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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024



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Trustees report for the year ending 31 March 2024

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.

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.

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

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 youths and children, helping to build and extend churches, supporting 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 humanitarian and medical aid to families following external events such as landslides, religious persecution or the continued war in Ukraine.

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.

33.0% (2023:19%) of our giving was to Africa – to South Sudan 25%, villages in the Nuban mountains (6%) and Mozambique (2%); 60% (2023:69%) of our giving was to Asia – to Pakistan (18%), Kyrgyzstan (1%), Tajikistan (22%) and Nepal (20%); and 7% (2023:12%) was to the Ukraine.

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.

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). Trustee trips to Tajikistan, Pakistan, Nepal and South Sudan were undertaken in the course of the year. 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.

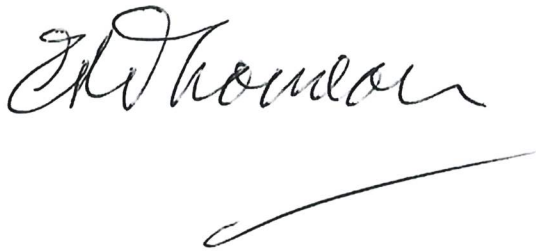
Financial review

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 wish to thank every donor who has supported the charity's work over the year. Every gift, whatever its size, can make a tangible difference in spreading the gospel and providing help and hope for those facing hardship and poverty around the world.

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 16 October 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Thomson', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right below the name.

Ian Thomson
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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	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	
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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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	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	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	<u>44,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,675</u>	<u>42,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,174</u>
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets	44,675	-	44,675	42,174	-	42,174
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>44,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,675</u>	<u>42,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,174</u>

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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:



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FCA

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Date: 21 October 2024