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**TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021**



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### **Trustees report for the year ending 31 March 2021**

#### **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  
Mrs K. Ackland  
Mr I. Newton  
Mr. J. Symons

But Mrs. K. Akland stepped down as a trustee on 5<sup>th</sup> 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	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	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	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	0	6,930	57,599
Balance at 31 March 2021	34,853		0	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	
<b>Receipts:</b>													
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	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	170,913		1,015	1,192	1,800	11,801	750	2,560	900	2,780		22,798	193,711
<b>Payments:</b>													
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	0	7,526
<b>Total Payments:</b>	7,526		14,160	35,542	4,200	45,732	3,821	8,981	17,154	18,035		147,625	155,151
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	163,387		(13,145)	(34,350)	(2,400)	(33,931)	(3,071)	(6,421)	(16,254)	(15,255)		(124,827)	38,560
<b>Interfund transfer</b>	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Transfers from General Fund</b>	(131,757)		13,145	34,350	2,400	40,861	3,071	6,421	16,254	15,255		131,757	0
<b>Balance brought forward</b>	19,039		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,039
<b>Balance at 31 March 2020</b>	50,669		0	0	0	6,930	0	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
<b>Current Assets</b>						
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
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>34,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,853</b>	<b>57,599</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,599</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>34,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,853</b>	<b>57,599</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,599</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>34,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,853</b>	<b>57,599</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,599</b>

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### BALANCE SHEET

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
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>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>34,853</u>		<u>57,599</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Sundry Creditors		-		-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		34,853		57,599
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>34,853</u>		<u>57,599</u>
<b>Income Funds</b>				
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>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>34,853</u>		<u>57,599</u>



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### ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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