or organisations to advance the Christian faith; to alleviate suffering for the poor, to support self-sufficiency and to encourage others in the UK and overseas to care about the poor worldwide. Recipients where aggregate gifts exceeded £10,000 in the year to 31 March 2024 were:

- Five pastors who oversee work in South Sudan and the Nuba Mountains in support of two bible schools, a theological college, churches, pastor training, ministry and a primary school – £73k ;
- An organisation in Pakistan in support of schools, students and teachers, sewing centres, brick kiln families, Christmas programmes and freeing individuals from slavery – £42k;
- A second organisation in Pakistan in support of Sunday schools and schools, a sewing centre, medical missions, Christmas programmes and freeing people from slavery, including helping one establish a fruit business to enable them to have an income – £20k;
- Two pastors in Pakistan in support of caring for children, pastor training, planting churches and four businesses to assist with self-sufficiency - £35k.
- A pastor who oversees leadership and pastoral training and youth camps in Tajikistan - £20k;
- Another pastor in Tajikistan who has overseen medical and food relief programmes, leadership training, youth and adult ministry and youth camps - £14k;
- A pastor in Nepal who oversees church and children's activities and who co-ordinates other pastors, supporting them in evangelism and significant relief efforts – £29k;
- Another pastor in Nepal who oversees pastor conferences and helped establish and repair churches – £12k;
- A pastor in Ukraine who ministers to orphanages, internats and rescue centres providing food, medicines and other humanitarian aid during the war – £11k.

4. Paid Employees:

The Charity has no paid employees.

5. Trustees:

No Trustee has received any remuneration from the Charity.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets:

The Charity has no fixed assets.

7. Investment Assets:

The Charity does not hold any investment assets.

8. Debtors and Prepayments:

The Charity has no material debtors and prepayments other than outstanding gift aid related tax reclaims on gifts received during the year.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9. Creditors and Accruals:
The Charity has no creditors.
10. Endowment and Restricted Funds:
There are no endowment funds.
11. Movement of the Major Funds:
Details of movements are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.
12. Other Information:
Contingent Liabilities: There are no contingent liabilities.
Guarantees to Third Parties: There are no guarantees to third parties.
Loans received: There are no loans secured on any assets.
Loans granted: No loans have been made to any institution connected with the charity.
Ex-gratia payments: No ex-gratia payments were made to individuals during the year.
13. Declarations:
Adequacy of assets to meet fund restrictions: Sufficient resources are held in an appropriate form to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with the restrictions imposed.
Branches: The financial activities, assets and liabilities of all the Charity's branches have been included.
Change in year end: The Trustees have not changed the year end nor the length of the Charity's financial year.
Discontinued, continuing and acquired operations: No operations were acquired or discontinued and all other operations are continuing.
Funds in deficit: There were no funds in deficit at the balance sheet date.
Inalienable or historic assets: The Charity holds no assets on the balance sheet classed as inalienable or historic.
Intangible assets: The Charity has no intangible assets.
Inter-fund loans: There were no inter-fund loans outstanding at the balance sheet date.
Revaluations: The Charity has no fixed assets.
Subsidiaries: The Charity has no subsidiary companies.
Uncapitalised fixed assets: The Charity has no fixed assets which have not been capitalised and included on the balance sheet.
14. Accounting Policies:
Incoming Resources:
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources: These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when: the Charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts: These are included on the SOFA in the same financial year as the gift to which they relate.
Expenditure and Liabilities:
Liability recognition: General liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal and constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.
15. Additional matters:
There are no additional matters.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRINGING GOOD NEWS

I report to the trustees ("Trustees") of Bringing Good News ("the Trust") on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:



Name: Paul Westbrook
FCA

Address: 27 Roman Road
Hove
BN3 4LB

Date: 21 October 2024

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023



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Trustees report for the year ending 31 March 2023

Charitable objects

The purpose of the charity is to Bring Good News to the poor. We partner with local people to positively advance the Christian faith; to actively relieve suffering for the poor especially orphans, to support self-sufficiency and to encourage others to care about the poor worldwide.

The trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Constitution and governance

The charity is a charitable trust constituted under a declaration of trust, dated 3 December 2002. It is governed by a board of trustees, who meet regularly throughout the year to consider opportunities for giving based on metrics such as proximity to the charity's objects, amount needed, availability of funds, capacity to exercise some ability to monitor application of the proceeds, and the impact of not providing the funds.

New trustees are appointed by existing trustees based on a number of factors, which include ability to take an active role in the charity and sympathy for the charity's objects. New trustees are able to see the constitution and latest accounts, attend trustee meetings and receive regular newsletters and emails. Trustee meetings are minuted to record work carried out in the prior period, new areas that trustees have become aware of where help is needed, specific fund requests, financial capacity for giving and reasons for decisions taken.

The trustees who were involved with the charity over the year were:

Mrs. M. Smith (Chairperson)
Mrs. H. Thomson (Treasurer)
Mr. I. Thomson
Mr I. Newton
Mr. J. Symons

Activities during the year

Overview

Once again, much of the Charity's focus has been in response to external, often tragic events. We supported six pastors helping refugees created by the Ukrainian war – four working in dangerous conditions in Ukraine itself and two in adjacent countries. There were increased calls for medical, food, clothing and other humanitarian support both in Ukraine but also in the other geographies the Charity serves. Very heavy rainfall affected the brick kiln schools in Pakistan. Extremely cold conditions impacted those who had been displaced as well as those who are unable to afford heating or whose homes had been damaged, including many in Nepal and parts of central Asia. And sadly, persecution continues both in Asia and in South Sudan, where one of the Bible Colleges we support was forced to close for part of the year due to the actions of local militia.

Providing proactive support to over 70 projects and reactive responses in the face of the above continues to make a huge impact – our ability to provide some relief is of course welcomed by recipients but as importantly, those we help realise that we care for them and of infinite greater value, that Jesus cares for them. We continue to spread the gospel message of hope wherever we work.

19% (2022:20%) of our giving was to Africa – to South Sudan (16%) and Mozambique (3%); 69% (2022:69%) of our giving was to Asia – to Pakistan (22%), Kyrgyzstan (1%), Tajikistan (25%) and Nepal (21%); and 12% (2022:10%) was to the Ukraine.

South Sudan

In South Sudan, we worked with three bishops and supported two bible schools, training pastors – this year saw the ordination of three pastors. We helped provide and repair the pastors' means of transport. We supported the church and school infrastructure, providing basic equipment for a new school and protection to existing churches from flooding. We supported the leader of a theological college in the Nuban mountains including reuniting the pastor with his family who had no other means of travelling to be with him from Uganda.

Mozambique

We supported a Zambian missionary couple whose work in Mozambique has seen great fruit, having now led to six church plants. In addition, we part funded three income-generating projects in the areas of land clearance, grocery and motor part retail.

Pakistan

We helped provide funds to release a further two families from slavery (bringing the total number of families freed because of the charity to 67). We provided support for 11 Sunday schools, 10 brick kiln schools and one adult school including funding books, desks, blackboards and support for teachers' salaries. We supported four sewing centres, including two new centres, and provided sewing machines enabling employment for women. We supported families so 23 children could attend schools and helped fund students at university and a Christian Technical Training College. We supported families in the aftermath of heavy rainfall and provided clothing and support for medical missions in the brick kilns. We also contributed to the creation of a church in a village.

Kyrgyzstan

We provided funds for childrens' summer camps and Christmas food deliveries.

Tajikistan

We provided funds for summer camps and Christmas food programmes. We continue to support some very effective ministry and leadership and this year helped the expansion of discipleship training to even greater areas of the country. In addition, we funded a conference specifically for women. Much of our support was to help refugees who had fled Afghanistan, including providing food for thirteen families and income-generation projects for four families. We sponsored the building of communal toilet facilities, the use of which has directly led to ongoing evangelism to over thirty families.

Nepal

We provided support for pastors and a number of existing churches. We supported the building of a new church and a new classroom for Sunday school with a kitchen and shelter. With a specific donation, we provided warm clothes and shoes for children in west Nepal. We also helped provide medical support, a roof for a woman who had no means of providing one for herself and books for ministers, warm hats for congregations and a cow!

Ukraine

We provided support to six pastors helping relief efforts during the war for refugees both inside and outside of the Ukraine, including transport, shelter, food, clothes and medication and supported a project to provide clean water in an area where wells had been damaged.

Assessing support

To determine first-hand the current priorities for giving, to provide personal support for those ministering in often difficult circumstances and to assess how effective Bringing Good News' support had been, trustees typically visit those receiving funds (subject to warfare and pandemic-related restrictions during the last two years). Trustee trips to four of the locations were undertaken in the course of the year. To complement the visits, beneficiaries of funds are required to provide regular update reports including photographic evidence of where the funds have had an impact.

Financial review

There are no specific policies determining the amount the charity wishes to hold by way of reserves. Funds are only committed when there is sufficient monies available and the financial balances of the charity will fluctuate from year to year accordingly. Restricted giving is monitored and donations only applied for the purposes to which they relate unless a specific need is no longer there in which case the trustees would exercise discretion in applying such proceeds to an alternative cause.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is fulfilling its aims and objectives.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 25th September 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Thomson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ian Thomson
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										Total Funds
	Total	£	Ukraine Ministry	Central Asia	Mozambique Mission	South Sudan	Freeing families	Brick Kiln ministry	Other Pakistan	Nepal	Total	£	
Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	216,366	£	4,319	14,582	1,800	9,756	893	1,350	1,200	12,416	46,316	262,682	
Other income:													
Interest	0										0	0	
Total other income	0										0	0	
Total Receipts	216,366		4,319	14,582	1,800	9,756	893	1,350	1,200	12,416	46,316	262,682	
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	0		36,995	76,658	7,900	47,910	1,800	15,051	46,566	62,479	295,359	295,359	
Administration:													
Total administration	5,079		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,079	
Total Payments:	5,079		36,995	76,658	7,900	47,910	1,800	15,051	46,566	62,479	295,359	300,438	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	211,287		(32,676)	(62,076)	(6,100)	(38,154)	(907)	(13,701)	(45,366)	(50,063)	(249,043)	(37,756)	
Interfund transfer	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers from General Fund	(239,647)		23,280	62,076	6,100	38,154	907	13,701	45,366	50,063	239,647	0	
Balance brought forward	70,534		9,396	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,396	79,930	
Balance at 31 March 2023	42,174		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42,174	

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										Total Funds
	Total	£	Ukraine Ministry	Central Asia	Mozambique Mission	South Sudan	Freeing families	Brick Kiln ministry	Other Pakistan	Nepal	Total	£	
Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	146,157	£	35,769	12,741	1,800	43,108	3,727	4,109	5,435	38,822	145,511	291,668	
Other income:													
Interest	0										0	0	
Total other income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Receipts	146,157		35,769	12,741	1,800	43,108	3,727	4,109	5,435	38,822	145,511	291,668	
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	685		26,373	56,058	4,800	44,714	4,973	13,173	47,407	45,322	242,820	243,505	
Administration:													
Total administration	3,086		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,086	
Total Payments:	3,771		26,373	56,058	4,800	44,714	4,973	13,173	47,407	45,322	242,820	246,591	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	142,386		9,396	(43,317)	(3,000)	(1,606)	(1,246)	(9,064)	(41,972)	(6,500)	(97,309)	45,077	
Interfund transfer	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers from General Fund	(106,705)		0	43,317	3,000	1,606	1,246	9,064	41,972	6,500	106,705	0	
Balance brought forward	34,853		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34,853	
Balance at 31 March 2022	70,534		9,396	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,396	79,930	

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BALANCE SHEET BREAKDOWN**

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2023	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2022
Current Assets						
Sundry Debtors	17,242	-	17,242	19,223	-	19,223
Cash at Bank and In Hand						
Sterling Cash and Current Accounts	20,367	-	20,367	31,068	-	31,068
US\$ Current Account	4,565	-	4,565	20,243	9,396	29,639
	<u>42,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,174</u>	<u>70,534</u>	<u>9,396</u>	<u>79,930</u>
Total Current Assets						
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities						
Net Current Assets	42,174	-	42,174	70,534	9,396	79,930
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>42,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,174</u>	<u>70,534</u>	<u>9,396</u>	<u>79,930</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Sundry Debtors		17,242		19,223
Cash at Bank and In Hand				
Sterling Cash and Current Accounts	20,367		31,068	
US\$ Current Account	4,565		29,639	
		<u>24,932</u>		<u>60,707</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>42,174</u>		<u>79,930</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry Creditors		-		-
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets		42,174		79,930
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>42,174</u>		<u>79,930</u>
Income Funds				
Restricted Income Funds				
Ukraine		-		9,396
		<u>-</u>		<u>9,396</u>
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund UK		37,609		50,291
General Fund USA		4,565		20,243
		<u>42,174</u>		<u>70,534</u>
Total Funds		<u>42,174</u>		<u>79,930</u>

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting: These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with SORP FRS 102: the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Change in Basis/ Changes to Previous Accounts: There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

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2. Expenditure:

Details of expenditure are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3. Grants Made:

All gifts were to individuals or organisations to advance the Christian faith; to alleviate suffering for the poor, to support self-sufficiency and to encourage others in the UK and overseas to care about the poor worldwide. Recipients where aggregate gifts exceeded £10,000 in the year to 31 March 2023 were:

- A pastor in Nepal who oversees church and children's activities and who co-ordinates other pastors, supporting them in evangelism and significant relief efforts – £59k;
- Three bishops who oversee work in South Sudan in support of two bible schools, churches, pastor training, ministry and infrastructure – £44k;
- An organisation in Pakistan in support of schools, students and teachers, sewing centres, brick kiln families and freeing individuals from slavery – £25k;
- A pastor who oversees leadership and pastoral training and youth camps in Tajikistan - £23k;
- Another pastor in Tajikistan who has overseen medical and food relief programmes, youth and adult ministry and youth camps, and assisted refugees from a neighbouring country - £22k;
- A Christian organisation in the Ukraine that is helping provide relocation services and humanitarian support following the Russian invasion – £16k;
- A second organisation in Pakistan in support of Sunday schools and schools, a sewing centre and medical missions – £15k;
- A pastor in Ukraine who ministers to orphanages, internats and rescue centres providing food, medicines and other humanitarian aid during the war – £12k; and
- A pastor in Pakistan in support of caring for children and building a village church - £10k.

4. Paid Employees:

The Charity has no paid employees.

5. Trustees:

No Trustee has received any remuneration from the Charity.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets:

The Charity has no fixed assets.

7. Investment Assets:

The Charity does not hold any investment assets.

8. Debtors and Prepayments:

The Charity has no material debtors and prepayments other than outstanding gift aid related tax reclaims on gifts received during the year.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9. Creditors and Accruals:
The Charity has no creditors.
10. Endowment and Restricted Funds:
There are no endowment funds.
11. Movement of the Major Funds:
Details of movements are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.
12. Other Information:
Contingent Liabilities: There are no contingent liabilities.
Guarantees to Third Parties: There are no guarantees to third parties.
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BRINGING GOOD NEWS

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I report to the trustees ("Trustees") of Bringing Good News ("the Trust") on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

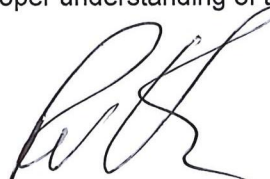
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Signed:



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Date: 26 September 2023

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022



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Trustees report for the year ending 31 March 2022

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The trustees who were involved with the charity over the year were:

Mrs. M. Smith (Chairperson)

Mrs. H. Thomson (Treasurer)

Mr. I. Thomson

Mrs K. Ackland (resigned 8 June 2021)

Mr I. Newton

Mr. J. Symons

Activities during the year

Overview

The year was overshadowed by a number of tragic events. The pandemic that commenced in the prior year continued to impact on many areas, particularly those that lacked western infrastructure. It created refugee crises and led to increased calls for medical and other humanitarian support while hindering the ability of our individuals to physically travel to areas of need. In Nepal, natural disasters such as flooding and landslides continued to create huge needs for support. Russia invaded Ukraine and those who have been serving communities there required immediate support to enable mass migration from areas that had been devastated and a need for medical, food, clothing and other supplies. In other areas we support, some of the worst disasters are also caused directly by mankind with ongoing attacks and intolerance creating huge uncertainty. In all of this, there is a desperate need for Christian love to manifest itself.

In response to these events, our donors answered with huge generosity enabling us to support those most desperate and demonstrate Christian love in action. We continued helping over 70 projects while responding to the greater challenges. We believe our involvement coming alongside those most in need continues to make a huge impact and thank all of our donors who help us have such an effect.

We provided support for Christian ministries in a number of regions during the year. 20% (2021:23%) of our giving was to Africa – to South Sudan (18%) and Mozambique (2%); 69% (2020:72%) of our giving was to Asia – to Pakistan (27%), Kyrgyzstan (2%), Tajikistan (21%) and Nepal (19%); and 10% (2020:4%) was to the Ukraine.

South Sudan

In Aweil, we supported a bible school and six schools including providing song books and bible study texts in the local language. In addition, we provided support for the fabric of the building (roof and windows) and helped replaced beds that had been stolen.

In Abyei, we supported a bible school, other schools, a church including funding for a new roof, doors and windows and supported students at a bible college. We also provided humanitarian aid to a village following attacks where houses were burned and individuals were killed and supported a pastor in his efforts to return to minister in his country.

Mozambique

We supported a Zambian missionary couple who have planted a church in Mozambique.

Pakistan

We helped provide funds to release a further eight families from slavery (bringing the total number of families freed because of the charity to 65). We provided support for 15 Sunday schools and 10 brick kiln schools including books, note books, IT equipment and support for teachers' salaries. We supported sewing centres providing employment for women. We supported families so 23 children could attend schools and helped fund students at university and a Christian Technical Training College. We provided support for 55 families whose livelihood and accommodation was deliberately destroyed by extremists and helped purchase a house that could be used as a church for the community.

Kyrgyzstan

We provided funds for summer camps and Christmas programmes.

Tajikistan

We provided funds for summer camps and Christmas programmes. We provided support for pastors' ministry and leadership and discipleship training. We helped distribute food parcels and medical support, including oxygen equipment during the pandemic. We also helped rebuild a church and supported refugee students.

Nepal

We provided support for pastors, including helping build a church and sponsoring a conference for 23 pastors (and blankets to enable them to keep warm there). We helped some self sufficiency programmes including sewing machines and cloth, solar power equipment and a borehole and waterpump for 50 families. We support 30 Dalit families and provided over 1,000 people with rice, some following landslides and flooding that had destroyed entire communities.

Ukraine

We gave assistance to a minister who works with orphans and refugees, provided funds for medical support and food. Following Russia's invasion of the country, we helped a number of pastors and workers with humanitarian aid including medicines and food. Our thoughts go out to all of those who are missing and who are still suffering in this dreadful war.

Assessing support

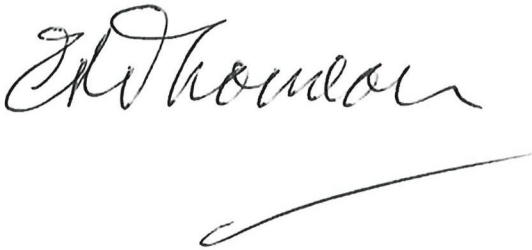
To determine first-hand the current priorities for giving, to provide personal support for those ministering in often difficult circumstances and to assess how effective Bringing Good News' support had been, trustees typically visit visited those receiving funds. Covid and warfare has put a temporary halt to this, although the charity was able to visit Nepal in the course of the year. To complement the visits (and this year, instead of the visits), recipients were required to provide regular update reports on funds deployed, many providing clear photographic evidence of hardship being alleviated.

Financial review

There are no specific policies determining the amount the charity wishes to hold by way of reserves. Funds are only committed when there is sufficient monies available and the financial balances of the charity will fluctuate from year to year accordingly. Restricted giving is monitored and donations only applied for the purposes to which they relate unless a specific need is no longer there in which case the trustees would exercise discretion in applying such proceeds to an alternative cause.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is fulfilling its aims and objectives.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 14 November 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ian Thomson'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a long, thin horizontal flourish.

Ian Thomson
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										Total Funds
	Total	£	Ukraine Ministry	Central Asia	Mozambique Mission	South Sudan	Freeing families	Brick Kiln ministry	Other Pakistan	Nepal	Total	£	
Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	146,157	£	35,769	12,741	1,800	43,108	3,727	4,109	5,435	38,822	145,511	£	291,668
Other income:													
Interest	0										0		0
Total other income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total Receipts	146,157		35,769	12,741	1,800	43,108	3,727	4,109	5,435	38,822	145,511		291,668
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	685		26,373	56,058	4,800	44,714	4,973	13,173	47,407	45,322	242,820		243,505
Administration:													
Total administration	3,086		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3,086
Total Payments:	3,771		26,373	56,058	4,800	44,714	4,973	13,173	47,407	45,322	242,820		246,591
Excess of Receipts over Payments	142,386		9,396	(43,317)	(3,000)	(1,606)	(1,246)	(9,064)	(41,972)	(6,500)	(97,309)		45,077
Interfund transfer	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Transfers from General Fund	(106,705)		0	43,317	3,000	1,606	1,246	9,064	41,972	6,500	106,705		0
Balance brought forward	34,853		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		34,853
Balance at 31 March 2022	70,534		9,396	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,396		79,930

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

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Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	158,112	£	840	3,750	1,650	983	2,030	2,430	1,075	18,061	30,819	188,931	
Other income:													
Interest	0	£									0	0	
Total other income	0	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Receipts	158,112	£	840	3,750	1,650	983	2,030	2,430	1,075	18,061	30,819	188,931	
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	528	£	8,876	51,103	5,000	43,921	5,876	11,227	17,442	65,700	209,145	209,673	
Administration:													
Total administration	2,004	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,004	
Total Payments:	2,532	£	8,876	51,103	5,000	43,921	5,876	11,227	17,442	65,700	209,145	211,677	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	155,580	£	(8,036)	(47,353)	(3,350)	(42,938)	(3,846)	(8,797)	(16,367)	(47,639)	(178,326)	(22,746)	
Interfund transfer	0	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers from General Fund	(171,396)	£	8,036	47,353	3,350	36,008	3,846	8,797	16,367	47,639	171,396	0	
Balance brought forward	50,669	£	0	0	0	6,930	0	0	0	0	6,930	57,599	
Balance at 31 March 2021	34,853	£	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34,853	

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BALANCE SHEET BREAKDOWN**

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2022	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2021
Current Assets						
Sundry Debtors	19,223	-	19,223	14,481	-	14,481
Cash at Bank and In Hand						
Sterling Cash and Current Accounts	31,068	-	31,068	20,303	-	20,303
US\$ Current Account	20,243	9,396	29,639	69	-	69
	<u>70,534</u>	<u>9,396</u>	<u>79,930</u>	<u>34,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,853</u>
Total Current Assets						
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities						
Net Current Assets	70,534	9,396	79,930	34,853	-	34,853
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>70,534</u>	<u>9,396</u>	<u>79,930</u>	<u>34,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,853</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Sundry Debtors		19,223		14,481
Cash at Bank and In Hand				
Sterling Cash and Current Accounts	31,068		20,303	
US\$ Current Account	29,639		69	
		<u>60,707</u>		<u>20,372</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>79,930</u>		<u>34,853</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry Creditors		-		-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets		79,930		34,853
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>79,930</u>		<u>34,853</u>
Income Funds				
Restricted Income Funds				
Ukraine		9,396		-
		<u>9,396</u>		<u>-</u>
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund UK		50,291		34,784
General Fund USA		20,243		69
		<u>70,534</u>		<u>34,853</u>
Total Funds		<u>79,930</u>		<u>34,853</u>

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting: These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with SORP FRS 102: the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Change in Basis/ Changes to Previous Accounts: There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Changes to previous accounts: No changes have been made to the accounts for the previous year.

2. Expenditure:

Details of expenditure are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3. Grants Made:

All gifts were to individuals or organisations to advance the Christian faith; to alleviate suffering for the poor, to support self-sufficiency and to encourage others in the UK and overseas to care about the poor worldwide. Recipients where aggregate gifts exceeded £5,000 in the year to 31 March 2022 were:

- Three bishops who oversee work in South Sudan to support two bible schools, churches and related building works – £31k;
- An organisation in Pakistan that runs schools, frees individuals from slavery, supports self-help projects, looked after orphans and who helped families with food during the course of the pandemic – £19k;
- A second organisation in Pakistan that runs Sunday schools and schools, assists with self-help projects and helps free families from slavery – £16k;
- A pastor in Pakistan providing humanitarian support and church infrastructure following the attack of a local colony - £23k;
- A pastor in Tajikistan who has overseen medical and food relief programmes, youth and adult ministry and youth camps, and assisted refugees from a neighbouring country - £14k;
- A pastor who has overseen leadership and pastoral training, Tajik youth camps and distributed food and medical relief - £17k;
- Two individuals that oversee small group ministry and student work in Tajikistan – £11k;
- A pastor in Nepal who oversees church and children's activities and who co-ordinates other pastors, supporting them in evangelism and significant relief efforts – £35k;
- A second pastor who is establishing a church in his village - £9k;
- A pastor in Ukraine who ministers to orphanages, internats and rescue centres providing food, medicines and other humanitarian aid during the war – £7k; and
- A Christian organisation in the Ukraine that is helping provide relocation services and humanitarian support following the Russian invasion – £15k.

4. Paid Employees:

The Charity has no paid employees.

5. Trustees:

No Trustee has received any remuneration from the Charity.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets:

The Charity has no fixed assets.

7. Investment Assets:

The Charity does not hold any investment assets.

8. Debtors and Prepayments:

The Charity has no material debtors and prepayments other than outstanding gift aid related tax reclaims on gifts received during the year.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9. Creditors and Accruals:
The Charity has no creditors.
10. Endowment and Restricted Funds:
There are no endowment funds.
11. Movement of the Major Funds:
Details of movements are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.
12. Other Information:
Contingent Liabilities: There are no contingent liabilities.
Guarantees to Third Parties: There are no guarantees to third parties.
Loans received: There are no loans secured on any assets.
Loans granted: No loans have been made to any institution connected with the charity.
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Signed:



Name: Paul Westbrook
FCA

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Date:

24 November 2022

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England & Wales - Charity number 1095430

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021



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Mr. I. Thomson
Mrs K. Ackland
Mr I. Newton
Mr. J. Symons

But Mrs. K. Akland stepped down as a trustee on 5th June 2021

Activities during the year

Overview

We provided support for Christian ministries in a number of regions during the year. 23% (2020:34%) of our giving was to Africa – to South Sudan (21%) and Mozambique (2%); 72% (2020:56%) of our giving was to Asia – to Pakistan (16%), Kyrgyzstan (3%), Tajikistan (22%) and Nepal (31%); and 4% (2020:10%) was to the Ukraine.

South Sudan

In Aweil, we have supported a bible school and other schools including contributing to salaries and the production of a hymnal and Sunday School books in the local language. In Abyei, we supported a bible school by contributing to salaries and a bakery and provided funds to build a town church, support a student and purchased transport for a minister and a student. We supported two other local churches.

Mozambique

We supported a Zambian missionary couple who have planted a church in Mozambique.

Pakistan

We helped provide funds to release a further three families from slavery (bringing the total number of families freed because of the charity to 60). We provided regular support for brick kiln schools, including money to enable the commencement of a new school, 9 other schools and 15 Sunday schools, including support for salaries and school equipment, books and infrastructure. We supported vocational bible study schools for 500 children in four locations. We helped fund anti-virus medical supplies and other medical efforts, support for sewing centres, Easter gifts for children and families, funds to support student training, food and blankets for seven abandoned children and food for over 100 families at the height of the pandemic.

Kyrgyzstan

We provided funds for use with summer children's camps. Due to covid, larger camps were unable to run and the donation was applied for humanitarian aid and food.

Tajikistan

We provided funds for youth camps and a women's conference. We provided support for pastors' ministry and leadership training. We provided support for feeding programmes and help for 10 ladies and their children who had lost their house in a fire, medical aid, acquisition of a car and supported two university students.

Nepal

We provided support for a children's mission, two churches, five pastors, supported a pastors' conference, helped fund construction of a church, extended houses for pastors enabling them to host pastors and students, supported the hospitalisation and rehabilitation of a pastor who lost a leg, helped pastor evangelism by supporting a new business and acquiring a motorbike, supported a clean water project, provided support to families whose houses were lost to floods or fire, and supported 920 families and 11 pastors with food during the height of the pandemic.

Ukraine

We gave assistance to a minister who works with orphans and refugees, provided funds for food and medical support and helped fund the renovation of a rescue shelter and youth centre.

Assessing support

To determine first-hand the current priorities for giving, to provide personal support for those ministering in often difficult circumstances and to assess how effective Bringing Good News' support had been, trustees would ordinarily visit those receiving funds. Due to the pandemic and inability to travel, the trustees have sought to identify ways to ensure better accountability remotely. Many of the areas we serve are not necessarily as well connected technologically as the UK and so various methods have been used including regular update reports on funds deployed, photographs and phone conversations. These reports are collated, checked and followed up by a designated individual.

Financial review

There are no specific policies determining the amount the charity wishes to hold by way of reserves. Funds are only committed when there is sufficient monies available and the financial balances of the charity will fluctuate from year to year accordingly. Restricted giving is monitored and donations only applied for the purposes to which they relate unless a specific need is no longer there in which case the trustees would exercise discretion in applying such proceeds to an alternative cause.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is fulfilling its aims and objectives.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 23/08/2021



Ian Thomson
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										Total Funds
	Total	£	Ukraine Ministry	Central Asia	Mozambique Mission	South Sudan	Freeing families	Brick Kiln ministry	Pakistan	Other Nepal	Total	£	
Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	158,112	£	840	3,750	1,650	983	2,030	2,430	1,075	18,061	30,819	188,931	
Other income:													
Interest	0										0	0	
Total other income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Receipts	158,112		840	3,750	1,650	983	2,030	2,430	1,075	18,061	30,819	188,931	
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	528		8,876	51,103	5,000	43,921	5,876	11,227	17,442	65,700	209,145	209,673	
Administration:													
Total administration	2,004		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,004	
Total Payments:	2,532		8,876	51,103	5,000	43,921	5,876	11,227	17,442	65,700	209,145	211,677	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	155,580		(8,036)	(47,353)	(3,350)	(42,938)	(3,846)	(8,797)	(16,367)	(47,639)	(178,326)	(22,746)	
Interfund transfer	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers from General Fund	(171,396)		8,036	47,353	3,350	36,008	3,846	8,797	16,367	47,639	171,396	0	
Balance brought forward	50,669		0	0	0	6,930	0	0	0	0	6,930	57,599	
Balance at 31 March 2021	34,853		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34,853	

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										Total Funds
	Total	£	Ukraine Ministry	Central Asia	Mozambique Mission	South Sudan	Freeing families	Brick Kiln ministry	Pakistan	Other Nepal	Total	£	
Receipts:													
Gifts received:													
Total gifts	170,913	£	1,015	1,192	1,800	11,801	750	2,560	900	2,780	22,798	193,711	
Other income:													
Interest	0										0	0	
Total other income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Receipts	170,913		1,015	1,192	1,800	11,801	750	2,560	900	2,780	22,798	193,711	
Payments:													
Total Charitable gifts	0		14,160	35,542	4,200	45,732	3,821	8,981	17,154	18,035	147,625	147,625	
Administration:													
Total administration	7,526		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,526	
Total Payments:	7,526		14,160	35,542	4,200	45,732	3,821	8,981	17,154	18,035	147,625	155,151	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	163,387		(13,145)	(34,350)	(2,400)	(33,931)	(3,071)	(6,421)	(16,254)	(15,255)	(124,827)	38,560	
Interfund transfer	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers from General Fund	(131,757)		13,145	34,350	2,400	40,861	3,071	6,421	16,254	15,255	131,757	0	
Balance brought forward	19,039		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,039	
Balance at 31 March 2020	50,669		0	0	0	6,930	0	0	0	0	6,930	57,599	

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BALANCE SHEET BREAKDOWN

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2021	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2020
Current Assets						
Sundry Debtors	14,481	-	14,481	19,207	-	19,207
Cash at Bank						
Sterling Current Accounts	20,303	-	20,303	30,152	-	30,152
US\$ Current Account	69	-	69	8,240	-	8,240
Total Current Assets	34,853	-	34,853	57,599	-	57,599
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	34,853	-	34,853	57,599	-	57,599
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	34,853	-	34,853	57,599	-	57,599

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BALANCE SHEET

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Sundry Debtors		14,481		19,207
Cash at Bank				
Sterling Current Accounts	20,303		30,152	
US\$ Current Account	69		8,240	
		<u>20,372</u>	<u>38,392</u>	
Total Current Assets		<u>34,853</u>	<u>57,599</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry Creditors		-		-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Net Current Assets		34,853		57,599
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>34,853</u>		<u>57,599</u>
Income Funds				
Restricted Income Funds				
South Sudan: Abyei Church		-		6,930
		<u>-</u>		<u>6,930</u>
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund UK		34,784		45,372
General Fund USA		69		5,297
		<u>34,853</u>		<u>50,669</u>
Total Funds		<u>34,853</u>		<u>57,599</u>

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting: These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with SORP FRS 102: the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Change in Basis/ Changes to Previous Accounts: There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Changes to previous accounts: No changes have been made to the accounts for the previous year.

2. Expenditure:

Details of expenditure are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3. Grants Made:

All gifts were to individuals or organisations to advance the Christian faith; to alleviate suffering for the poor, to support self-sufficiency and to encourage others in the UK and overseas to care about the poor worldwide. Recipients where aggregate gifts exceeded £5,000 in the year to 31 March 2021 were:

- Three bishops who oversee work in South Sudan to support a bible school, a church, church infrastructure, church construction and church vehicles – £42k;
- An organisation in Pakistan that runs schools, frees individuals from slavery, supports self-help projects, looked after orphans and who helped over 100 families with food during the course of the pandemic – £20k;
- A second organisation in Pakistan that runs Sunday schools and schools, assists with self-help projects and helps free families from slavery – £13k;
- A pastor who has overseen medical and food relief programmes and youth camps - £16k;
- A Baptist Union leader who has overseen Tajik youth camps, food relief and who sponsors two Christian students - £12k;
- A pastor in Tajikistan who has run women's conferences, youth camps, leadership training and food relief - £11k;
- Two individuals that oversee small group ministry and student work in Tajikistan – £8k;
- A pastor in Nepal who oversees church and children's activities and who co-ordinates other pastors, supporting them in evangelism and significant relief efforts – £58k; and
- A pastor in Ukraine who ministers to orphanages, internats and rescue centres providing food, medicines and support for the renovation of a rescue centre – £8k.

4. Paid Employees:

The Charity has no paid employees.

5. Trustees:

No Trustee has received any remuneration from the Charity.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets:

The Charity has no fixed assets.

7. Investment Assets:

The Charity does not hold any investment assets.

8. Debtors and Prepayments:

The Charity has no material debtors and prepayments other than outstanding gift aid related tax reclaims on gifts received during the year.

9. Creditors and Accruals:

The Charity has no creditors.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

10. Endowment and Restricted Funds:
There are no endowment funds.
11. Movement of the Major Funds:
Details of movements are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.
12. Other Information:
Contingent Liabilities: There are no contingent liabilities.
Guarantees to Third Parties: There are no guarantees to third parties.
Loans received: There are no loans secured on any assets.
Loans granted: No loans have been made to any institution connected with the charity.
Ex-gratia payments: No ex-gratia payments were made to individuals during the year.
13. Declarations:
Adequacy of assets to meet fund restrictions: Sufficient resources are held in an appropriate form to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with the restrictions imposed.
Branches: The financial activities, assets and liabilities of all the Charity's branches have been included.
Change in year end: The Trustees have not changed the year end nor the length of the Charity's financial year.
Discontinued, continuing and acquired operations: No operations were acquired or discontinued and all other operations are continuing.
Funds in deficit: There were no funds in deficit at the balance sheet date.
Inalienable or historic assets: The Charity holds no assets on the balance sheet classed as inalienable or historic.
Intangible assets: The Charity has no intangible assets.
Inter-fund loans: There were no inter-fund loans outstanding at the balance sheet date.
Revaluations: The Charity has no fixed assets.
Subsidiaries: The Charity has no subsidiary companies.
Uncapitalised fixed assets: The Charity has no fixed assets which have not been capitalised and included on the balance sheet.
14. Accounting Policies:
Incoming Resources:
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources: These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when: the Charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts: These are included on the SOFA in the same financial year as the gift to which they relate.
Expenditure and Liabilities:
Liability recognition: General liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal and constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.
15. Additional matters:
There are no additional matters.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRINGING GOOD NEWS

I report to the trustees ("Trustees") of Bringing Good News ("the Trust") on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 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:



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Date: 24 AUGUST 2021