

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1110595

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-07-27

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

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN MASAKA UGANDA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUSTB) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID LOCATION AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Receiving funds from UK donors to support of the work of River of Life Church, Masaka, Uganda. These funds are used to -1. Spread the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ. 2. Provide assistance for those in need in the congregation and locality; in particular the residential care and full time education of orphaned street children.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE IN PARTICULAR MASAKA UGANDA.
- Uganda

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£40,221	£61,768	-	-
2023-12-31	£55,787	£86,254	-	-
2022-12-31	£56,798	£87,361	-	-
2021-12-31	£167,610	£79,891	-	-
2020-12-31	£96,213	£96,608	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR ROB DAVIES	Chair	
MARGARET JOAN POULTER		
Maria Warren		2021-03-11

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Our Accounts are independently examined by Nigel Rivers, 3 Battlemead Close, Maidenhead, SL6 8LB

2. Trustees

The Trustees for the period January to December 2024 were:

Robert Davies (Chair of Trustees), Margaret Poulter, Maria Warren

New Trustees are identified and appointed by the existing Trustees.

3. Summary of objects as set out in the governing document

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4. The main activities of UROLM

- Fundraising for the work of River of Life Church (ROLC)
- Mobilising spiritual and material support by implementing a Communications Strategy
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- Ensuring UROLM is following all good governance guidance, and conforming to best practise in its fundraising and communications.

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Although River of Life Church (Uganda) is fully responsible for its own strategic and operational decisions, advice is sought, and given, by UROLM Trustees for the effective running of River of Life Church. Mary Kibaya (the founder of River of Life Church) and Rob Davies, are members of the Board of River of Life Church, Uganda, whilst Margaret Poulter visits River of Life Church Uganda annually, as travel restrictions permit.

5. Chairman's Report – Rob Davies

2024 saw UROLM raise £40,221 for the work of River of Life Church in Uganda. 99% of our expenditure of £61,421 was spent on Charitable Activities. Raising this amount of money represents a wonderful achievement, and the Trustees wish to thank and appreciate all the volunteers, supporters and friends of the wider River of Life family for making it possible. We particularly remember with gratitude our former Treasurer, Ian Drake, who left UROLM a substantial legacy in 2021, helped the work of River of Life Church significantly.

Governance

The Trustees met on four occasions via Zoom to review our financial position; plan and implement strategies for Fundraising, Communications, Mission and Governance; identify and mitigate for any areas of risk. They have also met regularly with the Board of River of Life Church over the period. 2024 saw us review our AML and ABC policies and pass our Safeguarding Review with HSBC Bank.

Fundraising

Our fundraising has continued to focus on Individuals, Events, Church & School Partnerships, and Trusts. We are indebted to the generosity of a number of long-term supporters who continue to sponsor children and young people, give extra when the need is greater, and wholeheartedly support the vision and mission of UROLM in its support of the work of ROLC.

The trustees would like to extend their profound appreciation to everyone who has supported the work of River of Life Church financially, and are humbled by the level of sacrificial giving they have seen.

Communications

Our main form of communication throughout 2024 was through our Facebook Page, and through updates to regular supporters of the White Eagle Project with Manager's & School Reports, handwritten letters and photos for each sponsor. Unfortunately, our website is yet to be rebuilt.

Mission

We continued to support our Long-term Mission partners, Lisa Meadows and Sarah Beale, both of whom have moved on to new ministries.

6. The work of River of Life Church

River of Life Church is a registered Ugandan Company, No. 58534. The Directors are Mary Kibaya, David Nyongesa, Emily Ojambo, Stephen Kazibwe and Rob Davies. As founder, Mary Kibaya acts as the key contact point between the two organisations, and throughout the period was able to take an active role in the Board of Directors and other activities of the church via Zoom, Whatsapp and other online tools.

The ROLC Board continued to send monthly statements of expenditure under budgeted headings and has sent us audited accounts for 2024. The Trustees remain highly confident in the operational capacity and financial management of the ROLC Team.

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The main activity in 2024 was regular Prayer and Worship meetings on Masaka Prayer Mountain. Efforts continued in the courts and with the Presidential Task Force to resolve the ongoing illegal occupation of about 1/3 of the land. Despite winning the cases in court, the defendants appealed and the case is still pending.

Operations and Mission

The ROLC Finance Team continued to operate robust financial reporting, cash control mechanisms, requisition and approval processes, budget reporting, and expenditure reporting. Monthly receipts under budgetary headings were supplied to UROLM, together with audited accounts for 2023. In addition to the funds we are able to send them, ROLC raised 56m/= (approx. £12k) through Tithes & Offerings and the Church Farm.

The ROLC Farm progressed well under the stewardship of the Farm Manager, with a large plantation of Eucalyptus being established.

The Church plants in Bujja, a village about 3 miles from Nyendo, and Misaali continued to grow.

7. The Future

2025 will again see us need to strengthen our UK Team to meet the challenges of fundraising for the continued excellent work of River of Life Church.

Over the last 4 years we have been able to send funds to River of Life Church in excess of our income due to the large legacy received in 2021. This level of expenditure as expected, this level of expenditure has now needed to reduce to match income by the end of 2024. A pending large Gift Aid claim will replenish our Unrestricted Funds in 2025.

Increasing the number of core, regular supporters, financial and prayer, is critical for the continued development of UROLM, whilst accessing Trusts and Grants for eligible ministries such as the White Eagle Project and the Leadership Academy is crucial to ensure their ongoing success.

Particular thanks must be expressed to all our donors and friends. Without their support ROLC would be unable to have the impact that it has.

Rob Davies, UROLM Chairman, 29th September 2025

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Charity registration number	1110595
Principal address	97 THE AVENUE MORTIMER COMMON READING RG7 3RB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mrs Maria Warren
Ms Margaret Joan Poulter
Mr Robert Davies

Independent examiners:

Nigel Rivers
3 Battlemead Close
Maidenhead
SL6 8LB

Bankers:

HSBC Bank Plc
29-21 Electric Parade
George Lane,
South Woodford
London E18 2LX

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Robert Davies

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Mr Robert Davies, Trustee

Date *30th October 2025*
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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Nigel Rivers

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Nigel Rivers
3 Battlemead Close
Maidenhead
SL6 8LB

Date 29th October 2025

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 2024
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	FUNDS 2024			TOTAL FUNDS 2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	4,763	35,458	40,221	55,787
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,763	35,458	40,221	55,787
PAYMENTS :					
Charitable Activities	3a	28,870	32,552	61,421	85,069
Raising Funds	3b	347	0	347	1,185
TOTAL PAYMENTS		29,217	32,552	61,768	86,254
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-24,453	2,906	-21,547	-30,467
Fund Transfers				0	0
Balances Brought Forward		25,066	6,322	31,388	61,855
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		613	9,228	9,841	31,388

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total at 31/12/24	Total at 31/12/23
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
ASSETS				
HSBC Current Account	5	898	903	24,018
HSBC Deposit Account	0	8,938	8,938	7,370
	5	9,836	9,841	31,388

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a receipts & payments account and statement of assets & liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on Robert Davies and

Signed on their behalf by 30th October 2025, Robert Davies, Chairman

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 2024

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Char

2. RECEIPTS

	FUNDS 2024			TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
a) Voluntary Receipts				
Non Gift Aid donations	300	8,122	8,422	15,687
Gift Aid Donations	4,295	27,336	31,631	33,865
GASDS Donations	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Recovered	0	0	0	6,136
Interest	168	0	168	98
	4,763	35,458	40,221	55,787

3. PAYMENTS

	Note	FUNDS 2024			TOTAL FUNDS 2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	£	£
a) Charitable Activities					
Grants to Institutions in Uganda:					
ROLC Operations & expenses		7,761	8,049	15,810	29,949
White Eagle Children's Project		6,597	11,326	17,923	24,626
Community Health & Outreach:					
Community Outreach		2,113	1,970	4,083	2,179
Kitovu Baby Unit		4,174	3,060	7,234	7,614
Synergy Sports		0	0	0	2,585
Bujja Farm development		2,565	0	2,565	1,853
Discipleship Groups		0	640	640	872
Leadership Academy		1,950	3,370	5,320	5,298
Prayer Mountain		1,078	504	1,582	1,997
Missions expenses		0	0	0	1,967
Grants to Individuals in Uganda/UK:					
ROL Church Director		0	0	0	125
Missionary (contract ROLSB11101)		1,167	3,033	4,200	4,200
Missionary (contract ROLLM16401)		587	600	1,187	1,187
Bank & Transfer Charges		286	0	286	302
Phone calls, postage & software		0	0	0	0
Insurance & Subscriptions		342	0	342	315
Consultancy & examination		250	0	250	0
		28,870	32,552	61,421	85,069

b) Raising Funds

Website development & maintenance	0	0	0	0
Publishing expenses	0	0	0	0
Fundraising expenses	347	0	347	1,185
Travel	0	0	0	0
	347	0	347	1,185

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Reimbursement of expenses:	
Postage	0
TOTAL	0

5. INSURANCE

In accordance with a provision in the Constitution of the Trust, Trustee Indemnity insurance has been ef

6. RISK ASSESSMENT

As the Trust does not own any tangible property, nor does it undertake projects in its own right, the main risks to which it is exposed concern remittances going astray or being mis-applied with the consequent risk of adverse publicity and blame by either or both supporters and intended beneficiaries. It seeks to address these risks by using proprietary financial institutions to hold and transfer funds, requiring regular detailed reports from beneficiaries, and trustee visits to supported projects.

7. RESERVES POLICY

The Objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian Faith and to relieve persons who are in conditions of need and hardship. It does this by making Grants for specific activities and projects but without entering into ongoing legal contracts.

It does not own, rent or lease any premises or equipment. In this sense it only distributes funds which are already in hand, and has no need to set aside Funds in Reserve.

However, recognising that certain of the projects which Uganda River of Life Ministries supports have come to rely substantially upon this support, the abrupt withdrawal of which may cause considerable disruption and hardship, but mindful also of both the pressing and immediate need for which the Funds have been raised and that there may be future uncertainties in fundraising, the Trust seeks, over a period of time, to accumulate modest Reserves equivalent to three months' current expenditure.

8. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Rob Davies, UROLM Chairman, 11th October 2024

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UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Charity registration number	1110595
Principal address	97 THE AVENUE MORTIMER COMMON READING RG7 3RB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mrs Maria Warren
Ms Margaret Joan Poulter
Mr Robert Davies

Independent examiners:

Nigel Rivers
3 Battlemead Close
Maidenhead
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Bankers:

HSBC Bank Plc
29-21 Electric Parade
George Lane,
South Woodford
London E18 2LX

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Robert Davies

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Mr Robert Davies, Trustee

Date *28/10/24*

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
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For the year ended 31 December 2023

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Nigel Rivers

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Nigel Rivers
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Date 28/10/24

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 2023
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	FUNDS 2023			TOTAL FUNDS
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2022
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	10,644	45,143	55,787	56,798
TOTAL RECEIPTS		10,644	45,143	55,787	56,798
PAYMENTS :					
Charitable Activities	3a	41,377	43,692	85,069	87,145
Raising Funds	3b	1,185	0	1,185	216
TOTAL PAYMENTS		42,562	43,692	86,254	87,361
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-31,918	1,451	-30,467	-30,563
Fund Transfers					
Balances Brought Forward		56,984	4,871	61,855	92,418
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		25,066	6,322	31,388	61,855

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total at 31/12/23	Total at 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
ASSETS				
HSBC Current Account	24,018	0	24,018	57,053
HSBC Deposit Account	0	7,370	7,370	4,871
	24,018	7,370	31,388	61,924
LIABILITIES				
Accounts examination			480	480

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Approved by the Trustees on 28/10/24 and

Signed on their behalf by Robert Davies, Robert Davies, Chairman

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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Non Gift Aid donations	420	15,267	15,687	11,396
Gift Aid Donations	3,989	29,876	33,865	39,068
GASDS Donations	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Recovered	6,136	0	6,136	6,325
Interest	98	0	98	9
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3. PAYMENTS

	Note	FUNDS 2023			TOTAL FUNDS 2022
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a) Charitable Activities					
Grants to Institutions in Uganda:					
ROLC Operations & expenses		16,615	13,334	29,949	27,258
White Eagle Children's Project		9,173	15,453	24,626	32,313
Community Health & Outreach:					
Community Outreach		259	1,920	2,179	1,930
Kitovu Baby Unit		4,914	2,700	7,614	8,416
Synergy Sports			2,585	2,585	2,197
Bujja Farm development		1,853	0	1,853	773
Discipleship Groups		872	0	872	1,098
Leadership Academy		1,738	3,560	5,298	5,620
Prayer Mountain		1,493	504	1,997	1,403
Missions expenses		1,967	0	1,967	0
Grants to Individuals in Uganda/UK:					
ROL Church Director		125	0	125	0
Missionary (contract ROLSB11101)		1,164	3,036	4,200	4,200
Missionary (contract ROLLM16401)		587	600	1,187	1,187
Bank & Transfer Charges		302	0	302	336
Phone calls, postage & software		0	0	0	0
Insurance & Subscriptions		315	0	315	414
Consultancy & examination		0	0	0	0
		41,377	43,692	85,069	87,145

b) Raising Funds

Website development & maintenance	0	0	0	0
Publishing expenses	0	0	0	0
Fundraising expenses	1,185	0	1,185	216
Travel	0	0	0	0
	1,185	0	1,185	216

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Reimbursement of expenses:	
Postage	0
TOTAL	0

5. INSURANCE

In accordance with a provision in the Constitution of the Trust, Trustee Indemnity insurance has been ef

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UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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Accounts



Uganda River of Life Ministries

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

Charity No. 1110595

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Report of the Trustees
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Uganda River of Life Ministries Trustees Report 2022

1. Preamble

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2. Trustees

The Trustees for the period January to December 2022 were:

Robert Davies (Chair of Trustees), Margaret Poulter, Maria Warren

New Trustees are identified and appointed by the existing Trustees.

3. Summary of objects as set out in the governing document

1. To advance the Christian faith.
2. To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship.

UROLM receives funds from UK donors for the support of River of Life Church (ROLC), Masaka, Uganda, a separately constituted and registered Ugandan church and NGO.

These funds are used to –

1. Spread the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ.
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 - 1) Community Outreach – meeting the spiritual and material needs of the most vulnerable within Nyendo, Masaka
 - 2) Kitovu Hospital Neonatal Unit: funding the staffing and ongoing costs of running a Neonatal Unit caring for up to 30 babies a month.
 - 3) The White Eagle Project: providing emergency residential, resettlement and community-based care of up to 30 orphan and vulnerable children, with a particular focus on children who have suffered abuse and neglect.
 - 4) ROL Leadership Academy: providing post-O Level education, mentoring and training schemes for young people from Masaka.
 - 5) Synergy Sports Strategy: uses sport to help young people realise their full potential through training, discipleship and mentoring.
 - 6) Masaka Prayer Mountain: developing a prayer centre on a c.25-acre site just outside Masaka Municipality, Uganda.
 - 7) Mission: the promotion of cross-cultural mission trips, both short and long-term.

4. The main activities of UROLM

- Fundraising for the work of River of Life Church (ROLC)
- Mobilising spiritual and material support by implementing a Communications Strategy
- Overseeing the River of Life Missionary Programmes, which facilitates short and long-term visits to River of Life Church in Uganda from the UK.
- Ensuring UROLM is following all good governance guidance, and conforming to best practise in its fundraising and communications.

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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Although River of Life Church (Uganda) is fully responsible for its own strategic and operational decisions, advice is sought, and given, by UROLM Trustees for the effective running of River of Life Church. Mary Kibaya (the founder of River of Life Church) and Rob Davies, are members of the Board of River of Life Church, Uganda, whilst Margaret Poulter visits River of Life Church Uganda annually, as travel restrictions permit.

5. Chairman's Report – Rob Davies

2022 saw UROLM raise £56,789 for the work of River of Life Church in Uganda. 99% of our expenditure of £87,361 was spent on Charitable Activities. Raising this amount of money represents an amazing achievement, and the Trustees wish to thank and appreciate all the volunteers, supporters and friends of the wider River of Life family for making it possible. We particularly remember with gratitude our former Treasurer, Ian Drake, who left UROLM a substantial legacy in 2021, which has helped the work of River of Life Church significantly.

Governance

The Trustees met on three occasions via Zoom to review our financial position; plan and implement strategies for Fundraising, Communications, Mission and Governance; identify and mitigate for any areas of risk. They have also met regularly with the Board of River of Life Church, to help implement an HR overview and Staff Salary overview. 2022 saw us finally manage to bring our Charity Commission reporting back on-time after three years of challenge following Ian Drake's death. Special thanks goes to our Account Relationship Manager who has been fantastic in supporting us rebuild.

Fundraising

Our fundraising has continued to focus on Individuals, Events, Church & School Partnerships, and Trusts. We are indebted to the generosity of a large number of long-term supporters who continue to sponsor children and young people, give extra when the need is greater, and wholeheartedly support the vision and mission of UROLM in its support of the work of ROLC.

The trustees would like to extend their profound appreciation to everyone who has supported the work of River of Life Church financially, and are humbled by the level of sacrificial giving they have seen.

Communications

Our main form of communication throughout 2022 was through our Facebook Page, and through updates to regular supporters of the White Eagle Project with Manager's & School Reports, handwritten letters and photos for each sponsor. Unfortunately our website became redundant in the period, and we are building a new one.

Mission

We continued to support our Long-term Mission partners, Lisa Meadows and Sarah Beale, both of whom have moved on to new ministries. No other mission trips took place.

6. The work of River of Life Church

River of Life Church is a registered Ugandan Company, No. 58534 and Registered Ugandan NGO No. 3394. The Elders and Directors of River of Life Church are Mary Kibaya, David Nyongesa, Emily Ojambo, Betty Kwagala, and Rob Davies. As founder, Mary Kibaya acts as the key contact point between the two organisations, and throughout the period was able to take an active role in the Board of Elders and other activities of the church via Zoom, Whatsapp and other online tools.

The ROLC Board continued to send monthly statements of expenditure under budgeted headings and has sent us audited accounts for 2022. The Trustees remain highly confident in the operational capacity and financial management of the ROLC Team.

2022 saw Uganda finally emerge from COVID restrictions, and it was great to see the Ministry Teams and programmes grow and develop through the year. A particular highlight was the building of a Church at Bujja, with the generous support of David & Nita Loveall and Three Sixteen Ministries International.

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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Community Outreach Programmes

ROLC's Community Outreach programme includes weekly visits to the Hospital and Prison, and support to the Kitovu NeoNatal Unit. The main aim of these programmes is to address the immediate and pressing spiritual and material needs of the community.

1) Community Outreach Hospital Ministry made weekly visits to Masaka District Referral Hospital, to pray for the sick and to give out fruit, soap and other personal items.

2) Kitovu Hospital Neonatal Unit Ministry funds 5 nurses and the development of the Neonatal Unit at Kitovu Hospital, Masaka. In 2022 we were able to fund Multiparameter Monitoring Equipment for the unit, which continues to support up to 30 premature babies each month.

Training and Discipleship Programme

Four programmes under Training and Discipleship continued in 2022. Overall responsibility for this department rests with Director Emily Ojambo. The main aim of these programmes is to realise real and lasting transformation in people's lives and their communities.

1) White Eagle Project (WEP). The WEP provides temporary residential care for severely at-risk children, and community-based care for at-risk children. It does this through (i) supporting Education, (ii) intensive Mentoring, (iii) supporting Health, (iv) promoting a Safe and Secure Home environment and (v) Resettlement and Rehabilitation.

2) Synergy Sports Strategy uses sport to promote healthy lifestyles, provides opportunities for mentoring and discipleship and helps young people reach their God-given potential.

3) Discipleship Groups: ROLC has 6 different discipleship groups, these include: Youth Group, The Amazing Generation (young adults group), Marrieds, Women of Honour, Schools Ministry and Children's Church. Each group provides a forum for peer-led discipleship and training.

4) ROL Leadership Academy raises up young leaders from Masaka through Leadership Training and Education Bursaries and also gives an opportunity to White Eagle children who show leadership potential to continue their education.

Prayer and Healing Programme

The main activity in 2022 was regular Prayer and Worship meetings on Masaka Prayer Mountain, including our monthly Worship Meeting called "Organic Worship." Although we won the last remaining civil court case associated with the development of c. 25 acres at Masaka Prayer Mountain in 2021, the defendants have appealed and the case has yet to be heard.

Operations and Mission

The ROLC Finance Team continued to operate robust financial reporting, cash control mechanisms, requisition and approval processes, budget reporting, and expenditure reporting. Monthly receipts under budgetary headings were supplied to UROLM, together with audited accounts for 2021.

The ROLC Farm progressed well under the stewardship of the Farm Manager, with a large plantation of Eucalyptus being established.

The Church plants in Bujja, a village about 3 miles from Nyendo, and Misaali continued to develop. The new church building at Bujja was a particular blessing.

7. The Future

2023 will again see us need to strengthen our UK Team to meet the challenges of fundraising for the continued excellent work of River of Life Church.

In Uganda, focus will continue to be on the development of Masaka Prayer Mountain.

Increasing the number of core, regular supporters, financial and prayer, is critical for the continued development of UROLM, whilst accessing Trusts and Grants for eligible ministries such as the White Eagle Project and the Leadership Academy is crucial to ensure their ongoing success.

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Particular thanks must be expressed to all our donors and friends. Without their support ROLC would be unable to have the impact that it has.

Rob Davies, UROLM Chairman, 11th October 2023

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Robert Davies

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Mr Robert Davies, Trustee

Date *24th October 2023*
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Date 18th October 2023

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 2022
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	FUNDS 2022			TOTAL FUNDS
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RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	11,951	44,847	56,798	167,610
TOTAL RECEIPTS		11,951	44,847	56,798	167,610
PAYMENTS :					
Charitable Activities	3a	38,825	48,321	87,145	79,635
Raising Funds	3b	216	0	216	256
TOTAL PAYMENTS		39,041	48,321	87,361	79,891
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-27,090	-3,473	-30,564	87,719
Fund Transfers				0	0
Balances Brought Forward		77,688	14,730	92,418	4,696
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		50,598	11,257	61,854	92,415

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total at 31/12/22	Total at 31/12/21
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
ASSETS				
HSBC Current Account	50,530	6,453	56,983	87,719
HSBC Deposit Account	0	4,871	4,871	2,462
	50,530	11,324	61,854	90,181
LIABILITIES				
Accounts examination			480	480

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Signed on their behalf by Robert Davies....., Robert Davies, Chairman

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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Income Tax Recovered	6,325	0	6,325	9,034
Interest	0	0	0	0
	11,942	44,847	56,789	167,430

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		38,825	48,321	87,145	79,636

b) Raising Funds

Website development & maintenance	0	0	0	40
Publishing expenses	0	0	0	0
Fundraising expenses	216	0	216	216
Travel	0	0	0	0
	216	0	216	256

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Reimbursement of expenses:	
Postage	0
TOTAL	0

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UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 December 2021

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5. Chairman's Report – Rob Davies

2021 saw UROLM raise £167,610. 99% of our expenditure of £79,891 was spent on Charitable Activities. Raising this amount of money represents an amazing achievement, and the Trustees wish to thank and appreciate all the volunteers, supporters and friends of the wider River of Life family for making it possible. We particularly remember with gratitude our former Treasurer, Ian Drake, who left UROLM £100,000 in his will.

Governance

The Trustees met on five occasions via Zoom to review our financial position; plan and implement strategies for Fundraising, Communications, Mission and Governance; identify and mitigate for any areas of risk. Very sadly Ian Drake passed away in January 2021, and his steady hand and competence with the finances are sorely missed. It has taken us some time to work through the challenges his death presented to us, but we're now able to report after 3 years of filing our accounts late, that for 2022 we are back on track. We were delighted to re-appoint Maria Warren as a Trustee which has hugely helped.

Fundraising

Our fundraising has continued to focus on Individuals, Events, Church & School Partnerships, and Trusts. We are indebted to the generosity of a large number of long-term supporters who continue to sponsor children and young people, give extra when the need is greater, and wholeheartedly support the vision and mission of UROLM in its support of the work of ROLC.

The trustees would like to extend their profound appreciation to everyone who has supported the work of River of Life Church financially, and are humbled by the level of sacrificial giving they have seen.

Communications

Our main form of communication throughout 2021 was through our Facebook Page, and through updates to regular supporters of the White Eagle Project with a Newsletter, Manager's & School Reports, handwritten letters and photos for each sponsor. Unfortunately our website became redundant in the period, and we are looking at how to resurrect it.

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We continued to support our Long-term Mission partners, Lisa Meadows and Sarah Beale, both of whom have moved on to new ministries.

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The ROLC Board continued to send monthly statements of expenditure under budgeted headings and has sent us audited accounts for 2021. The Trustees remain highly confident in the operational capacity and financial management of the ROLC Team.

The various ministries of the church continued to be profoundly impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic throughout 2021, with Uganda suffering the longest school closures of any country. However, the church was able to meet via Zoom during periods of restrictions for those who could get internet access, and opened up to socially-distanced meetings when those restrictions allowed. The Ministry teams continued to operate, as outlined below:

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1) Community Outreach ministries were severely curtailed by the pandemic, with the hospital and prison remaining closed to visitors. However, the teams were still able to support needy families, of which there were many, with emergency food parcels and other support.

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Training and Discipleship Programme

Four programmes under Training and Discipleship continued in 2021, although again, severely restricted by the pandemic. Overall responsibility for this department rests with Director Emily Ojambo. The main aim of these programmes is to realise real and lasting transformation in people's lives and their communities.

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The main activity in 2021, once socially distanced gatherings were allowed, was regular Prayer and Worship meetings on Masaka Prayer Mountain, including our monthly Worship Meeting called "Organic Worship." We won the last remaining civil court case associated with the development of c. 25 acres at Masaka Prayer Mountain, although the defendants have appealed.

Operations and Mission

The ROLC Finance Team continued to operate robust financial reporting, cash control mechanisms, requisition and approval processes, budget reporting, and expenditure reporting. Monthly receipts under budgetary headings were supplied to UROLM, together with audited accounts for 2021.

The ROLC Farm progressed well under the stewardship of the Farm Manager, whilst the Church plants in Bujja, a village about 3 miles from Nyendo, and Misaali continued to develop.

7. The Future

2022 and 2023 will again see us need to strengthen our UK Team to meet the challenges of fundraising for the continued excellent work of River of Life Church. Replacing Ian as our Treasurer and ensuring we maintain his high standards of financial control are a priority. We have appointed a book-keeper to help us keep up-to-date with our accounts, and the 2022 accounts will be filed well within the deadline, for the first time since 2019.

In Uganda, focus will continue to be on the development of Masaka Prayer Mountain.

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Increasing the number of core, regular supporters, financial and prayer, is critical for the continued development of UROLM, whilst accessing Trusts and Grants for eligible ministries such as the White Eagle Project and the Leadership Academy is crucial to ensure their ongoing success.

Particular thanks must be expressed to all our donors and friends. Without their support ROLC would be unable to have the impact that it has. In addition, the Trustees would like to especially remember Ian Drake, who's personal generosity and commitment to the ministry have been so inspirational, our founders Mary and her late husband Duncan, and all the staff and volunteers of River of Life Church, without whom the ministry would be unable to achieve what it has achieved.

Rob Davies, UROLM Chairman, *12th May 2023*

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Charity registration number	1110595
Principal address	97 THE AVENUE MORTIMER COMMON READING RG7 3RB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr Ian David Scott Drake (died Jan. 2021)
Mrs Maria Warren (appointed March 2021)
Mrs Margaret Joan Poulter
Mr Robert Davies

Independent examiners:

Nigel Rivers
3 Battlemead Close
Maidenhead
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Bankers:

HSBC Bank Plc
29-21 Electric Parade
George Lane,
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Robert Davies

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Mr Robert Davies, Trustee

Date *22nd May 2023*
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UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2021

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

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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.

Nigel Rivers

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Date 22nd May 2023

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 2021
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	FUNDS 2021			TOTAL FUNDS 2020
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	114,361	53,249	167,610	96,213
TOTAL RECEIPTS		114,361	53,249	167,610	96,213
PAYMENTS :					
Charitable Activities	3a	29,257	50,378	79,635	95,840
Raising Funds	3b	256	0	256	769
TOTAL PAYMENTS		29,513	50,378	79,891	96,609
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		84,848	2,871	87,719	-396
Fund Transfers		-7,210	7,210	0	0
Balances Brought Forward		50	4,649	4,699	5,092
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		77,688	14,730	92,418	4,696

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total at 31/12/21	Total at 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
ASSETS				
HSBC Current Account	77,688	12,268	89,956	4,637
HSBC Deposit Account	0	2,462	2,462	62
	77,688	14,730	92,418	4,699
LIABILITIES				
Accounts examination			480	480

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a receipts & payments account and statement of assets & liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 22nd May 2023 and

Signed on their behalf by Robert Davies, Robert Davies, Chairman

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 2021

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charities Act 2008.

2. RECEIPTS

	FUNDS 2021			TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£
a) Voluntary Receipts				
Non Gift Aid donations	100,612	16,814	117,426	23,676
Gift Aid Donations	4,715	36,435	41,150	57,533
GASDS Donations	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Recovered	9,034	0	9,034	15,005
Interest	0	0	0	0
	114,361	53,249	167,610	96,214

3. PAYMENTS

	Note	FUNDS 2021			TOTAL
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a) Charitable Activities					
Grants to Institutions in Uganda:					
ROLC Operations & expenses		10,860	13,789	24,649	30,483
White Eagle Children's Project		815	21,190	22,005	21,235
Community Health & Outreach:					0
Community Outreach		0	1,264	1,264	5,345
Kitovu Baby Unit		7,391	3,020	10,411	10,881
Synergy Sports			2,245	2,245	2,249
Bujja Farm development		1,176	0	1,176	1,733
Discipleship Groups			528	528	730
Leadership Academy		343	4,185	4,528	1,331
Prayer Mountain		2,190	504	2,694	3,691
Missions expenses		1,654	0	1,654	0
Grants to Individuals in Uganda/UK:					
ROL Church Director		2,166	0	2,166	12,672
Missionary (contract ROLSB11101)		1,493	3,036	4,529	3,700
Missionary (contract ROLLM16401)		587	600	1,187	1,187
Bank Charges		293	17	310	316
Phone calls, postage & software		0	0	0	10
Insurance & Subscriptions		290	0	290	277
Consultancy & examination		0	0	0	0
		29,257	50,378	79,635	95,840

b) Raising Funds

Website development & maintenance	40	0	40	527
Publishing expenses	0	0	0	0
Fundraising expenses	216	0	216	216
Travel	0	0	0	26
	256	0	256	769

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Reimbursement of expenses:	
Postage	0
TOTAL	0

5. INSURANCE

In accordance with a provision in the Constitution of the Trust, Trustee Indemnity insurance has been ef

6. RISK ASSESSMENT

As the Trust does not own any tangible property, nor does it undertake projects in its own right, the main risks to which it is exposed concern remittances going astray or being mis-applied with the consequent risk of adverse publicity and blame by either or both supporters and intended beneficiaries. It seeks to address these risks by using proprietary financial institutions to hold and transfer funds, requiring regular detailed reports from beneficiaries, and trustee visits to supported projects.

7. RESERVES POLICY

The Objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian Faith and to relieve persons who are in conditions of need and hardship. It does this by making Grants for specific activities and projects but without entering into ongoing legal contracts.

It does not own, rent or lease any premises or equipment. In this sense it only distributes funds which are already in hand, and has no need to set aside Funds in Reserve.

However, recognising that certain of the projects which Uganda River of Life Ministries supports have come to rely substantially upon this support, the abrupt withdrawal of which may cause considerable disruption and hardship, but mindful also of both the pressing and immediate need for which the Funds have been raised and that there may be future uncertainties in fundraising, the Trust seeks, over a period of time, to accumulate modest Reserves equivalent to three months' current expenditure.

8. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1110595

Accounts



Uganda River of Life Ministries

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

Charity No. 1110595

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Uganda River of Life Ministries Trustees Report 2020

1. Preamble

Uganda River of Life Ministries (UROLM) is a Charitable Trust. The Governing Document is a Deed dated 28th June 2005, as amended by Deeds of Variation on 1st July 2013 & 2nd June 2016.

The Trustees meet at least twice a year. The Trust does not have an office.

Correspondence address is 97 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RB. Web site: www.riveroflifeuganda.org, Email: info@riveroflifeuganda.org

Our Bankers are: HSBC Bank plc, 20-21 Electric Parade, George Lane, South Woodford, London E18 2LX

Our Accounts are independently examined by Nigel Gough, 5 Paprika Close, Earley, Reading, RG6 5GT

2. Trustees

The Trustees for the period January to December 2020 were:

Robert Davies (Chair of Trustees), Ian Drake (Treasurer, died Jan 2021), Margaret Poulter

New Trustees are identified and appointed by the existing Trustees.

3. Summary of objects as set out in the governing document

1. To advance the Christian faith.
2. To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship.

UROLM receives funds from UK donors for the support of River of Life Church (ROLC), Masaka, Uganda, a separately constituted and registered Ugandan church and NGO.

These funds are used to –

1. Spread the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ.
2. Provide spiritual and material assistance for those in need in the congregation and locality; in particular through Community Outreach, Training and Discipleship, and Prayer and Healing Programmes. The most significant Projects within these Programmes in terms of scope and impact are:
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Rob Davies, UROLM Chairman, *17th July 2022*

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Mr Robert Davies, Trustee

Date ***13th August 2022***

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Date 10th August 2022

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 2020
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	FUNDS 2020			TOTAL FUNDS 2019
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	37,955	58,259	96,213	91,698
TOTAL RECEIPTS		37,955	58,259	96,213	91,698
PAYMENTS :					
Charitable Activities	3a	45,770	50,070	95,840	89,419
Raising Funds	3b	769	0	769	480
TOTAL PAYMENTS		46,538	50,070	96,608	89,899
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-8,584	8,189	-395	1,799
Fund Transfers		8,595	-8,595	0	
Balances Brought Forward		39	5,052	5,092	3,293
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		50	4,646	4,696	5,092

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total at 31/12/20	Total at 31/12/19
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
ASSETS				
HSBC Current Account	48	4,589	4,637	5,030
HSBC Deposit Account	2	60	62	61
	50	4,649	4,699	5,091
LIABILITIES				
Accounts examination			480	480

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a receipts & payments account and statement of assets & liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on and

Signed on their behalf by, Robert Davies, Chairman

UGANDA RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 2020

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements. All operations are

2. RECEIPTS

	FUNDS 2020			TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	FUNDS 2019
	£	£	£	£
a) Voluntary Receipts				
Non Gift Aid donations	6,420	17,256	23,676	29,500
Gift Aid Donations	16,530	41,003	57,533	49,279
GASDS Donations	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Recovered	15,005	0	15,005	12,916
Interest	0	0	0	2
	37,955	58,259	96,213	91,697

3. PAYMENTS

	Note	FUNDS 2020			TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	FUNDS 2019
		£	£	£	£
a) Charitable Activities					
Grants to Institutions in Uganda:					
ROLC Operations & expenses		16,292	14,191	30,483	15,713
White Eagle Children's Project			21,235	21,235	26,503
Community Health & Outreach:					8,564
Community Outreach		3,425	1,920	5,345	
Kitovu Baby Unit		7,031	3,850	10,881	
Synergy Sports			2,249	2,249	6,420
Bujja Farm development		1,733	0	1,733	1,575
Discipleship Groups			730	730	808
Leadership Academy			1,331	1,331	6,145
Prayer Mountain		3,131	560	3,691	3,749
Missions expenses			0	0	0
Grants to Individuals in Uganda/UK:					
ROL Church Director		12,672		12,672	12,454
Missionary (contract ROLSB11101)		552	3,148	3,700	4,416
Missionary (contract ROLLM16401)		587	600	1,187	1,349
Bank Charges		60	256	316	505
Phone calls, postage & software		10		10	85
Insurance & Subscriptions		277		277	264
Consultancy & examination		0		0	870
		45,770	50,070	95,840	89,420

b) Raising Funds

Website development & maintenance	527	527	480
Publishing expenses	0	0	0
Fundraising expenses	216	216	0
Travel	26	26	0
	769	0	480

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Reimbursement of expenses:

Postage	0
TOTAL	0

5. INSURANCE

In accordance with a provision in the Constitution of the Trust, Trustee Indemnity insurance has been effected with Ansvar as part of a Policy which includes Public Liability in the UK and various other cover.

6. RISK ASSESSMENT

As the Trust does not own any tangible property, nor does it undertake projects in its own right, the main risks to which it is exposed concern remittances going astray or being mis-applied with the consequent risk of adverse publicity and blame by either or both supporters and intended beneficiaries. It seeks to address these risks by using proprietary financial institutions to hold and transfer funds, requiring regular detailed reports from beneficiaries, and trustee visits to supported projects.

7. RESERVES POLICY

The Objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian Faith and to relieve persons who are in conditions of need and hardship. It does this by making Grants for specific activities and projects but without entering into ongoing legal contracts.

It does not own, rent or lease any premises or equipment. In this sense it only distributes funds which are already in hand, and has no need to set aside Funds in Reserve.

However, recognising that certain of the projects which Uganda River of Life Ministries supports have come to rely substantially upon this support, the abrupt withdrawal of which may cause considerable disruption and hardship, but mindful also of both the pressing and immediate need for which the Funds have been raised and that there may be future uncertainties in fundraising, the Trust seeks, over a period of time, to accumulate modest Reserves equivalent to three months' current expenditure.

8. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.