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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.

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.

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

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

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 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.

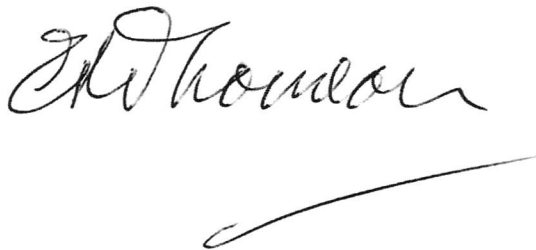
Financial review

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 29/08/2025.

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 2025

	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	£ 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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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	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
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 BREAKDOWN

12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2025	Unrestricted Income Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total 31 March 2024
Current Assets						
Sundry Debtors	12,682	-	12,682	10,632	-	10,632
Cash at Bank and In Hand						
Sterling Cash and Current Accounts	15,041	-	15,041	18,944	-	18,944
Dollar Cash and Current Account	19,453	-	19,453	15,099	-	15,099
Total Current Assets	47,176	-	47,176	44,675	-	44,675
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	47,176	-	47,176	44,675	-	44,675
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	47,176	-	47,176	44,675	-	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

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Date: 29/08/2025