

VISION FOR CHINA

England & Wales - Charity number 1112500

Details

Other names VFC

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [05467314](#)

Registered 2005-12-13

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

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN CHINA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF FAITH SET OUT IN THE APPENDIX.(B) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN ALL ITS FIELDS INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING IN CHINA AND BY PROMOTING AND ARRANGING STUDY AND RESEARCH OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ANY OF ITS MINORITY LANGUAGES INCLUDING FACILITATING LANGUAGE TRANSLATION.(C) TO RELIEVE THOSE IN NEED IN PARTICULAR THOSE EXPERIENCING POVERTY, SICKNESS, DISEASE INCLUDING THOSE WITH ADDICTIVE DRUG CONDITIONS AND OTHER DISORDERS .(D) TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO THE PEOPLE OF CHINA.(E) TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE FOR THE CARE, NURTURE AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN IN CHINA.(F) TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF CHINA AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: Advancement of Christian faith, education, relief of poverty, healthcare & orphaned child care

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CHINA
- China

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£73,362	£166,142	-	-
2023-10-31	£267,558	£242,182	-	-
2022-10-31	£270,365	£208,843	-	-
2021-10-31	£279,815	£265,888	-	-
2020-10-31	£279,815	£272,753	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SUSAN MARY LAKER	Chair	2020-01-01
David Anthony Newbery		
Dr Christine Sansom		
LEE ANTON CHEUNG		
LESLEY COBILL		
LYNDA MARGARET CHEUNG		
TIM WIFFEN		2014-02-07

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Accounts

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governing document	Memorandum and articles of association incorporated 31 05 2000 amended by special resolution dated 0812 2005.
Charity number	1112500
Company Registration number	5467314
Business Address & Registered Office	The Longcroft Storeton Lane Barnston Wirral CH61 1BU
Directors	
Lee Anton Cheung	Chairman (to 26 07 24)
Lynda Margaret Cheung	International Short Term Volunteer Coordinator
Lesley Cobill	ELA Int Training Consultant
Susan Mary Laker	Chairman (from 26 07 24) UK Director, Sponsorship Coordinator & Safeguarding Officer
David Anthony Newbery	Academic Coordinator
Christine Dinah Sansom	Healthcare & Urgent Prayer Coordinator
Tim Wiffen	Website Coordinator
Company Secretary & Publicity Coordinator	Mary Scudamore
Officers	
Katherine Brind-Surch	Accounts Assistant (to 26 07 24)
Pat Henshaw	International Therapy Coordinator
Margaret Jardine-Smith	Administrative Assistant
Celia Newbery	Joint Academic Coordinator
Jonathan Newbery	Treasurer
Christine Skinner	Administrative Assistant
Paul Skinner	Advisor to Treasurer
Helen Tucker	Academic Assistant
Independent Examiner	Ian Afflick 61 Bridge Street Kington Herefordshire HR5 3DH Cheshire SK4 4QX
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VISION FOR CHINA
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024

The Directors present their Report and the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 October 2024. The Directors, who are also Directors for the purposes of company law and who served during the Year and up to the date of this Report are set out on page 1.

History & Connected Charities

Vision for China is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered both at Companies House and the Charity Commission.

The work we support began in 1983 as a Hong Kong registered non-profit organisation – English Language Association (ELA) – which sent and offered support to teachers of English in Chinese Universities. Former ELA teachers saw a great need in the area of childcare for abandoned children. With the support of ELA and local authorities they began to care for these children and to promote their adoption overseas. ELA became responsible for the staffing and running of 3 Baby and Childcare Units in separate welfare centres in Central China; children with special needs were also cared for and educated and fostering by Chinese families was promoted. Other works included: a medical clinic to promote community healthcare; a village doctors training programme; a cerebral palsy clinic and the teaching of State Welfare staff and those involved with care homes.

The work of ELA was supported by two branches of the UK-based charity which were Teachers for China and Caring for China's Children. These two branches were merged into Vision for China (VFC) in 2006. Since this time, VFC has continued to fulfil its objectives. The work and projects have changed over the years in response to changing needs and political and social events in China.

During an eight-year period, there was a move towards local Chinese staff taking over leadership of ELA Central Administration. This policy was consistent with that adopted by the Chinese government. Consequently, in July 2010 a non-profit Chinese organisation, named Shaanxi Agape Community Care Association, took over the functions of the Childcare and Healthcare departments from ELA. It had several projects registered under it, including: the Agape Vocational Training Centre (known as Warriors House), which provided fostering and sheltered employment; Family Care Services; Agape Home Care Service Centre (known as Happy Life of the Elderly); and Cedar Workshop, all registered since 2015. Elim Rehabilitation Centre for Special Needs Children (known as Elim Healthcare) took over the health-related work as a separate NPO. The Qing Xing special needs education and training project in Guiyang has now also become a separate NPO called Spring of Love Social Community Care Association(known as Well of Love). In 2015 in Hanzhong a further NPO was registered as Hanzhong Agape Community Care Association, under which in 2016 The Disabled People's Service Centre was named.

Much appreciated medical and educational assistance has been given over the years by volunteer workers from UK and other countries during short term visits. Staff members, children and members of the public have all benefited from their medical, educational and training input.

ELA was able to offer up-to-date comprehensive and appropriate methods of care for the different age and ability ranges of children for which the NPOs became responsible. There was a progression from the institutionalised care provided by the original baby units/orphanages to: nursery care; schooling with a low teacher/pupil ratio; special needs education; rehabilitation and vocational/life skills training, especially for young people with special needs, and the provision of sheltered employment. Whichever form of care was provided, the continuity of the high standard modelled on the ethos of the original baby units was encouraged. To this end training programmes were provided by ELA staff and specialist volunteers, who sought to work very closely both with the State Welfare Centres with whom they had links and also with the increasing number of NPOs in various forms of community work.

In 2019, ELA terminated its registration in Hong Kong and its objectives and activities are now fulfilled through English Language Association International (ELAI), a non-profit organisation with its head office at The Longcroft, Storeton Lane, Barnston, Wirral, CH61 1BU. The projects within China previously managed by ELA are now all registered as individual Chinese NGOs and are fully run and managed by local Chinese staff. VFC continues to support the projects with finances, advice/training, and prayer.

Sadly, during the summer months of 2022, the local government, acting according to central government policy, withdrew almost all the children and young people from NPO run homes/centres back into state care; only one project still has young people in their care who are from the local state welfare centre (and another project focusing on HIV/Aids). This has meant that the chief areas of NPO involvement now are in community projects in, for example, marriage and family support, mental health issues, parenting training, HIV awareness/training, support for the isolated elderly, (plus a model special needs adults' project located in an adult welfare centre) and special needs education/life skills training with children and young people from within the community

Structure, Governance & Management

The Directors have appointed officers who report to them on their respective areas of responsibility. Directors also provide reports on their areas of responsibility. The Directors usually meet two or three times per annum to discuss the work and to fulfil legal responsibilities. Directors are provided with financial information by the Treasurer who frequently liaises with the Chairman regarding financial matters. Directors and Coordinators liaise with each other re personnel matters and the interviewing and appointment of staff.

New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors, in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Succession Plan

In the event of there needing to be significant changes, the Directors and Team Members are willing to hold extra-ordinary meetings at short notice in order to ensure the continuity of the work.

Safeguarding

Vision for China has a safeguarding policy and its Directors are committed to the ongoing promotion of safeguarding and a safeguarding culture of awareness which will help to protect everyone. It is the aim that all volunteer workers should be suitable, committed and selected following an appropriate and stringent procedure to ensure best safeguarding practice. As an organisation, we have guided the NGOs we support in developing their own Safeguarding policies, which are in line with our own.

Main Objectives & Activities

- (a) To advance a best practice ethos through the work ethic of its staff.
- (b) To advance education in all its fields, including special needs education in particular by improving the quality of educational training and teaching in China and by promoting and arranging study of the Chinese language.
- (c) To relieve those in need, in particular those experiencing poverty, sickness and disease, where possible.
- (d) To promote and preserve good health, in particular through the provision of health and medical care, education and training to the people of China.
- (e) To promote and provide for the care, nurture and educational needs of orphaned and abandoned children in China (now only possible in one project).
- (f) To further such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the people of China as the directors see fit from time to time.
- (g) To continue to function under a duty of care policy and a culture of safeguarding concerning members of its UK volunteer staff, members of the public, teachers and volunteer trainers.
- (h) To enhance a policy of a duty of care and promote a safeguarding culture within the NPO organisations to which VFC offers support within the People's Republic of China.

Policies

To support Shaanxi Agape, Hanzhong Agape, Elim Special Needs Children Rehabilitation Centre known as Elim Healthcare, Spring of Love Social Community Care Association known as Well of Love and other NPOs by the administering and forwarding of financial gifts and the recruitment of suitable personnel for their ongoing training.

Hanzhong Agape is responsible for the staffing and running of a vocational and life skills training centre.

Elim Healthcare is now responsible for work with children and young people with HIV/AIDS, cerebral palsy and developmental delay with some children with HIV /Aids in a group home. It is also supporting families with HIV in the community, providing medical help to an orphanage in another province as well as providing some Health Education in the community.

Well of Love works with children with special needs to equip them to live independently in society and supporting their parents and carers to achieve this objective. The centre now has a Special Education School and has been involved in promoting special needs provision across the province and in advocating for the needs of families with special needs children.

The work of VFC is promoted by works such as:

holding day conferences in the UK; producing periodic news sheets and prayer diaries; speaking engagements; regular prayer meetings in different locations; the encouragement of urgent individual prayer, as needs arise, writing/advertising in Christian publications; encouraging Chinese and others interested in serving in China; the continued promotion and expansion of the successful sponsorship programmes.

Public Benefit

The aims of Vision for China (VFC) are described under the heading “Objectives and Activities” - see above. These aims include: the prevention of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of religion; the advancement of life and the saving of lives; the relief of those in need, by reason of being orphaned or abandoned, their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The fulfilment of the aims of the public benefit policy are identified under the title, " History and Connected Charities" - see above. Please also note that many hundreds of children and adults have been helped in a variety of ways through the support given by VFC including assisting with the adoption of hundreds of children since 1995.

Directors therefore consider the Trust to be operating in the public benefit.

Details of the outworking of the aims of VFC are included under “Policies”- see above - and “Review of the Year” – see below.

Future aims of VFC are included under “Future Plans” – see below.

Risk Management

Key financial systems are operated, under the Treasurer, by approved personnel, and have been designed to minimise risk. Other risks are also minimal owing to VFC not owning property.

Consideration has been given to key roles being shadowed, and support being offered where identified, e.g. where there is absence or illness, or where workloads may be too great. Although we have as an organisation managed to fulfil our duties in the past, this is an area where ongoing consideration is required.

Achievements & Performance

Over many years the main focus of the Agape childcare work in a central province was with older children and young adults who had been in government care, mainly those with special needs, although abandoned babies and toddlers were still cared for in one centre until they could be either adopted or fostered. All this work has now ended but while it continued, more than 1500 orphans and special needs children from government welfare centres were cared for, and more than 900 were adopted by families from more than 10 countries. The other nursery came to the end of its 20 year contract with the Welfare Centre on 2022, and owing to the much reduced number of babies being abandoned, was asked to take on another role of providing special needs education to older children, a mark of the high respect it had gained over the more than 20 previous years. In the face of great difficulties, including the pandemic, it was transformed into Green Olive Home for young people with special needs, both from the Welfare Centre and the community, where they can be educated appropriately and trained in life skills. This centre has so far been allowed to keep the young people from the welfare centre and actually been given more.

Rehabilitation: the centre where children with moderate to severe special needs could receive rehabilitation therapy is now under government control.

Fostering: fostering in individual homes has sadly now been ended owing to a change in government policy and was also ended in group homes, such as Warriors House and Elim Group Home, in August 2022.

Vocational Training/employment continues in two centres for young people with complex special needs to enable them to live a more independent life.

a) In Warriors House life-skills and vocational training is given only to those from the community; the young people live in their own apartment with some supervision, and are taught to cook, clean and shop.

b) This has now developed a second centre Light and Salt to cater for those who have graduated from the first centre and are able to find employment; they are provided with sheltered accommodation and supervision/support as they enter the world of work.

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c) A craft workshop Cedar Workshop established in 2015 ceased in 2023/ 24 due to lack of custom and subsequent redeployment of workers.

d) A completely new venture Grace Homes began two years previously with Agape being asked to run a section of a local Welfare Centre for adults (over 14) with severe special needs/medical problems. Several rooms were provided and Agape provides the staff; it is currently caring for 28 adults ranging in age from 18 - 79.

e) In another city a Disabled People's Service Centre (Eagles Wings) gives training in life skills/vocational training to young adults with special needs mainly living at home, although some accommodation is provided where necessary.

f) Well of Love Social Community Care Association in a south-western province, continues to cater for families who have kept their children with special needs, rather than abandoning them, by providing assessment and rehabilitation to over 30 children on a weekly basis. Parents are supported, encouraged and given more understanding of how to handle their children's needs. A separate school for children with special needs has also been established and is doing well. This centre has now successfully transferred to management by local staff, most of whom have been trained up there, and has now become a separate NPO registered with the government.

g) Elim Healthcare was registered as a Chinese NPO early in 2014, working with Chinese orphans who were HIV positive or had other needs; the Elim Group Home, opened in 2014, catered for those with varied educational and medical needs but this group of children were taken back into state care, although staff are allowed to keep in touch for their ongoing support. A small group of HIV Children allocated by welfare centres now live in the Elim Group home The Elim Kids programme aims to teach people the truth about HIV, by increasing the amount of published material suitable for younger ages and giving lectures/workshops as widely as possible. The Elim Healthcare team also works in the community with those who have HIV; they also address other health education needs amongst children and young people through workshops and lectures.

h) As social conditions in China change, so do its needs; now there is an increasing need for caring for isolated elderly people. Happy Life of the Elderly began in 2018, making contact with and then supporting vulnerable elderly people living alone. It provides some care where needed and arranges community activities to improve their wellbeing and to cross the generational divide. Its work is increasingly valued by the local government.

Training:

During this last financial year, no training by professionals from outside China has been possible in person within China because of the constraints of the pandemic. However, continued support and direction is given online as before, where necessary.

i) The previous Godly leadership and Management trainer from UK is still regularly involved in continual on-line support/consultancy from UK.

ii) Agape Family Care Programme - formerly known as No Regrets/Family Care: This training programme began in 2014, focusing on building character and healthy relationships. As awareness grew about the spread of HIV/AIDS in society and the increase in abortions amongst college students, government and academic institutions recognised the need for counselling and advice amongst students, whose mental health issues were also increasing. The training is taken by a small team into universities, colleges and schools and is receiving good feedback; the team are currently training more teachers and also run parenting courses and provide other forms of family support and training. Support is also increasingly being provided in the area of mental health, both for staff within the organisation and in external settings such as a nursery, schools. Ongoing supervision, training and support in the mental health and counselling work is provided online by a British professional who has previously trained within China. The manager of Family Care has also registered a local business separately from Agape specifically for the counselling and support of those suffering bullying and other mental health issues.

iii) ELAI Academic Department has historically provided well-qualified and committed expatriate staff to teach English in a number of universities. Following the pandemic, no new teachers have been recruited via ELAI Academic, and this season seems to have passed. We continue to support those still in China (one family) and others who are recruited directly by Universities or schools in China, and want to be part of a Christian support network, which we can offer. Many teachers previously employed in China through ELAI Academic are working with International students in their home countries, and are supported in this as VFC Associates.

In the UK ongoing support has been given to returning teachers and other staff, including debriefing meetings and regular opportunities to meet up through China Days and other events; although some meetings are still held on Zoom, a major summer meeting was able to be held in person this year. Support is also being given by two young people previously in China, one of whom is also adopted, to three adopted special needs young people as they seek to establish their own identity and develop peer friendships

Financial Review

This year the overall financial support for work in China fell significantly as the large donation from an anonymous donor or donors that we received across the previous five years has now come to an end. Apart from this regular, one-off gifts and other income showed an increase of approximately £5,850 compared to the previous year resulting in an overall income of around £73,350. It is hoped that as the standard of living and awareness of the projects becomes more widely known that more financial help will be received from within China. It is also hoped that the fact that the NPOs are now Chinese will help increase support from within China.

Reserves Policy

The general policy has been to keep a reasonable level of money for working capital purposes and pass on gifts as soon as possible. The large donation received in 2019 was scheduled to be given to various projects over a five-year period. However, with interest payments, this was extended for a further year, and then another, as the projects indicated a preference for a gradual reduction in the funds received rather than an abrupt stop. This was agreed with Stewardship, through whom the donation was given. This has led to a larger than usual reserve held in the UK.

There have been some delays in getting money to the projects in China, and whilst these difficulties are resolved, the reserves held in the UK have been higher than usual, and are transferred to China as soon as possible.

Future Plans

To continue to offer support to the teachers remaining in China, in other South Asian countries, and back in the home country as VFC associates.

To support the work of the different NPOs by publicising their work and supplying training and funding where possible.

To monitor the projects regularly to ensure: that an excellent service is offered; that they are financially accountable regarding funding received; and that they continue to be viable.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial Year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

Independent Examiner

The Directors recommend that Ian Afflick remain as Independent Examiner until further notice.

Small Company provisions

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for Small Companies under The Companies Acts

On behalf of the Board

18th July 2025

Sue Laker
Director

VISION FOR CHINA
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF VISION FOR CHINA

I report to the Directors on my examination of the Accounts of Vision For China for the Year ended 31st October 2024.

As the charity directors of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Ian Afflick Accountant
61 Bridge Street
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18th July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 10 24 Total	Year to 31 10 23 Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary Income	2	22,440	48,028	70,468	266,451
Activities for Generating Funds					27
Investment Income	3	2,894		2,894	1,080
Total Incoming Resources		25,334	48,028	73,362	267,558
Resources expended					
Grants		111,555	48,986	160,541	238,214
Cost of Sales & Sponsorship costs					1
Subscriptions		431		431	544
Communications & IT		98		98	127
Office Expenses		962		962	770
Bank charges		771		771	625
Promotional		922		922	474
Governance		2,417		2,417	1,427
Total Resources expended		117,156	48,986	166,142	242,182
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the Year		-91,822	-958	-92,780	25,376
Total Funds brought forward		266,670	4,341	271,011	245,635
Total Funds carried forward		174,848	3,383	178,231	271,011

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the Year and therefore a separate statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	31 10 24	£	31 10 23	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		17		21
Current assets					
Debtors	8	125		274	
Cash at Bank & in hand		180,418		273,649	
		<u>180,543</u>		<u>273,923</u>	
Less: Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>2,329</u>		<u>2,933</u>	
Net Current Assets			178,214		270,990
Net Assets			<u>£ 178,231</u>		<u>£ 271,011</u>
Funds	10				
Restricted Income Funds			3,383		4,341
Unrestricted Income Funds:					
General Funds			174,848		266,670
Total Funds			<u>£ 178,231</u>		<u>£ 271,011</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (continued)
DIRECTORS STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 249B(4)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024

In approving these financial statements as Directors of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the Year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;
- (b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

Signed on behalf of the Board

18th July 2025

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Christine Sansom
Director

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the Year and the preceding period.

1.1. Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Acts.

1.2. Cashflow

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a Small Charity.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included. Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

1.5. Formation costs

Formation Costs are written off in the year incurred, or if the first period of accounts is less than one year, on the first full year after incurred.

1.6. Tangible Fixed Assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office Equipment - 20% reducing balance

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2 Voluntary Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 31 10 24	Year ended 31 10 23
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	17,440	48,028	65,468	65,468
Legacy	5,000		5,000	
	22,440	48,028	70,468	266,451
	£	£	£	£
3 Investment Income				
	2,894		2,894	1,080
4 Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the Year			£	£
Net (Outgoing)/ Incoming resources is stated after charging:				
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets			4	4

5 Taxation

The Charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

6 Intangible Fixed Assets

Cost	£
At 1 November 2023 & At 31 October 2024	1,205
Provision for diminution in value	
At 1 November 2023 & At 31 October 2024	1,205
Net Book Values	
At 1 November 2023 & At 31 October 2024	

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7 Tangible Fixed Assets	Office	
	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 November 2023 & At 31 October 2024	844	844
Depreciation		
At 1 November 2023	823	823
Charge for the Year	4	4
At 31 October 2024	827	827
Net Book Values		
At 31 October 2024	17	17
At 31 October 2023	21	21

8 Debtors	at 31 10 24	at 31 10 23
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	125	274

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	at 31 10 24	at 31 10 23
	£	£
Loan from ELA International	956	1,698
Other Creditors	34	29
Accruals and deferred income	1,339	1,206
	2,329	2,933

10 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 October 2024 as represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	17		17
Current Assets	177,160	3,383	180,543
Current Liabilities	-2,329		-2,329
	174,848	3,383	178,231

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11 Unrestricted Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	At
	01 11 23	Resources	Resources	31 10 24
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	266,670	25,334	117,156	174,848
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12 Restricted Funds				
Child Care	627	9,592	9,355	864
Community Development	2,993	10,853	11,989	1,857
Gifts to Workers	474	25,918	26,094	298
Training & Administration	247	1,665	1,548	364
	<u>4,341</u>	<u>48,028</u>	<u>48,986</u>	<u>3,383</u>

13 Transactions with Directors

Four (Year to 31 10 23 -Two) Directors received £581 (Year to 31 10 23 - £259) for governance tra and accommodation costs.

In addition, non Director related expenses have been reclaimed by Two Directors (Year to 31 10 23 - Four) of £120 (Year to 31 10 23 - £254).

Also, the son and daughter-in-law of one Director were given £ 260 (Year to 31 10 23 - £180) in recognition of their charitable work in China and claimed £154 (Year to 31 10 23 - £0) in expenses Two (Year to 31 10 23 - two) Charities have a director/trustee in common with the Trust.

14 Company Limited by Guarantee

Vision For China is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exc £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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VISION FOR CHINA
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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governing document	Memorandum and articles of association incorporated 31 05 2000 amended by special resolution dated 0812 2005.
Charity number	1112500
Company Registration number	5467314
Business Address & Registered Office	The Longcroft Storeton Lane Barnston Wirral CH61 1BU
Directors	
Lee Anton Cheung	Chairman (to 26 07 24)
Lynda Margaret Cheung	International Short Term Volunteer Coordinator
Lesley Cobill	ELA Int Training Consultant
Susan Mary Laker	Chairman (from 26 07 24) UK Director, Sponsorship Coordinator & Safeguarding Officer
David Anthony Newbery	Academic Coordinator
Christine Dinah Sansom	Healthcare & Urgent Prayer Coordinator
Tim Wiffen	Website Coordinator
Company Secretary & Publicity Coordinator	Mary Scudamore
Officers	
Katherine Brind-Surch	Accounts Assistant
Pat Henshaw	International Therapy Coordinator
Margaret Jardine-Smith	Administrative Assistant
Celia Newbery	Joint Academic Coordinator
Jonathan Newbery	Treasurer
Christine Skinner	Administrative Assistant
Paul Skinner	Advisor to Treasurer
Helen Tucker	Academic Assistant
Independent Examiner	Ian Afflick 61 Tatton Road North Heaton Moor Stockport Cheshire SK4 4QX
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc 137 Telegraph Road Heswall Wirral CH60 0AN West Midlands B91 3RB

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VISION FOR CHINA
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

The Directors present their Report and the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 October 2023. The Directors, who are also Directors for the purposes of company law and who served during the Year and up to the date of this Report are set out on page 1.

History & Connected Charities

Vision for China is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered both at Companies House and the Charity Commission. It succeeded to the assets and activities of Caring for China's Children and Teachers for China on 2nd November 2006 and since then has continued to fulfil its objects and through the auspices of the English Language Association (a Hong Kong registered non profit organisation) send and offer support to Teachers of English in Chinese universities for 41 years. Five years ago, the English Language Association terminated its registration in Hong Kong and its objectives and activities are now fulfilled through English Language Association International (ELAI), a non-profit organisation with its head office at The Longcroft, Storeton Lane, Barnston, Wirral, CH61 1BU.

Former ELA teachers, seeing great need in the area of childcare for abandoned children, with the support of ELA and local Chinese authorities, began to care for these children in a certain city and to promote their adoption overseas. This work later diversified in nature – see below.

ELA became responsible for the staffing and running of 3 Baby and Childcare Units in separate welfare centres in Central China; children with special needs were also cared for and educated and fostering by Chinese families was promoted. Other works included: a medical clinic to promote community healthcare; a village doctors training programme; a cerebral palsy clinic and the teaching of State Welfare staff and those involved with care homes.

During an eight-year period, there was a move towards local Chinese staff progressively taking over leadership of ELA Central Administration. This policy was consistent with that which has since been adopted by the Chinese government. This policy was consistent with that adopted by the Chinese government. Consequently, in July 2010 a non-profit Chinese organisation, named Shaanxi Agape Community Care Association, took over the functions of the Childcare and Healthcare departments from ELA. It had several projects registered under it, including: the Agape Vocational Training Centre (known as Warriors House), which provided fostering and sheltered employment; Family Care Services; Agape Home Care Service Centre (known as Happy Life of the Elderly); and Cedar Workshop, all registered since 2015. Two other similar projects are currently in the government registration process. Elim Rehabilitation Centre for Special Needs Children (known as Elim Healthcare) took over the health-related work as a separate NPO. The Qing Xing special needs education and training project in Guiyang has now also become a separate NPO called Spring of Love Social Community Care Association (known as Well of Love). In 2015 in Hanzhong a further NPO was registered as Hanzhong Agape Community Care Association, followed in 2016 by The Disabled People's Service Centre in the same city.

Much appreciated medical and educational assistance has been given by volunteer workers from the UK and other countries while on short-term visits. Staff members, children and members of the public have all benefited from their medical educational and training input.

original baby units/orphanages to: nursery care; schooling with a low teacher/pupil ratio; special needs education; rehabilitation and vocational/life skills training, especially for young people with special needs, and the provision of sheltered employment. Whichever form of care was provided, the continuity of the high standard modelled on the ethos of the original baby units is encouraged. To this end training programmes have been provided by ELA staff and specialist volunteers who

Sadly, during the summer months of 2022, the local government, acting according to central government policy, withdrew almost all the children and young people from NPO run homes/centres back into state care; only one project still has young people in their care who are from the local state welfare centre (and another project focusing on HIV/Aids). This has meant that the chief areas of NPO involvement now are in community projects in, for example, marriage and family support, mental health issues, parenting training, HIV awareness/training, support for the isolated elderly, (plus a model special needs adults' project located in an adult welfare centre) and special needs education/life skills training with children and young people from within the community

Structure, Governance & Management

The Directors have appointed officers who report to them on their respective areas of responsibility. Directors also provide reports on their areas of responsibility. The Directors usually meet two or three times per annum to discuss the work and to fulfil legal responsibilities. Directors are provided with financial information by the Treasurer who frequently liaises with the Chairman regarding financial matters. Directors and Coordinators liaise with each other re personnel matters and the interviewing and appointment of staff.

New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors, in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Succession Plan

In the event of there needing to be significant changes, the Directors and Team Members are willing to hold extra-ordinary meetings at short notice in order to ensure the continuity of the work.

Safeguarding

Vision for China has a safeguarding policy and its Directors are committed to the ongoing promotion of safeguarding and a safeguarding culture of awareness which will help to protect everyone. It is the aim that all volunteer workers should be suitable, committed and selected following an appropriate and stringent procedure to ensure best safeguarding practice.

Main Objectives & Activities

- (a) To advance a best practice ethos through the work ethic of its staff.
- (b) To advance education in all its fields, including special needs education in particular by improving the quality of educational training and teaching in China and by promoting and arranging study of the Chinese language.
- (c) To relieve those in need, in particular those experiencing poverty, sickness and disease, where possible.
- (d) To promote and preserve good health, in particular through the provision of health and medical care, education and training to the people of China.
- (e) To promote and provide for the care, nurture and educational needs of orphaned and abandoned children in China (now only possible in one project).
- (f) To further such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the people of China as the directors see fit from time to time.
- (g) To continue to function under a duty of care policy and a culture of safeguarding concerning members of its UK volunteer staff, members of the public, teachers and volunteer trainers.
- (h) To enhance a policy of a duty of care and promote a safeguarding culture within the NPO organisations to which VFC offers support within the People's Republic of China.

Policies

To recruit suitable teachers for the work in China; the supporting of teachers by offering assistance concerning their employment and daily life in China; the offering of advice re insurance, medical and financial matters to teachers, and those teachers who wish to study.

To support TEFL trained teachers placed by ELA Int in schools and universities and offer spiritual and personal support to those teachers.

To advertise the opportunities for teaching in China, and to administer the Company in the UK.

To facilitate the learning of the Chinese language.

To support Shaanxi Agape, Hanzhong Agape, Elim Special Needs Children Rehabilitation Centre known as Elim Healthcare, Spring of Love Social Community Care Association known as Well of Love and other NPOs by the administering and forwarding of financial gifts and the recruitment of suitable personnel for their ongoing training.

Hanzhong Agape is responsible for the staffing and running of a vocational and life skills training centre.

Elim Healthcare is now responsible for work with children and young people with HIV/AIDS, cerebral palsy and developmental delay with some children with HIV /Aids in a group home. It is also supporting families with HIV in the community, providing medical help to an orphanage in another province as well as providing some Health Education in the community.

Well of Love works with children with special needs to equip them to live independently in society and supporting their parents and carers to achieve this objective. The centre now has a Special Education School and has been involved in promoting special needs provision across the province and in advocating for the needs of families with special needs children.

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The work of VFC is promoted by works such as:

holding day conferences in the UK; producing periodic news sheets and prayer diaries; speaking engagements; regular prayer meetings in different locations; the encouragement of urgent individual prayer, as needs arise, writing/advertising in Christian publications; encouraging Chinese and others interested in serving in China; the continued promotion and expansion of the successful sponsorship programmes.

Public Benefit

The aims of Vision for China (VFC) are described under the heading "Objectives and Activities" - see above. These aims include: the prevention of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of religion; the advancement of life and the saving of lives; the relief of those in need, by reason of being orphaned or abandoned, their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The fulfilment of the aims of the public benefit policy are identified under the title, "History and Connected Charities" - see above. Please also note that many hundreds of children and adults have been helped in a variety of ways through the support given by VFC including assisting with the adoption of hundreds of children since 1995.

Directors therefore consider the Trust to be operating in the public benefit.

Details of the outworking of the aims of VFC are included under "Policies"- see above - and "Review of the Year" – see below.

Future aims of VFC are included under "Future Plans" – see below.

Risk Management

Key financial systems are operated, under the Treasurer, by approved personnel, and have been designed to minimise risk. Other risks are also minimal owing to VFC not owning property.

Consideration has been given to key roles being shadowed, and support being offered where identified, e.g. where there is absence or illness, or where workloads may be too great. Although we have as an organisation managed to fulfil our duties in the past, this is an area where ongoing consideration is required.

Achievements & Performance

Over many years the main focus of the Agape childcare work in a central province was with older children and young adults who had been in government care, mainly those with special needs, although abandoned babies and toddlers were still cared for in one centre until they could be either adopted or fostered. Nearly all this work has now ended but while it continued, more than 1500 orphans and special needs children from government welfare centres were cared for, and more than 900 adopted by families from more than 10 countries. There were about 400 children adopted from one centre, 267 from a second centre, and 240 from a third centre, equalling 907.

The other nursery came to the end of its 20-year contract with the Welfare Centre two years ago and owing to the much reduced number of babies being abandoned, was asked to take on another role of providing special needs education to older children, a mark of the high respect it had gained over the more than 20 previous years. In the face of great difficulties, including the pandemic, it was transformed into Green Olive Home for young people with special needs, both from the Welfare Centre and the community, where they can be educated appropriately and trained on life skills. This centre has so far been allowed to keep the young people from the welfare centre.

Rehabilitation: the centre where children with moderate to severe special needs could receive rehabilitation therapy is now under government control.

Fostering: fostering in individual homes has sadly now been ended owing to a change in government policy and was also ended in group homes, such as Warriors House and Elim Group Home, in August 2022.

Vocational Training/employment continues in two centres for young people with complex special needs to enable them to live a more independent life.

a) In Warriors House life-skills and vocational training is given only to those from the community; the young people live in their own apartment with some supervision, and are taught to cook, clean and shop.

b) This has now developed a second centre Light and Salt to cater for those who have graduated from the first centre and are able to find employment; they are provided with sheltered accommodation and supervision/support as they enter the world of work.

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c) A craft workshop Cedar Workshop established some years ago continues, with handmade cards and other gifts being produced for sale in China and overseas.

d) A completely new venture Grace Homes began two years previously with Agape being asked to run a section of a local Welfare Centre for adults (over 14) with severe special needs/medical problems. Several rooms were provided and Agape provides the staff; it is currently caring for 28 adults ranging in age from 18 - 79.

e) In another city, a Disabled People's Service Centre gives training in life skills/vocational training to young adults with special needs currently living at home.

f) Well of Love Social Community Care Association in a south-western province, continues to cater for families who have kept their children with special needs, rather than abandoning them, by providing assessment and rehabilitation to over 30 children on a weekly basis. Parents are supported, encouraged and given more understanding of how to handle their children's needs. A separate school for children with special needs has also been established and is doing well. This centre has now successfully transferred to management by local staff, most of whom have been trained up there, and has now become a separate NPO registered with the government.

g) Elim Healthcare was registered as a Chinese NPO early in 2014, working with Chinese orphans who were HIV positive or had other needs; the Elim Group Home, opened in 2014, catered for those with varied educational and medical needs but this group of children were taken back into state care, although staff are allowed to keep in touch for their ongoing support. A small group of HIV Children allocated by welfare centres now live in the Elim Group home The Elim Kids programme aims to teach people the truth about HIV, by increasing the amount of published material suitable for younger ages and giving lectures/workshops as widely as possible. The Elim Healthcare team also works in the community with those who have HIV; they also address other health education needs amongst children and young people through workshops and lectures.

h) As social conditions in China change, so do its needs; now there is an increasing need for caring for isolated elderly people. Happy Life of the Elderly began in 2018, making contact with and then supporting vulnerable elderly people living alone. It provides some care where needed and arranges community activities to improve their wellbeing and to cross the generational divide. Its work is increasingly valued by the local government.

Training:

During this last financial year, no training by professionals from outside China has been possible in person within China because of the constraints of the pandemic. However, continued support and direction is given online as before, where necessary.

i) The previous Godly leadership and Management trainer from UK is still regularly involved in continual on-line support/consultancy from UK.

ii) Agape Family Care Programme - formerly known as No Regrets/Family Care: This training programme began in 2014, focusing on building character and healthy relationships. As awareness grew about the spread of HIV/AIDS in society and the increase in abortions amongst college students, government and academic institutions recognised the need for counselling and advice amongst students, whose mental health issues were also increasing. The training is taken by a small team into universities, colleges and schools and is receiving good feedback; the team are currently training more teachers and also run parenting courses and provide other forms of family support and training. Support is also increasingly being provided in the area of mental health, both for staff within the organisation and in external settings such as a nursery, schools and other local authority staff groups. Ongoing supervision, training and support in the mental health and counselling work is provided online by a British professional who has previously trained within China.

iii) ELA Int Academic Department seeks to provide well-qualified and committed expatriate staff to teach English in a number of universities. Again, owing to the effect of the pandemic, several staff were out of country when the Chinese lockdown occurred and have so far been unable to return to China; after two years teaching online, they have now found employment elsewhere, so that only two expatriate teachers currently work in China. Two long term teachers have transferred to teaching in Bible schools in Singapore and Manila and are still supported by VFC. Two families continue to run two separate growing education projects based in different locations including one outside of China. The one serving younger children has had to close to serious health issues for the teacher who ran it. The other project project teenagers who have had to leave the government education system for various reasons, by equipping them for tertiary education. During During year, the couple in UK continued to supervise the project, support staff and be fully involved both on-line and in a long visit.

In the UK ongoing support has been given to returning teachers and other staff, including debriefing meetings and regular opportunities to meet up through China Days and other events; although some meetings are still held on Zoom, a major summer meeting was able to be held in person this year.

Financial Review

In both this year and last, the overall financial support of VFC to the work in China has increased considerably owing to a large donation from an anonymous donor or donors. Regular gifts however have indicated a decrease of approximately £2,500 in comparison with 2021/2022 and with the large donation of £200,000 there was an overall income of £267,500. It is hoped that as the standard of living and awareness of the projects becomes more widely known that more financial help will be received from within that country. It is also hoped that the fact that the NPOs are now Chinese will help increase support from within China.

Reserves Policy

The general policy has been to keep a reasonable level of money for working capital purposes and pass on gifts as soon as possible. However, this year there was a large donation and discussion took place amongst the directors as to how best to designate this sum in accordance with the wishes of the donors, or donor. It was decided that the donation be used to support existing Projects within China over a period of 12 months, with a small sum kept for reserve purposes. Regular monitoring of the Projects would take place in order to ensure support given was at an appropriate level and for accountability purposes.

Future Plans

To continue to recruit teachers and promote the work.

To offer support to teachers, both whilst working in China and on their return to the UK.

To encourage the support of teachers by their sending churches.

To enable professional training by continuing to recruit and support visiting professionals in health, early and special needs education and social care.

To support the work of the different NPOs by publicising their work and supplying training and funding where possible.

To monitor the projects regularly to ensure: that an excellent service is offered; that they are financially accountable regarding funding received; and that they continue to be viable.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial Year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

Independent Examiner

The Directors recommend that Ian Afflick remain as Independent Examiner until further notice.

Small Company provisions

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for Small Companies under The Companies Acts
On behalf of the Board

24th June 2024

Lee Anton Cheung
Director

VISION FOR CHINA
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF VISION FOR CHINA

I report to the Directors on my examination of the Accounts of Vision For China for the Year ended 31st October 2023.

As the charity directors of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Ian Afflick Accountant
61 Tatton Road North
Heaton Moor
Stockport
Cheshire
SK4 4 QX
26th July 2024

VISION FOR CHINA
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 10 23 Total	Year to 31 10 22 Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary Income	2	211,520	54,931	266,451	258,362
Activities for Generating Funds			27	27	11,828
Investment Income	3	1,080		1,080	175
Total Incoming Resources		<u>212,600</u>	<u>54,958</u>	<u>267,558</u>	<u>270,365</u>
Resources expended					
Grants		183,289	54,925	238,214	204,180
Cost of Sales & Sponsorship costs		1		1	7
Subscriptions		544		544	594
Communications & IT		127		127	70
Office Expenses		770		770	1,289
Bank charges		625		625	796
Promotional		474		474	425
Governance		1,427		1,427	1,482
Total Resources expended		<u>187,257</u>	<u>54,925</u>	<u>242,182</u>	<u>208,843</u>
Net Incoming Resources for the Year		25,343	33	25,376	61,522
Total Funds brought forward		241,327	4,308	245,635	184,113
Total Funds carried forward		<u>266,670</u>	<u>4,341</u>	<u>271,011</u>	<u>245,635</u>

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the Year and therefore a separate statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	31 10 23	31 10 22	
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets	7		21	26
Current assets				
Debtors	8	274	280	
Cash at Bank & in hand		273,649	248,013	
		<u>273,923</u>	<u>248,293</u>	
Less: Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>2,933</u>	<u>2,684</u>	
Net Current Assets		270,990	245,609	
Net Assets		<u>£ 271,011</u>	<u>£ 245,635</u>	
Funds	10			
Restricted Income Funds		4,341	4,308	
Unrestricted Income Funds:				
General Funds		266,670	241,327	
Total Funds		<u>£ 271,011</u>	<u>£ 245,635</u>	

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET (continued)
DIRECTORS STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 249B(4)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

In approving these financial statements as Directors of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the Year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;
- (b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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Christine Sansom
Director

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

VISION FOR CHINA
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the Year and the preceding period.

1.1. Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Acts.

1.2. Cashflow

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a Small Charity.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included. Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

1.5. Formation costs

Formation Costs are written off in the year incurred, or if the first period of accounts is less than one year, on the first full year after incurred.

1.6. Tangible Fixed Assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office Equipment - 20% reducing balance

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

2 Voluntary Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 31 10 23	Year ended 31 10 22
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
Voluntary Income	£ 211,520	£ 54,931	£ 266,451	£ 258,362
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
3 Investment Income	<u>1,080</u>		<u>1,080</u>	<u>175</u>
4 Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the Year			£	£
Net (Outgoing)/ Incoming resources is stated after charging:				
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets			<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
5 Taxation				
The Charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.				
6 Intangible Fixed Assets				
Cost				£
At 1 November 2022 & At 31 October 2023				<u>1,205</u>
Provision for diminution in value				
At 1 November 2022 & At 31 October 2023				<u>1,205</u>
Net Book Values				
At 1 November 2022 & At 31 October 2023				<u> </u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

7 Tangible Fixed Assets	Office	
	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 November 2022 & At 31 October 2023	844	844
Depreciation		
At 1 November 2022	818	818
Charge for the Year	5	5
At 31 October 2023	823	823
Net Book Values		
At 31 October 2023	21	21
At 31 October 2022	26	26

8 Debtors	at 31 10 23	at 31 10 22
	£	£
Gift Aid Tax recoverable		33
Prepayments and accrued income	274	247
	274	280

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	at 31 10 23	at 31 10 22
	£	£
Loan from ELA International	1,698	1,024
Other Creditors	29	177
Accruals and deferred income	1,206	1,483
	2,933	2,684

10 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 October 2023 as represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	21		21
Current Assets	269,582	4,341	273,923
Current Liabilities	-2,933		-2,933
	266,670	4,341	271,011

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11 Unrestricted Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	At
	01 11 22	Resources	Resources	31 10 23
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	<u>241,327</u>	<u>212,600</u>	<u>187,257</u>	<u>266,670</u>
12 Restricted Funds				
Child Care	1,665	11,142	12,180	627
Community Development	1,659	14,825	13,491	2,993
Gifts to Workers	862	27,326	27,714	474
Training & Administration	122	1,665	1,540	247
	<u>4,308</u>	<u>54,958</u>	<u>54,925</u>	<u>4,341</u>

13 Transactions with Directors

Two (Year to 31 10 22 -Two) Directors received £259 (Year to 31 10 22 - £226) for governance tra and accommodation costs.

In addition, non Director related expenses have been reclaimed by Four Directors (Year to 31 10 2 - Three) of £254 (Year to 31 10 22 - £383).

Also, the son and daughter-in-law of one Director were given £,180 (Year to 31 10 22 - £180) in recognition of their charitable work in China.

Two (Year to 31 10 22 - two) Charities have a director/trustee in common with the Trust.

14 Company Limited by Guarantee

Vision For China is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exc £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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Accounts

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governing document	Memorandum and articles of association incorporated 31 05 2005 as amended by special resolution dated 0812 2005.	
Charity number	1112500	
Company Registration number	5467314	
Business Address & Registered Office	The Longcroft Barnston CH61 1BU	Storeton Lane Wirral
Directors		
Lee Anton Cheung	Chairman	
Lynda Margaret Cheung	International Short Term Volunteer Coordinator	
Lesley Cobill	ELA Int Training Consultant	
Susan Mary Laker	UK Director, Sponsorship Coordinator & Safeguarding Officer	
David Anthony Newbery	Academic Coordinator	
Christine Dinah Sansom	Healthcare & Urgent Prayer Coordinator	
Tim Wiffen	Website Coordinator	
Emeritus Director	Aubrey Alan Bradfield	
Company Secretary & Publicity Coordinator	Mary Scudamore	
Officers		
Katherine Brind-Surch	Accounts Assistant	
Pat Henshaw	International Therapy Coordinator	
Margaret Jardine-Smith	Administrative Assistant	
Celia Newbery	Joint Academic Coordinator	
Jonathan Newbery	Treasurer	
Christine Skinner	Administrative Assistant	
Paul Skinner	Advisor to Treasurer	
Helen Tucker	Academic Assistant	
Independent Examiner	Ian Afflick FCA Heaton Moor Cheshire	61 Tatton Road North STOCKPORT SK4 4QX
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Prenton CH42 8PE	355 Woodchurch Road Wirral
Solicitors	Pearcelegal Limited 2 The Square Solihull West Midlands B91 3RB	

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)
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The Directors present their Report and the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 October 2022. The Directors, who are also Directors for the purposes of company law and who served during the Year and up to the date of this Report are set out on page 1.

History & Connected Charities

Vision for China is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered both at Companies House and the Charity Commission. It succeeded to the assets and activities of Caring for China's Children and Teachers for China on 2nd November 2006 and since then has continued to fulfil its objects and through the auspices of the English Language Association (a Hong Kong registered non profit organisation) send and offer support to Teachers of English in Chinese universities for 40 years. Four years ago, the English Language Association terminated its registration in Hong Kong and its objectives and activities are now fulfilled through English Language Association International (ELAI), a non-profit organisation with its head office at The Longcroft, Storeton Lane, Barnston, Wirral, CH61 1BU.

Former ELA teachers, seeing great need in the area of childcare for abandoned children, with the support of ELA and local Chinese authorities, began to care for these children in a certain city and to promote their adoption overseas. This work later diversified in nature – see below.

ELA became's responsible for the staffing and running of 3 Baby and Childcare Units in separate welfare centres in Central China; children with special needs were also cared for and educated and fostering by Chinese families was promoted. Other works included: a medical clinic to promote community healthcare; a village doctors training programme; a cerebral palsy clinic and the teaching of State Welfare staff and those involved with care homes.

During an eight year period, there was a move towards local Chinese staff progressively taking over leadership of ELA Central Administration. This policy was consistent with that which has since been adopted by the Chinese government. This policy was consistent with that adopted by the Chinese government. Consequently, in July 2010 a non- profit Chinese organisation, named Shaanxi Agape Community Care Association, took over the functions of the Childcare and Healthcare departments from ELA. It had several projects registered under it, including: the Agape Vocational Training Centre (known as Warriors House), which provided fostering and sheltered employment; Family Care Services; Agape Home Care Service Centre (known as Happy Life of the Elderly); and Cedar Workshop, all registered since 2015. Two other similar projects are currently in the government registration process. Elim Rehabilitation Center for Special Needs Children (known as Elim Healthcare) took over the health-related work as a separate NPO. The Qing Xing special needs education and training project in Guiyang has now also become a separate NPO called Spring of Love Social Community Care Association(known as Well of Love). In 2015 in Hanzhong a further NPO was registered as Hanzhong Agape Community Care Association, followed in 2016 by The Disabled People's Service Centre in the same city.

Much appreciated medical and educational assistance has been given by volunteer workers from the UK and other countries while on a short term visits. Staff members, children and members of the public have all benefited from their medical educational and training input.

ELA was able to offer up-to-date comprehensive and appropriate methods of care for the different age and ability ranges of children for which the NPOs became responsible. There was a progression from the institutionalised care provided by the original baby units/orphanages to: nursery care; schooling with a low teacher/pupil ratio; special needs education; rehabilitation and vocational/life skills training, especially for young people with special needs, and the provision of sheltered employment. Whichever form of care was provided, the continuity of the high standard modelled on the ethos of the original baby units is encouraged. To this end training programmes have been provided by ELA staff and specialist volunteers, who have sought to work very closely both with the State Welfare Centres with whom they have links, and with the increasing number of NPOs in various forms of community work.

Sadly, during the summer months of 2022, the local government, acting according to central government policy, withdrew almost all the children and young people from NPO run homes/centres back into state care; only one project still has young people in their care who are from the local state welfare centre (and another project focusing on HIV/Aids). This has meant that the chief areas of NPO involvement now are in community projects in, for example, marriage and family support, mental health issues, parenting training, HIV awareness/training, support for the isolated elderly, (plus a model special needs adults' project located in an adult welfare centre) and special needs education/life skills training with children and young people from within the community

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Structure, Governance & Management

The Directors have appointed officers who report to them on their respective areas of responsibility. Directors also provide reports on their areas of responsibility. The Directors usually meet two or three times per annum to discuss the work and to fulfil legal responsibilities. Directors are provided with financial information by the Treasurer who frequently liaises with the Chairman regarding financial matters. Directors and Coordinators liaise with each other re personnel matters and the interviewing and appointment of staff.

New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors, in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Succession Plan

In the event of there needing to be significant changes, the Directors and Team Members are willing to hold extra-ordinary meetings at short notice in order to ensure the continuity of the work.

Safeguarding

Vision for China has a safeguarding policy and its Directors are committed to the ongoing promotion of safeguarding and a safeguarding culture of awareness which will help to protect everyone. It is the aim that all volunteer workers should be suitable, committed and selected following an appropriate and stringent procedure to ensure best safeguarding practice.

Main Objectives & Activities

- (a) To advance a best practice ethos through the work ethic of its staff.
- (b) To advance education in all its fields, including special needs education in particular by improving the quality of educational training and teaching in China and by promoting and arranging study of the Chinese language.
- (c) To relieve those in need, in particular those experiencing poverty, sickness and disease, where possible.
- (d) To promote and preserve good health, in particular through the provision of health and medical care, education and training to the people of China.
- (e) To promote and provide for the care, nurture and educational needs of orphaned and abandoned children in China (now only possible in one project).
- (f) To further such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the people of China as the directors see fit from time to time.
- (g) To continue to function under a duty of care policy and a culture of safeguarding concerning members of its UK volunteer staff, members of the public, teachers and volunteer trainers.
- (h) To enhance a policy of a duty of care and promote a safeguarding culture within the NPO organisations to which VFC offers support within the People's Republic of China.

Policies

To recruit suitable teachers for the work in China; the supporting of teachers by offering assistance concerning their employment and daily life in China; the offering of advice re insurance, medical and financial matters to teachers, and those teachers who wish to study.

To support TEFL trained teachers placed by ELA Int in schools and universities and offer spiritual and personal support to those teachers.

To advertise the opportunities for teaching in China, and to administer the Company in the UK.

To facilitate the learning of the Chinese language.

To support Shaanxi Agape, Hanzhong Agape, Elim Special Needs Children Rehabilitation Centre known as Elim Healthcare, Spring of Love Social Community Care Association known as Well of Love and other NPOs by the administering and forwarding of financial gifts and the recruitment of suitable personnel for their ongoing training.

Hanzhong Agape is responsible for the staffing and running of a vocational and life skills training centre.

Elim Healthcare is now responsible for work with children and young people with HIV/AIDS, cerebral palsy and developmental delay with some children with HIV /Aids in a group home. It is also supporting families with HIV in the community, providing medical help to an orphanage in another province as well as providing some Health Education in the community.

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Well of Love works with children with special needs to equip them to live independently in society and supporting their parents and carers to achieve this objective. The centre now has a Special Education School and has been involved in promoting special needs provision across the province and in advocating for the needs of families with special needs children.

The work of VFC is promoted by works such as:

holding day conferences in the UK; producing periodic news sheets and prayer diaries; speaking engagements; regular prayer meetings in different locations; the encouragement of urgent individual prayer, as needs arise, writing/advertising in Christian publications; promoting the work via stalls at conferences; encouraging Chinese and those interested in serving in China; the continued promotion and expansion of the successful sponsorship programmes.

Public Benefit

The aims of Vision for China (VFC) are described under the heading “Objectives and Activities” - see above. These aims include: the prevention of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of religion; the advancement of life and the saving of lives; the relief of those in need, by reason of being orphaned or abandoned, their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The fulfilment of the aims of the public benefit policy are identified under the title, " History and Connected Charities" - see above. Please also note that many hundreds of children and adults have been helped in a variety of ways through the support given by VFC including assisting with the adoption of hundreds of children since 1995.

Directors therefore consider the Trust to be operating in the public benefit.

Details of the outworking of the aims of VFC are included under “Policies”- see above - and “Review of the Year” – see below.

Future aims of VFC are included under “Future Plans” – see below.

Risk Management

Key financial systems are operated, under the Treasurer, by approved personnel, and have been designed to minimise risk. Other risks are also minimal owing to VFC not owning property.

Consideration has been given to key roles being shadowed, and support being offered where identified, e.g. where there is absence or illness, or where workloads may be too great. Although we have as an organisation managed to fulfil our duties in the past, this is an area where ongoing consideration is required.

Achievements & Performance

Over many years the main focus of the Agape childcare work in a central province was with older children and young adults who had been in government care, mainly those with special needs, although abandoned babies and toddlers were still cared for in one centre until they could be either adopted or fostered. Nearly all this work has now ended but while it continued, more than 1500 orphans and special needs children from government welfare centres were cared for, and many adopted by families from more than 10 countries. The other nursery came to the end of its 20 year contract with the Welfare Centre last year and owing to the much reduced number of babies being abandoned, was asked to take on another role of providing special needs education to older children, a mark of the high respect it had gained over the 20 previous years. In the face of great difficulties, including the pandemic, it was transformed into Green Olive Home for young people with special needs, both from the Welfare Centre and the community, where they can be educated appropriately and trained on life skills. This centre has so far been allowed to keep the young people from the welfare centre.

Rehabilitation: the centre where children with moderate to severe special needs could receive rehabilitation therapy is now under government control.

Fostering: fostering in individual homes has sadly now been ended owing to a change in government policy, and was also ended in group homes, such as Warriors House and Elim Group Home, in August 2022.

Vocational Training/employment continues in two centres for young people with complex special needs to enable them to live a more independent life.

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- a) In Warriors House life-skills and vocational training is given only to those from the community; the young people live in their own apartment with some supervision, and are taught to cook, clean and shop.
- b) This has now developed a second centre Light and Salt to cater for those who have graduated from the first centre and are able to find employment; they are provided with sheltered accommodation and supervision/support as they enter the world of work.
- c) A craft workshop Cedar Workshop established some years ago continues, with handmade cards and other gifts being produced for sale in China and overseas.
- d) A completely new venture Grace Homes began the previous year with Agape being asked to run a section of a local Welfare Centre for adults (over 14) with severe special needs/medical problems. Several rooms were provided and Agape provides the staff; it is currently caring for 28 adults ranging in age from 18 - 79.
- e) In another city, a Disabled People's Service Centre gives training in life skills/vocational training to young adults with special needs currently living at home.
- f) Well of Love Social Community Care Association in a south-western province, continues to cater for families who have kept their children with special needs, rather than abandoning them, by providing assessment and rehabilitation to over 30 children on a weekly basis. Parents are supported, encouraged and given more understanding of how to handle their children's needs. A separate school for children with special needs has also been established and is doing well. This centre has now successfully transferred to management by local staff, most of whom have been trained up there, and has now become a separate NPO registered with the government.
- g) Elim Healthcare was registered as a Chinese NPO early in 2014, working with Chinese orphans who were HIV positive or had other needs; the Elim Group Home, opened in 2014, catered for those with varied educational and medical needs but this group of children were taken back into state care, although staff are allowed to keep in touch for their ongoing support. A small group of HIV Children allocated by welfare centres now live in the Elim Group home. The Elim Kids programme aims to teach people the truth about HIV, by increasing the amount of published material suitable for younger ages and giving lectures/workshops as widely as possible. The Elim Healthcare team also works in the community with those who have HIV; they also address other health education needs amongst children and young people through workshops and lectures.
- h) As social conditions in China change, so do its needs; now there is an increasing need for caring for isolated elderly people. Happy Life of the Elderly began in 2018, making contact with and then supporting vulnerable elderly people living alone. It provides some care where needed and arranges community activities to improve their wellbeing and to cross the generational divide. Its work is increasingly valued by the local government.

Training:

During this last financial year no training by professionals from outside China has been possible in person within China because of the constraints of the pandemic. However, continued support and direction is given online as before, where necessary.

- i) The previous Godly leadership and Management trainer from UK is still regularly involved in continual on-line support/consultancy from UK.
- ii) Agape Family Care Programme - formerly known as No Regrets/Family Care: This training programme began in 2014, focusing on building character and healthy relationships. As awareness grew about the spread of HIV/AIDS in society and the increase in abortions amongst college students, government and academic institutions recognised the need for counselling and advice amongst students, whose mental health issues were also increasing. The training is taken by a small team into universities, colleges and schools and is receiving good feedback; the team are currently training more teachers and also run parenting courses and provide other forms of family support and training. Support is also increasingly being provided in the area of mental health, both for staff within the organisation and in external settings such as a nursery and schools. Ongoing supervision, training and support in the mental health and counselling work is provided online by a British professional who has previously trained within China.

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iii) ELA Int Academic Department seeks to provide well-qualified and committed expatriate staff to teach English in a number of universities. Again, owing to the effect of the pandemic, several staff were out of country when the Chinese lockdown occurred and have so far been unable to return to China; after two years teaching online, they have now found employment elsewhere, so that only two expatriate teachers currently work in China. Two long term teachers have transferred to teaching in Bible schools in Singapore and Manila and are still supported by VFC. Two families continue to run two separate growing education projects based in different locations including one outside of China. The one serving younger children has had to close close to serious health issues for the teacher who ran it. The other project teenagers who have had to leave the government education system for various reasons, by equipping them for tertiary education. During year, the couple in UK continued to supervise the project, support staff and be fully involved both on-line and in a long visit.

In the UK ongoing support has been given to returning teachers and other staff, including debriefing meetings and regular opportunities to meet up through China Days and other events; although some meetings are still held on Zoom, a major summer meeting was able to be held in person this year.

Financial Review

In both this year and last, the overall financial support of VFC to the work in China has increased considerably owing to a large donation from an anonymous donor or donors. Regular gifts however have indicated a decrease of approximately £9,200 in comparison with 2020/2021 and with the large donation of £200,000 there was an overall income of £270,500. It is hoped that as the standard of living and awareness of the projects becomes more widely known that more financial help will be received from within that country. It is also hoped that the fact that the NPOs are now Chinese will help increase support from within China.

Reserves Policy

The general policy has been to keep a reasonable level of money for working capital purposes and pass on gifts as soon as possible. However, this year there was a large donation and discussion took place amongst the directors as to how best to designate this sum in accordance with the wishes of the donors, or donor. It was decided that the donation be used to support existing Projects within China over a period of 12 months, with a small sum kept for reserve purposes. Regular monitoring of the Projects would take place in order to ensure support given was at an appropriate level and for accountability purposes.

Future Plans

To continue to recruit teachers and promote the work.

To offer support to teachers, both whilst working in China and on their return to the UK.

To encourage the support of teachers by their sending churches.

To enable professional training by continuing to recruit and support visiting professionals in health, early and special needs education and social care.

To support the work of the different NPOs by publicising their work and supplying training and funding where possible.

To monitor the projects regularly to ensure: that an excellent service is offered; that they are financially accountable regarding funding received; and that they continue to be viable.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial Year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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Independent Examiner

The Directors recommend that Ian Afflick FCA remain as Independent Examiner until further notice.

Small Company provisions

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for Small Companies under The Companies Acts

On behalf of the Board 1st March 2023

Lee Anton Cheung

Director

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
VISION FOR CHINA**

I report to the directors on my examination of the accounts of VISION FOR CHINA for the Year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Ian Afflick
Independent Examiner
61 Tatton Road North
Heaton Moor
STOCKPORT
Cheshire
SK4 4QX
1st May 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Year to 31 10 22	Year to 31 10 21
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary Income	2	213,703	44,659	258,362	264,988
Activities for Generating Funds		-	11,828	11,828	14,698
Investment Income	3	175	-	175	129
Total Incoming Resources		<u>213,878</u>	<u>56,487</u>	<u>270,365</u>	<u>279,815</u>
Resources expended					
Grants		151,551	52,629	204,180	261,959
Cost of Sales & Sponsorship costs		7	-	7	7
Subscriptions		594	-	594	594
Communications & IT		70	-	70	96
Office expenses		1,289	-	1,289	906
Bank Charges		796	-	796	1,097
Promotional		425	-	425	191
Governance		1,482	-	1,482	1,038
Total Resources expended		<u>156,214</u>	<u>52,629</u>	<u>208,843</u>	<u>265,888</u>
Net Incoming Resources before transfers		57,664	3,858	61,522	13,927
Transfers between funds		1,739	(1,739)	-	-
Net Incoming Resources for the Year		59,403	2,119	61,522	13,927
Total Funds brought forward		181,924	2,189	184,113	170,186
Total Funds carried forward		<u>241,327</u>	<u>4,308</u>	<u>245,635</u>	<u>184,113</u>

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the Year and therefore a separate statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2022

	Notes	31 10 22 £	£	31 10 21 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		26		32
Current assets					
Debtors	8	280		254	
Cash at bank and in hand		248,013		186,702	
		<u>248,293</u>		<u>186,956</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,684)		(2,875)	
Net Current Assets			<u>245,609</u>		<u>184,081</u>
Net Assets		£	<u>245,635</u>	£	<u>184,113</u>
Funds	10				
Restricted Income Funds			4,308		2,189
<i>Unrestricted Income Funds:</i>					
General Funds			<u>241,327</u>		<u>181,924</u>
Total Funds		£	<u>245,635</u>	£	<u>184,113</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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2. Voluntary Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended	Year ended
	Funds	Funds	31 10 22	31 10 21
			Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	213,703	44,659	258,362	264,988
	<u>213,703</u>	<u>44,659</u>	<u>258,362</u>	<u>264,988</u>

3. Investment Income	Unrestricted	Year ended	Year ended
	Funds	31 10 22	31 10 21
		Total	Total
	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	175	175	129
	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>129</u>

4. Net (Outgoing) /Incoming Resources for the Year	Year ended	Year ended
	31 10 22	31 10 21
	£	£
Net (Outgoing)/ Incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	6	8
	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

5. Taxation

The Charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

6. Intangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Total
	£
At 1 November 2021 & At 31 October 2022	1,205
	<u>1,205</u>
Provision for diminution in value	
At 31 October 2021 & 31 October 2022	1,205
	<u>1,205</u>
Net Book Values	
At 31 October 2021 & 31 October 2022	-
	<u>-</u>

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets	Office		
	Equipment	Total	
	£	£	
Cost			
At 1 November 2021 and			
At 31 October 2022	844	844	
	<u>844</u>	<u>844</u>	
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2021	812	812	
Charge for the Year	6	6	
	<u>818</u>	<u>818</u>	
At 31 October 2022	818	818	
	<u>818</u>	<u>818</u>	
Net Book Values			
At 31 October 2022	26	26	
	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	
At 31 October 2021	32	32	
	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>	
8. Debtors	31 10 22	31 10 21	
	£	£	
Gift Aid Tax recoverable	33	7	
Prepayments and accrued income	247	247	
	<u>280</u>	<u>254</u>	
	<u>280</u>	<u>254</u>	
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31 10 22	31 10 21	
	£	£	
Loan from ELA International	1,024	1,024	
Other Creditors	177	314	
Accruals and deferred income	1,483	1,537	
	<u>2,684</u>	<u>2,875</u>	
	<u>2,684</u>	<u>2,875</u>	
10. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 October 2022 as represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	26		26
Current Assets	243,985	4,308	248,293
Current Liabilities	(2,684)		(2,684)
	<u>241,327</u>	<u>4,308</u>	<u>245,635</u>
	<u>241,327</u>	<u>4,308</u>	<u>245,635</u>

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11. Unrestricted Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	Overhead	At
	01 11 21	Resources	Resources	Transfers	31 10 22
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	181,924	213,878	(156,214)	1,739	241,327
	<u>181,924</u>	<u>213,878</u>	<u>(156,214)</u>	<u>1,739</u>	<u>241,327</u>

12. Restricted Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At
	01 11 21	Resources	Resources	Resources	31 10 22
	£	£	£	£	£
Child Care	1,235	17,236	(15,758)	(1,048)	1,665
Community Development	379	15,069	(13,237)	(552)	1,659
Gifts to Workers	443	22,517	(22,098)	-	862
Training & Administration	132	1,665	(1,536)	(139)	122
	<u>2,189</u>	<u>56,487</u>	<u>(52,629)</u>	<u>(1,739)</u>	<u>4,308</u>

13. Transactions with Directors

Two Directors received £226 for governance travel and accommodation costs in this year only. In the Year to 31 10 21 only, one Director was given £100 as an ex gratia payment.

In addition, non Director related expenses have been reclaimed by Three Directors (Year to 31 10 21 - Four) of £383 (Year to 31 10 21 - £261).

Also, the son and daughter-in-law of one Director were given £180 (£1,170 in the Year to 31 10 21) in recognition of their charitable work in China.

Two (Year to 31 10 21 - two) Charities have a director/trustee in common with the Trust and in the Year to 31 10 21 only, £ 200 was given to such.

14. Company Limited by Guarantee

VISION FOR CHINA is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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Accounts

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governing document	Memorandum and articles of association incorporated 31 05 2005 as amended by special resolution dated 0812 2005.	
Charity number	1112500	
Company Registration number	5467314	
Business Address & Registered Office	The Longcroft Barnston CH61 1BU	Storeton Lane Wirral
Directors		
Chairman	Lee Anton Cheung	
International Short Term Volunteer Coordinator	Lynda Margaret Cheung	
Sponsorship Coordinator	Susan Mary Laker	
UK Director	Susan Mary Laker	from 20 02 21
UK Director and Academic Coordinator	David Anthony Newbery	to 20 02 21
Academic & Legal Coordinator	David Anthony Newbery	from 20 02 21
Healthcare & Urgent Prayer Coordinator	Christine Dinah Sansom	
Training Consultant	Lesley Cobill	
Website Coordinator	Tim Wiffen	
Emeritus Director	Aubrey Alan Bradfield	
Company Secretary & Publicity Coordinator	Mary Scudamore	
Officers		
	Margaret Jardine-Smith	Administrative Assistant
	Celia Newbery	Joint Academic Coordinator
	Christine Skinner	Administrative Assistant
	Paul Skinner	Treasurer
	Katherine Brind-Surch	Accounts Assistant
	Cyril & Gabrielle Thomas	International Directors
	Helen Tucker	Academic Assistant
	Pat Henshaw	International Therapy Coordinator
Independent Examiner	Ian Afflick FCA Heaton Chapel Cheshire	336a Wellington Road North STOCKPORT SK4 5DA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Prenton CH42 8PE	355 Woodchurch Road Wirral

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

The Directors present their Report and the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 October 2021. The Directors, who are also Directors for the purposes of company law and who served during the Year and up to the date of this Report are set out on page 1 - 2.

History & Connected Charities

Vision for China is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered both at Companies House and the Charity Commission. It succeeded to the assets and activities of Caring for China's Children and Teachers for China on 2nd November 2006 and since then has continued to fulfil its objects and through the auspices of the English Language Association (a Hong Kong registered non profit organisation) send and offer support to Teachers of English in Chinese universities for 39 years. Two years ago the English Language Association terminated its registration in Hong Kong and its objectives and activities are now fulfilled through English Language Association International (ELAI), a non-profit organisation with its head office at The Longcroft, Storeton Lane, Barnston, Wirral, CH61 1BU.

Former ELA teachers, seeing great need in the area of childcare for abandoned children, with the support of ELA and local Chinese authorities, began to care for these children in a certain city and to promote their adoption overseas. This work later diversified in nature – see below.

ELA became responsible for the staffing and running of 3 Baby and Childcare Units in separate welfare centres in Central China; children with special needs were also cared for and educated and fostering by Chinese families was promoted. Other works included: a medical clinic to promote community healthcare; a village doctors training programme; a cerebral palsy clinic and the teaching of State Welfare staff and those involved with care homes.

During an eighteen year period, there has been a move towards local Chinese staff progressively taking over leadership of ELA Central Administration. This policy has been consistent with that which has since been adopted by the Chinese government. Consequently, in July 2010 a non profit Chinese organisation, named Shaanxi Agape Community Care Association, took over the functions of the Childcare and Healthcare departments. It now has several projects registered under it, including: the Agape Vocational Training Centre (known as Warriors House), which provides fostering and sheltered employment; Family Care Services; Agape Home Care Service Centre (known as Happy Life of the Elderly); and Cedar Workshop, all registered since 2015. Two other similar projects are currently in the government registration process. Elim Rehabilitation Centre for Special Needs Children (known as Elim Healthcare) took over the health-related work as a separate NPO. The Qing Xing special needs education and training project in Guiyang has now also become a separate NPO called Spring of Love Social Community Care Association(known as Well of Love). In 2015 in Hanzhong a further NPO was registered as Hanzhong Agape Community Care Association, followed in 2016 by The Disabled People's Service Centre in the same city.

Much appreciated medical and educational assistance has been given by volunteer workers from the UK and other countries while on a short term visits. Staff members, children and members of the public have all benefited from their medical educational and training input.

ELA was able to offer up-to-date comprehensive and appropriate methods of care for the different age and ability ranges of children for which the NPOs are now responsible. There was a progression from the institutionalised care provided by the original baby units/orphanages to: nursery care; schooling with a low teacher/pupil ratio; special needs education; rehabilitation and vocational/life skills training, especially for young people with special needs, and the provision of sheltered employment. Whichever form of care was provided, the continuity of the high standard modelled on the ethos of the original baby units is encouraged. To this end training programmes have been provided by ELA staff and specialist volunteers, who have sought to work very closely both with the State Welfare Centres with whom they have links, and with the increasing number of NPOs in various forms of community work.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Directors have appointed officers who report to them on their respective areas of responsibility. Directors also provide reports on their areas of responsibility. The Directors usually meet two or three times per annum to discuss the work and to fulfil legal responsibilities. Directors are provided with financial information by the Treasurer who frequently liaises with the Chairman regarding financial matters. Directors and Coordinators liaise with each other re personnel matters and the interviewing and appointment of staff.

New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors, in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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Succession Plan

In the event of there needing to be significant changes, the Directors and Team Members are willing to hold extra-ordinary meetings at short notice in order to ensure the continuity of the work.

Safeguarding

Vision for China has a safeguarding policy and its Directors are committed to the ongoing promotion of safeguarding and a safeguarding culture of awareness which will help to protect everyone. It is the aim that all volunteer workers should be suitable, committed and selected following an appropriate and stringent procedure to ensure best safeguarding practice.

Objectives & Activities

- (a) To advance Christian ethos through the work ethic of its staff.
- (b) To advance education in all its fields, including special needs education in particular but not exclusively by improving the quality of educational training and teaching in China and by promoting and arranging study of the Chinese language.
- (c) To relieve those in need, in particular those experiencing poverty, sickness and disease, where possible.
- (d) To promote and preserve good health, in particular through the provision of health and medical care, education and training to the people of China.
- (e) To promote and provide for the care, nurture and educational needs of orphaned and abandoned children in China.
- (f) To further such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the people of China as the directors see fit from time to time.
- (g) To continue to function under a duty of care policy and a culture of safeguarding concerning members of its UK volunteer staff, members of the public, teachers and volunteer trainers.
- (h) To enhance a policy of a duty of care and promote a safeguarding culture within the NPO organisations to which VFC offers support within the People's Republic of China.

Policies

To recruit suitable teachers for the work in China; the supporting of teachers by offering assistance concerning their employment and daily life in China; the offering of advice re insurance, medical and financial matters to teachers, and those teachers who wish to study.

To support TEFL trained teachers placed by ELA Int in schools and universities and offer spiritual and personal support to those teachers.

To advertise the opportunities for teaching in China, and to administer the Company in the UK.

To facilitate the learning of the Chinese language.

To support Shaanxi Agape, Hanzhong Agape, Elim Special Needs Children Rehabilitation

Centre known as Elim Healthcare, Spring of Love Social Community Care Association known as Well of Love and other NPOs by the administering and forwarding of financial gifts and the recruitment of suitable personnel for their ongoing training.

Hanzhong Agape is responsible for the staffing and running of two Baby and Childcare Units in separate welfare centres in Central China; children with special needs also are cared for. Other works include: the training of State welfare staff and those involved with care homes; the running of a rehabilitation centre and several vocational and life skills training centres; and work to alleviate loneliness among the elderly.

Elim Healthcare is now responsible for work with children and young people with HIV/AIDS, cerebral palsy and developmental delay. It is also supporting families with HIV in the community, providing medical help to an orphanage in another province as well as providing some Health Education in the community.

Well of Love is now responsible for work on special needs children to equip them to live independently in society and supporting their parents and carers to achieve this objective. The centre now has a Special Education School and has been involved in promoting special needs provision across the province and in advocating for the needs of families with special needs children.

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The work of VFC is promoted by works such as:

holding day conferences in the UK; producing periodic news sheets and prayer diaries; speaking engagements; regular prayer meetings in different locations; the encouragement of urgent individual prayer, as needs arise, writing/advertising in Christian publications; promoting the work via stalls at conferences; encouraging Chinese and those interested in serving in China; the continued promotion and expansion of the successful sponsorship programmes.

Public Benefit

The aims of Vision for China (VFC) are described under the heading “Objectives and Activities” - see above. These aims include: the prevention of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of religion; the advancement of life and the saving of lives; the relief of those in need, by reason of being orphaned or abandoned, their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The fulfilment of the aims of the public benefit policy are identified under the title, " History and Connected Charities" - see above. Please also note that many hundreds of children and adults have been helped in various ways through the support given by VFC including assisting with the adoption of hundreds of children since 1995.

Directors therefore consider the Trust to be operating in the public benefit.

Details of the outworking of the aims of VFC are included under “Policies”- see above - and “Review of the Year” – see below.

Future aims of VFC are included under “Future Plans” – see below.

Risk Management

Key financial systems are operated, under the Treasurer, by approved personnel, and have been designed to minimise risk. Other risks are also minimal owing to VFC not owning property.

Consideration has been given to key roles being shadowed, and support being offered where identified, e.g. where there is absence or illness, or where workloads may be too great. Although we have as an organisation managed to fulfill our duties in the past, this is an area where ongoing consideration is required.

Achievements & Performance

The main focus of the Agape childcare work in a central province continues to be with older children and young adults, mainly those with special needs, although abandoned babies and toddlers are still cared for in one centre until they can be either adopted or fostered; it has been commended as a model nursery by the local Welfare Centre in which it is located and has many children and young people with severe special needs who require much care. To date more than 1500 orphans and special needs children from government welfare centres have been cared for, and many have been adopted by families from more than 10 countries. The other nursery (which had become a government recommended model nursery) came to the end of its 20 year contract with the Welfare Centre and owing to the much reduced number of babies being abandoned, was asked to take on another role of providing special needs education to older children, a mark of the high respect it had gained over the 20 previous years.

In the face of great difficulties, including the pandemic, it has been transformed into a centre called Green Olive Home for young people with special needs, both from the Welfare Centre and the community, where they can be educated appropriately and trained on life skills.

Rehabilitation: the centre where children with moderate to severe special needs can receive rehabilitation therapy is being promoted by the local government as a model centre.

Fostering: fostering in individual homes has sadly now been ended owing to a change in government policy, but continues in group homes, such as Warriors House and until March 2021 the Agape Farm project.

Vocational Training/employment continues in two centres for young people with complex special needs to enable them to live a more independent life.

a) In one centre life-skills and vocational training is given; the young people live in their own apartment with some supervision, and are taught to cook, clean and shop.

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- b) This has now developed a second centre Light and Salt to cater for those who have graduated from the first centre and are able to find employment; they are provided with sheltered accommodation and supervision/support as they enter the world of work.
- c) A craft workshop established some years ago continues to thrive, with handmade cards and other gifts being produced for sale in China and overseas.
- d) A completely new venture Grace Homes began this year with Agape being asked to run a section of a local Welfare Centre for adults (over 14) with severe special needs/medical problems. Several rooms were provided and Agape provides the staff; it is currently caring for 22 adults ranging in age from 18 - 79.
- e) In another city, a new venture (Hanzhong Disabled People's Service Centre) is flourishing, giving training in life skills/vocational training to young adults with special needs who are currently living at home, rather than in a government centre, or in boarding facilities provided by the NPO.
- f) Well of Love Social Community Care Association in a south-western province, continues to cater for families who have kept their children with special needs, rather than abandoning them, by providing assessment and rehabilitation to over 30 children on a weekly basis. Parents are supported, encouraged and given more understanding of how to handle their children's needs. A separate school for children with special needs has also been established and is doing well. This centre has now successfully transferred to management by local staff, most of whom have been trained up there, and has now become a separate NPO registered with the government. Some ongoing training is still being given by VFC staff on running this NPO successfully.
- g) Elim Healthcare was registered as a Chinese NPO early in 2014 and works with Chinese orphans who are HIV positive. The Elim Kids programme aims to teach people the truth about HIV, integrate children with HIV into loving foster families where they can be appropriately medicated, and act as advocates for these and other special needs orphans. In summer 2014 the Elim Group Home was opened to enable more of these children to be rescued and cared for until adoption. The Elim Healthcare team has also begun working in the community with those who have HIV and supporting work in a children's home in another province.
- h) As social conditions in China change, so do its needs; now there is an increasing need for caring for isolated elderly people. Happy Life of the Elderly is a newer project begun in 2018, which makes contact with vulnerable elderly people living alone. It provides some care where needed and arranges community activities to improve their wellbeing and to cross the generational divide. Its work is increasingly valued by the local government.

Training:

During this last financial year very little training by professionals from outside China has been possible because of the constraints of the pandemic. However, continued support and direction is given online as before, where necessary.

- i) The previous Godly leadership and Management trainer from UK handed over to a new trainer to ensure continuity in the ethos and practice, but is still regularly involved in continual on-line support/consultancy from UK. by VFC.
- ii) Agape Family Care Programme - formerly known as No Regrets/Family Care: This training programme began in 2014, focusing on building character and healthy relationships. As awareness grew about the spread of HIV/AIDS in society and the increase in abortions amongst college students, government and academic institutions recognised the need for counselling and advice amongst students, whose mental health issues are also increasing. The training is taken by a small team into universities, colleges and schools and is receiving good feedback; the team are currently training more teachers and also beginning to run parenting courses and provide other forms of family support and training. Support is also being provided in the area of mental health.
- iii) ELAI Academic Department seeks to provide well-qualified and committed expatriate staff to teach English in a number of universities. Again, owing to the effect of the pandemic, several staff were out of country when the Chinese lockdown occurred and have so far been unable to return to China; currently they are teaching online from their home countries. Two families continue to run two separate growing education projects based in different cities. One serves younger children and the other helps teenagers who have had to leave the government education system for various reasons, by equipping them for tertiary education. Again, during this year both families had to leave China and were unable to re-enter, but have continued to supervise their Chinese team members and to be fully involved on-line.

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In the UK ongoing support has been given to returning teachers and other staff, including debriefing meetings and regular opportunities to meet up through China Days and other events, although this last year many of the events have been on-line by Zoom.

Financial Review

In both this year and last, the overall financial support of VFC to the work in China has increased considerably owing to a large donation from an anonymous donor or donors. Regular gifts have indicated a decrease of just £1 in comparison with 2019-20, with the large donation of £200,000 there was an overall income of £279,815. It is hoped that as the standard of living and awareness of the projects becomes more widely known that more financial help will be received from within that country. It is also hoped that the fact that the NPOs are now Chinese will help increase support from within China.

Reserves Policy

The general policy has been to keep a reasonable level of money for working capital purposes and pass on gifts as soon as possible. However, this year there was a large donation and discussion took place amongst the directors as to how best to designate this sum in accordance with the wishes of the donors, or donor. It was decided that the donation be used to support existing Projects within China over a period of 12 months, with a small sum kept for reserve purposes. Regular monitoring of the Projects would take place in order to ensure support given was at an appropriate level and for accountability purposes.

Future Plans

To continue to recruit teachers and promote the work.

To offer support to teachers, both whilst working in China and on their return to the UK.

To encourage the support of teachers by their sending churches.

To enable professional training by continuing to recruit and support visiting professionals in health, early and special needs education and social care.

To support the work of the different NPOs by publicising their work and supplying training and funding where possible.

To monitor the projects regularly to ensure: that an excellent service is offered; that they are financially accountable regarding funding received; and that they continue to be viable.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial Year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

Independent Examiner

The Directors recommend that Ian Afflick FCA remain as Independent Examiner until further notice.

Small Company provisions

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for Small Companies under The Companies Acts

On behalf of the Board 16th June 2022

Lee Anton Cheung (Director)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
VISION FOR CHINA**

I report to the directors on my examination of the accounts of VISION FOR CHINA for the Year ended 31 October 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Ian Afflick FCA
Independent Examiner
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July 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Year to 31 10 21	Year to 31 10 20
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary Income	2	212,772	52,216	264,988	263,097
Activities for Generating Funds		-	14,698	14,698	16,681
Investment Income	3	129	-	129	38
Total Incoming Resources		<u>212,901</u>	<u>66,914</u>	<u>279,815</u>	<u>279,816</u>
Resources expended					
Grants		197,740	64,219	261,959	267,070
Cost of Sales & Sponsorship costs		7	-	7	19
Subscriptions		594	-	594	661
Communications & IT		96	-	96	91
Office expenses		906	-	906	797
Accountancy fees		-	-	-	300
Bank Charges		1,097	-	1,097	785
Promotional		191	-	191	1,388
Governance		1,038	-	1,038	1,642
Total Resources expended		<u>201,669</u>	<u>64,219</u>	<u>265,888</u>	<u>272,753</u>
Net Incoming /(Outgoing) Resources before transfers		11,232	2,695	13,927	7,063
Transfers between funds		1,960	(1,960)	-	-
Net Incoming Resources for the Year		13,192	735	13,927	7,063
Total Funds brought forward		168,732	1,454	170,186	163,123
Total Funds carried forward		<u>181,924</u>	<u>2,189</u>	<u>184,113</u>	<u>170,186</u>

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the Year and therefore a separate statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2021

	Notes	31 10 21 £	£	31 10 20 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		32		40
Current assets					
Debtors	8	254		221	
Cash at bank and in hand		186,702		173,017	
		186,956		173,238	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,875)		(3,092)	
Net Current Assets			184,081		170,146
Net Assets		£	184,113	£	170,186
Funds	10				
Restricted Income Funds			2,189		1,454
<i>Unrestricted Income Funds:</i>					
General Funds			181,924		168,732
Total Unrestricted Income Funds			181,924		168,732
Total Funds		£	184,113	£	170,186

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET (continued)

DIRECTORS STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 249B(4)
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In approving these financial statements as Directors of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the Year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;
- (b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 29th May 2022 and signed on its behalf by

.....
Christine Sansom
Director

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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2. Voluntary Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended	Year ended
	Funds	Funds	31 10 21	31 10 20
			Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	212,772	52,216	264,988	263,097
	<u>212,772</u>	<u>52,216</u>	<u>264,988</u>	<u>263,097</u>

3. Investment Income		Year ended	Year ended
	Unrestricted	31 10 21	31 10 20
	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	129	129	38
	<u>129</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>38</u>

4. Net (Outgoing) /Incoming Resources for the Year		Year ended	Year ended
		31 10 21	31 10 20
		£	£
Net (Outgoing)/ Incoming resources is stated after charging:			
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets		8	10
		<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

5. Taxation

The Charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

6. Intangible Fixed Assets

	Total
Cost	£
At 1 November 2020 & At 31 October 2021	1,205
Provision for diminution in value	
At 31 October 2020 & 31 October 2021	1,205
Net Book Values	
At 31 October 2020 & 31 October 2021	-

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets	Office		
	Equipment	Total	
	£	£	
Cost			
At 1 November 2020 and At 31 October 2021	844	844	
	<u>844</u>	<u>844</u>	
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2020	804	804	
Charge for the Year	8	8	
	<u>812</u>	<u>812</u>	
At 31 October 2021	<u>812</u>	<u>812</u>	
Net Book Values			
At 31 October 2021	32	32	
	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>	
At 31 October 2020	40	40	
	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	
8. Debtors	31 10 21	31 10 20	
	£	£	
Gift Aid Tax recoverable	6	7	
Prepayments and accrued income	248	214	
	<u>254</u>	<u>221</u>	
	<u>254</u>	<u>221</u>	
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31 10 21	31 10 20	
	£	£	
Loan from ELA International	1,024	1,224	
Other Creditors	314	554	
Accruals and deferred income	1,537	1,314	
	<u>2,875</u>	<u>3,092</u>	
	<u>2,875</u>	<u>3,092</u>	
10. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 October 2021 as represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	32		32
Current Assets	184,767	2,189	186,956
Current Liabilities	(2,875)		(2,875)
	<u>181,924</u>	<u>2,189</u>	<u>184,113</u>
	<u>181,924</u>	<u>2,189</u>	<u>184,113</u>

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11. Unrestricted Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	Overhead	At
	01 11 20	Resources	Resources	Transfers	31 10 21
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	168,732	212,901	(201,669)	1,960	181,924
	<u>168,732</u>	<u>212,901</u>	<u>(201,669)</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>181,924</u>

12. Restricted Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At
	01 11 20	Resources	Resources	Transfers	31 10 21
	£	£	£	£	£
Child Care	695	25,614	(23,629)	(1,445)	1,235
Community Development	96	11,650	(10,981)	(386)	379
Gifts to Workers	513	27,985	(28,055)	-	443
Training & Administration	150	1,665	(1,554)	(129)	132
	<u>1,454</u>	<u>66,914</u>	<u>(64,219)</u>	<u>(1,960)</u>	<u>2,189</u>

13. Transactions with Directors

In the Year to 31 10 20 only, One Director claimed travel expenses of £300 and Three Directors received £602 for governance travel and accommodation costs. One Director was given £100 as an ex gratia payment in the current year only.

In addition, non Director related expenses have been reclaimed by Four Directors (Year to 31 10 20 - Four) of £261 (Year to 31 10 20 - £311).

Also, the son and daughter-in-law of one Director were given £4,845 (Year to 31 10 20 - £ 1,170) in recognition of their charitable work in China.

Two (Year to 31 10 20 - two) Charities have a director/trustee in common with the Trust and £ 200 (Year to 31 10 20 - £10,606) was given to such during the year.

14. Company Limited by Guarantee

VISION FOR CHINA is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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Accounts

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governing document	Memorandum and articles of association incorporated 31 05 2005 as amended by special resolution dated 0812 2005.	
Charity number	1112500	
Company Registration number	5467314	
Business Address & Registered Office	The Longcroft Barnston CH61 1BU	Storeton Lane Wirral
Directors		
Chairman	Lee Anton Cheung	
International Short Term Volunteer Coordinator	Lynda Margaret Cheung	
Sponsorship Coordinator	Susan Mary Laker	
UK Director and Academic Coordinator	David Anthony Newbery	
Healthcare & Urgent Prayer Coordinator	Christine Dinah Sansom	
ELA Int Training Consultant	Lesley Cobill	
Website Coordinator	Tim Wiffen	
Emeritus Director	Aubrey Alan Bradfield	
Company Secretary & Publicity Coordinator	Mary Scudamore	
Officers		
	Margaret Jardine-Smith Celia Newbery Christine Skinner Paul Skinner Katherine Brind-Surch Cyril & Gabrielle Thomas Helen Tucker Pat Henshaw	Administrative Assistant Joint Academic Coordinator Administrative Assistant Treasurer Accounts Assistant (from June 2020) International Directors Academic Assistant International Therapy Coordinator (from 17 07 2020)
Independent Examiner	Ian Afflick FCA Heaton Chapel Cheshire	336a Wellington Road North STOCKPORT SK4 5DA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Prenton CH42 8PE	355 Woodchurch Road Wirral
Solicitors	Pearcelegal Limited 2 The Square Solihull West Midlands B91 3RB	

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

The Directors present their Report and the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 October 2020. The Directors, who are also Directors for the purposes of company law and who served during the Year and up to the date of this Report are set out on page 1.

History & Connected Charities

Vision for China is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered both at Companies House and the Charity Commission. It succeeded to the assets and activities of Caring for China's Children and Teachers for China on 2nd November 2006 and since then has continued to fulfil its objects and through the auspices of the English Language Association (a Hong Kong registered non profit organisation) send and offer support to Teachers of English in Chinese universities for 38 years. Two years ago the English Language Association terminated its registration in Hong Kong and its objectives and activities are now fulfilled through English Language Association International (ELAI), a non-profit organisation with its head office at The Longcroft, Storeton Lane, Barnston, Wirral, CH61 1BU.

Former ELA teachers, seeing great need in the area of childcare for abandoned children, with the support of ELA and local Chinese authorities, began to care for these children in a certain city and to promote their adoption overseas. This work later diversified in nature – see below.

In the past ELA was responsible for the staffing and running of 3 Baby and Childcare Units in separate welfare centres in Central China; children with special needs were also cared for and educated and fostering by Chinese families was promoted. Other works included: a medical clinic to promote community healthcare; a village doctors training programme; a cerebral palsy clinic and the teaching of State Welfare staff and those involved with care homes.

During a seventeen year period, there has been a move towards local Chinese staff progressively taking over leadership of ELA Central Administration. This policy has been consistent with that which has since been adopted by the Chinese government. Consequently, in July 2010 a non profit Chinese organisation, named Agape, took over the functions of the Childcare and healthcare departments and now has several projects registered under it, including: the Agape Vocational training Centre; Agape Farm, providing fostering and sheltered employment; Family Care Services; Happy Life of the Elderly; Cedar Workshop, all registered since 2015. Two other similar projects are currently in the government registration process. Elim Healthcare took over the health-related work as a separate NPO. The Qing Xing special needs education and training project in Guiyang has now also become a separate NPO called Well of Love. In 2015 in Hanzhong a further NPO was registered as Hanzhong Agape Community Care Association, followed in 2016 by The Disabled People's Service Centre in the same city.

Much appreciated medical and educational assistance has been given by volunteer workers from the UK and other countries while on a short term visits. Staff members, children and members of the public have all benefited from their medical educational and training input.

ELA was able to offer up-to-date comprehensive and appropriate methods of care for the different age and ability ranges of children for which the NPOs are now responsible. There was a progression from the institutionalised care provided by the original baby units/orphanages to: nursery care; schooling with a low teacher/pupil ratio; special needs education; rehabilitation and vocational/life skills training, especially for young people with special needs, and the provision of sheltered employment. Whichever form of care was provided, the continuity of the high standard modelled on the ethos of the original baby units is encouraged. To this end training programmes have been provided by ELA staff and specialist volunteers, who have sought to work very closely both with the State Welfare Centres with whom they have links, and with the increasing number of NPOs in various forms of community work.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Directors have appointed officers who report to them on their respective areas of responsibility. Directors also provide reports on their areas of responsibility. The Directors usually meet two or three times per annum to discuss the work and to fulfil legal responsibilities. Directors are provided with financial information by the Treasurer who frequently aliases with the Chairman regarding financial matters. Directors and Coordinators liaise with each other re personnel matters and the interviewing and appointment of staff.

New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors, in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Succession Plan

In the event of there needing to be significant changes, the Directors and Team Members are willing to hold extra-ordinary meetings at short notice in order to ensure the continuity of the work.

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Safeguarding

Vision for China has a safeguarding policy and its Directors are committed to the ongoing promotion of safeguarding and a safeguarding culture of awareness which will help to protect everyone. It is the aim that all volunteer workers should be suitable, committed and selected following an appropriate and stringent procedure to ensure best safeguarding practice.

Objectives & Activities

- (a) To advance Christian ethos through the work ethic of its staff.
- (b) To advance education in all its fields, including special needs education in particular but not exclusively by improving the quality of educational training and teaching in China and by promoting and arranging study of the Chinese language.
- (c) To relieve those in need, in particular those experiencing poverty, sickness and disease, where possible.
- (d) To promote and preserve good health, in particular through the provision of health and medical care, education and training to the people of China.
- (e) To promote and provide for the care, nurture and educational needs of orphaned and abandoned children in China.
- (f) To further such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the people of China as the directors see fit from time to time.
- (g) To continue to function under a duty of care policy and a culture of safeguarding concerning members of its UK volunteer staff, members of the public, teachers and volunteer trainers.
- (h) To enhance a policy of a duty of care and promote a safeguarding culture within the NPO organisations to which VFC offers support within the People's Republic of China.

Policies

To recruit suitable teachers for the work in China; the supporting of teachers by offering assistance concerning their employment and daily life in China; the offering of advice re insurance, medical and financial matters to teachers, and those teachers who wish to study.

To support TEFL trained teachers placed by ELA Int in schools and universities and offer spiritual and personal support to those teachers.

To advertise the opportunities for teaching in China, and to administer the Company in the UK.

To facilitate the learning of the Chinese language.

To support Agape Shaanxi, Agape Hanzhong, Elim Healthcare, Well of Love and other NPOs by the administering and forwarding of financial gifts and the recruitment of suitable personnel for their ongoing training.

Agape is responsible for the staffing and running of two Baby and Childcare Units in separate welfare centres in Central China; children with special needs also are cared for. Other works include: the training of State welfare staff and those involved with care homes; the running of a rehabilitation centre and several vocational and life skills training centres; and work to alleviate loneliness among the elderly.

Elim Healthcare is now responsible for work with children and young people with HIV/AIDS, cerebral palsy and developmental delay. It is also supporting families with HIV in the community, providing medical help to an orphanage in another province as well as providing some Health Education in the community.

Well of Love is now responsible for work on special needs children to equip them to live independently in society and supporting their parents and carers to achieve this objective. The centre now has a Special Education School and has been involved in promoting special needs provision across the province.

The work of VFC is promoted by works such as:

holding day conferences in the UK; producing periodic news sheets and prayer diaries; speaking engagements; regular prayer meetings in different locations; the encouragement of urgent individual prayer, as needs arise, writing/advertising in Christian publications; promoting the work via stalls at conferences; encouraging Chinese and those interested in serving in China; the continued promotion and expansion of the successful sponsorship programmes.

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Public Benefit

The aims of Vision for China (VFC) are described under the heading "Objectives and Activities" - see above. These aims include: the prevention of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of religion; the advancement of life and the saving of lives; the relief of those in need, by reason of being orphaned or abandoned, their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The fulfilment of the aims of the public benefit policy are identified under the title, "History and Connected Charities" - see above. Please also note that many hundreds of children and adults have been helped in a variety of ways through the support given by VFC including assisting with the adoption of over seven hundred children since 1995.

Trustees therefore consider the Trust to be operating in the public benefit.

Details of the outworking of the aims of VFC are included under "Policies"- see above - and "Review of the Year" – see below.

Future aims of VFC are included under "Future Plans" – see below.

Risk Management

Key financial systems are operated, under the Treasurer, by approved personnel, and have been designed to minimise risk. Other risks are also minimal owing to VFC not owning property.

Consideration has been given to key roles being shadowed, and support being offered where identified, e.g. where there is absence or illness, or where workloads may be too great. Although we have as an organisation managed to fulfill our duties in the past, this is an area where ongoing consideration is required.

Achievements & Performance

The main focus of the Agape childcare work in a central province continues to be with older children and young adults, mainly those with special needs, although abandoned babies and toddlers are still cared for in two centres until they can be either adopted or fostered. To date more than 1500 orphans and special needs children from government welfare centres have been cared for, of whom approximately 90% have been adopted by families from more than 10 countries. One nursery has become a government recommended model nursery incorporating early education and medical care, filling a whole floor in the government Children's Welfare Centre, and currently caring for 30+ babies, toddlers and young children, many with very severe needs. The other nursery, caring for 40+ babies and children, has been commended as a model nursery by the local Welfare Centre in which it is located.

Rehabilitation: the centre where children with moderate to severe special needs can receive rehabilitation therapy is being promoted by the local government as a model centre.

Fostering: fostering in individual homes has sadly now been ended owing to a change in government policy, but continues in group homes, such as Warriors House and the Agape Farm project.

Vocational Training/employment continues in two centres for young people with complex special needs to enable them to live a more independent life.

- a) In one centre life-skills and vocational training is given; the young people live in their own apartment with some supervision, and are taught to cook, clean and shop.
- b) A number of these young people now also help to run a local farm where they are being trained in poultry- keeping and growing organic vegetables, thus providing produce which is for sale in the community.
- c) A craft workshop established some years ago continues to thrive, with handmade cards and other gifts being produced for sale in China and overseas.
- d) In another city, a new venture (Hanzhong Disabled People's Service Centre) is flourishing, giving training in life skills/vocational training to young adults with special needs who are currently living at home, rather than in a government centre.

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e) Well of Love Special Needs Centre in a south-western province continues to cater for families who have kept children with special needs, rather than abandoning them, by providing assessment and rehabilitation to over 30 children on a weekly basis. Parents are supported, encouraged and given more understanding of how to handle their children's needs. A separate school for children with special needs has recently been established and is doing well. This centre has now successfully transferred to management by local staff, most of whom have been trained up there, and has now become a separate NPO registered with the government. The leader of the project has been given an award as the best social worker in the province and granted some government funding. Some ongoing training is still being given by VFC staff on running this NPO successfully.

f) Elim Healthcare was registered as a Chinese NPO early in 2014 and works with Chinese orphans who are HIV positive. The Elim Kids programme aims to teach people the truth about HIV, integrate children with HIV into loving foster families where they can be appropriately medicated, and act as advocates for these and other special needs orphans. In summer 2014 the Elim Group Home was opened to enable more of these children to be rescued and cared for until adoption. The Elim Healthcare team has also begun working in the community with those who have HIV and supporting work in a children's home in another province.

g) As social conditions in China change, so do its needs; now there is an increasing need for caring for isolated elderly people. Happy Life of the Elderly is a newer project begun in 2018, which makes contact with vulnerable elderly people living alone. It provides some care where needed and arranges community activities to improve their wellbeing and to cross the generational divide. Its work is increasingly valued by the local government.

Training:

During this last financial year very little training by professionals from outside China has been possible because of the constraints of the pandemic. However, continued support and direction is given online as before, where necessary.

i) The previous Godly leadership and Management trainer from UK handed over to a new trainer to ensure continuity in the ethos and practice, but is still regularly involved in continual on-line support/consultancy from UK. by VFC.

ii) Agape Family Care Programme - formerly known as No Regrets/Family Care: This training programme began in 2014, focusing on building character and healthy relationships. As awareness grew about the spread of HIV/AIDS in society and the increase in abortions amongst college students, government and academic institutions recognised the need for counselling and advice amongst students, whose mental health issues are also increasing. The training is taken by a small team into universities, colleges and schools and is receiving good feedback; the team are currently training more teachers and also beginning to run parenting courses and provide other forms of family support and training.

iii) ELA Int Academic Department seeks to provide well-qualified and committed expatriate staff to teach English in a number of universities. Again, owing to the effect of the pandemic, several staff were out of country when the Chinese lockdown occurred and have so far been unable to return to China; currently they are teaching online from their home countries. Two families continue to run two separate growing education projects based in different cities. One serves younger children and the other helps teenagers who have had to leave the government education system for various reasons, by equipping them for tertiary education. Again, during this year both families had to leave China and were unable to re-enter, but have continued to supervise their Chinese team members and to be fully involved on-line.

In the UK ongoing support has been given to returning teachers and other staff, including debriefing meetings and regular opportunities to meet up through China Days and other events, although this last year many of the events have been on-line by Zoom.

Financial Review

In both this year and last, the overall financial support of VFC to the work in China has increased considerably owing to a large donation from an anonymous donor or donors. While regular gifts have indicated a decrease of £35,795 in comparison with 2018-19, with the large donation of £200,000 there was an overall income of £279,815. It is hoped that as the standard of living and awareness of the projects becomes more widely known that more financial help will be received from within that country. It is also hoped that the fact that the NPOs are now Chinese will help increase support from within China.

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Reserves Policy

The general policy has been to keep a reasonable level of money for working capital purposes and pass on gifts as soon as possible. However, this year there was a large donation and discussion took place amongst the directors as to how best to designate this sum in accordance with the wishes of the donors, or donor. It was decided that the donation be used to support existing Projects within China over a period of 12 months, with a small sum kept for reserve purposes. Regular monitoring of the Projects would take place in order to ensure support given was at an appropriate level and for accountability purposes.

Future Plans

To continue to recruit teachers and promote the work.

To offer support to teachers, both whilst working in China and on their return to the UK.

To encourage the support of teachers by their sending churches.

To enable professional training by continuing to recruit and support visiting professionals in health, early and special needs education and social care.

To support the work of the different NPOs by publicising their work and supplying training and funding where possible.

To monitor the projects regularly to ensure: that an excellent service is offered; that they are financially accountable regarding funding received; and that they continue to be viable.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial Year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

Independent Examiner

The Directors recommend that Ian Afflick FCA remain as Independent Examiner until further notice.

Small Company provisions

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for Small Companies under The Companies Acts

On behalf of the Board 5th March 2021

Lee Anton Cheung

Director

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
VISION FOR CHINA**

I report to the directors on my examination of the accounts of VISION FOR CHINA for the Year ended 31 October 2020.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Ian Afflick FCA
Independent Examiner
336a Wellington Road North
Heaton Chapel
STOCKPORT
Cheshire
SK4 5DA
27th April 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Year to 31 10 20	Year to 31 10 19
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary Income	2	212,321	50,775	263,096	297,148
Activities for Generating Funds		-	16,681	16,681	18,434
Investment Income	3	38	-	38	28
Total Incoming Resources		<u>212,359</u>	<u>67,456</u>	<u>279,815</u>	<u>315,610</u>
Resources expended					
Grants		201,394	65,675	267,069	168,822
Cost of Sales & Sponsorship costs		17	2	19	11
Subscriptions		661	-	661	412
Communications & IT		92	-	92	10
Office expenses		797	-	797	260
Accountancy fees		300	-	300	100
Bank Charges		785	-	785	753
Promotional		1,388	-	1,388	1,571
Governance		1,642	-	1,642	1,669
Total Resources expended		<u>207,076</u>	<u>65,677</u>	<u>272,753</u>	<u>173,608</u>
Net Incoming /(Outgoing) Resources before transfers		5,283	1,779	7,062	142,002
Transfers between funds		2,751	(2,751)	-	-
Net Incoming Resources for the Year		8,034	(972)	7,062	142,002
Total Funds brought forward		160,698	2,426	163,124	21,122
Total Funds carried forward		<u>168,732</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>170,186</u>	<u>163,124</u>

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the Year and therefore a separate statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2020

	Notes	31 10 20 £	£	31 10 19 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		40		50
Current assets					
Debtors	8	221		238	
Cash at bank and in hand		173,017		166,226	
		<u>173,238</u>		<u>166,464</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,092)		(3,390)	
Net Current Assets			<u>170,146</u>		<u>163,074</u>
Net Assets		£	<u>170,186</u>	£	<u>163,124</u>
Funds	10				
Restricted Income Funds			1,454		2,426
<i>Unrestricted Income Funds:</i>					
Designated Funds			-		9,422
General Funds			168,732		151,276
Total Unrestricted Income Funds			<u>168,732</u>		<u>160,698</u>
Total Funds		£	<u>170,186</u>	£	<u>163,124</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET (continued)

DIRECTORS STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 249B(4)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

In approving these financial statements as Directors of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the Year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;
- (b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 21st April 2021 and signed on its behalf by

.....
Christine Sansom
Director

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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2. Voluntary Income		Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	31 10 20	31 10 19
				Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income		<u>212,321</u>	<u>50,775</u>	<u>263,096</u>	<u>297,148</u>

3. Investment Income			Year ended	Year ended
		Unrestricted	31 10 20	31 10 19
		Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£
Bank interest receivable		<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>28</u>
		<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>28</u>

4. Net (Outgoing) /Incoming Resources for the Year			Year ended	Year ended
			31 10 20	31 10 19
			£	£
Net (Outgoing)/ Incoming resources is stated after charging:				
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets			<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>

5. Taxation

The Charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

6. Intangible Fixed Assets

Cost				Total
				£
At 1 November 2019 & At 31 October 2020				<u>1,205</u>
Provision for diminution in value				
At 31 October 2019 & 31 October 2020				<u>1,205</u>
Net Book Values				
At 31 October 2019 & 31 October 2020				<u>-</u>

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets	Office		
	Equipment	Total	
	£	£	
Cost			
At 1 November 2019 and			
At 31 October 2020	844	844	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2019	794	794	
Charge for the Year	10	10	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
At 31 October 2020	804	804	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Net Book Values			
At 31 October 2020	40	40	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
At 31 October 2019	50	50	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
8. Debtors	31 10 20	31 10 19	
	£	£	
Gift Aid Tax recoverable	6	123	
Prepayments and accrued income	215	115	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
	221	238	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31 10 20	31 10 19	
	£	£	
Loan from ELA International	1,224	1,712	
Other Creditors	554	-	
Accruals and deferred income	1,314	1,678	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
	3,092	3,390	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
10. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 October 2020 as represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	40		40
Current Assets	171,784	1,454	173,238
Current Liabilities	(3,092)		(3,092)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	168,732	1,454	170,186
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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11. Unrestricted Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	Overhead	At
	01 11 19	Resources	Resources	Transfers	31 10 20
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	151,276	212,359	(197,654)	2,751	168,732
Designated Funds	9,422		(9,422)		-
	<u>160,698</u>	<u>212,359</u>	<u>(207,076)</u>	<u>2,751</u>	<u>168,732</u>

12. Restricted Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At
	01 11 19	Resources	Resources	£	31 10 20
	£	£	£	£	£
Child Care	1,532	33,179	(31,820)	(2,196)	695
Community Development	247	5,514	(5,311)	(354)	96
Gifts to Workers	433	26,858	(26,778)	-	513
Training & Administration	214	1,905	(1,768)	(201)	150
	<u>2,426</u>	<u>67,456</u>	<u>(65,677)</u>	<u>(2,751)</u>	<u>1,454</u>

13. Transactions with Directors

One (Year to 31 10 19 -One) Director claimed travel expenses of £300 (Year to 31 10 19 -£60), and Three (Year to 31 10 19 - Four) Directors received £602 (Year to 31 10 19 - £411) for governance travel and accommodation costs.

In addition, non Director related expenses have been reclaimed by Four Directors (Year to 31 10 19 - One) of £311 (Year to 31 10 19 - £129).

Also, the son and daughter-in-law of one Director were given £1,170 (Year to 31 10 19 - £ 3,495) in recognition of their charitable work in China.

Two (Year to 31 10 19 - three) Charities have a director/trustee in common with the Trust and £ 10,606 (Year to 31 10 19 - £1,558) was given to such during the year.

14. Company Limited by Guarantee

VISION FOR CHINA is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.