

Gulu Mission Initiative (GMI UK) - Annual Report – 2023-2024

Registered Charity Number: 1136683

What a year it's been! With the challenges we had with the bank at the beginning of the year I wondered whether we would actually be able to do anything this year, but going back through all the activities and achievements there has been lots to celebrate and be thankful for.

Working alongside those in a different country and culture will always throw up unexpected challenges, but ones we have always risen too, worked out together and stood stronger and closer to each other as a result.

When you look back over the year you realise the impact on so many young lives through Bethel schools and Salem Vocational Training Centre (VTC), giving precious children and young people opportunities they may never have been able to have, it's incredible.

So, as you read through each month let's continue to pray for all the work that has been achieved, and what is to come.

November 2023

- Vocational Training Centre (VTC) graduates, Nancy Adoch and Felix Lubangakene, were able to secure a venue to do tailoring, making between £80 and £100 each before Christmas.

January 2024

- Bethel primary results, 14 students achieved first grades and 24 students achieved second grades. February 2024 national exams completed, S4 achieved 19 first grades and P7 achieved 16 first grades and 24 second grades.
- Start of 2nd year for VTC students 19 February 2024 along with 300 children in nursery and primary at Salem.

March 2024

- Donations totalling £3,600 were received and included £2,600 kindly donated by the Souter Trust. The donations were used to purchase 30 sewing machines and 50 chairs.
- We welcomed Mr Gwyn Trehearne as our new treasurer.

Activities between the end of our financial year and our AGM

April 2024

- James was commissioned as Bishop, standing for another 5 years until 2028, 5,000 people attended.
- Intake for secondary school has been record-breaking, so they have built a ladies dormitory and bought more beds and chairs to accommodate them.
- VTC - 130 students attending, they are still not paying fees due to their vulnerable states.

May 2024

- Borehole donation received, construction to begin in November due to weather and vehicles not being able to access the land.

June 2024

- Bethel schools suffered with 90% students getting Red Eye infections, all dealt with very quickly.
- We welcomed new trustees Tim and Clare Luther.

July 2024

- Bethel school celebrated South Sudan Independence Day, celebrating with those students who have joined from that area.
- Our trustee Fiona Brind spent over 2 weeks in Uganda where she was able witness some of the impact the support received from GMI was having. She visited the VTC, primary school and spent some special time with James and Phoebe at their home.

August 2024

We said farewell to Drew Firth as our Trustee and welcomed Nessa Chilesea as the charities Social Media Manager.

September 2024

- Sept 2024 James went to South Sudan for a peace mission.
- Graduation for tailoring students was held on 9 September with 130 students graduating.
- Fourteen windows and two doors for a classroom block have been fitted at a cost of £850 and were paid for by anonymous sponsors.
- A brilliant restaurant initiative set up by our trustee Tim Luther at two of his restaurants has, in one month, seen the charity benefit from £1,544 in donations from kind diners.

October 2024

- National exams for S4 took place on 11 October and on 4 November for P7.
- Uganda's 62nd Independence Day on the 9 October was celebrated with fun and games at both schools.
- Social media posts have been stepped up thanks to Nessa joining the team.

November 2024

- Sponsor letter going out.

I wish to thank each and every person that has supported us through this year and that includes the trustees, members and supporters. I am incredibly grateful to you all for your time and commitment to Gulu Mission Initiative.

Together let's look forward to another year of building on what has been, and what is to come!

Helen Lock

Chair, Gulu Mission Initiative

November 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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| Charity Name | No (if any) |
| Gulu Mission Initiative | 1136683 |

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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date | To | Period end date |
| | 01/04/2023 | | 31/03/2024 |

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations - Monthly sponsorship | 6,815 | - | - | 6,815 | 7,411 |
| Donations - Other | 9,755 | - | - | 9,755 | 5,558 |
| Income Tax Refundable (Gift Aid) | - | - | - | - | 5,593 |
| Grants | - | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 3,215 |
| Income relating to Africa visits | 6,646 | - | - | 6,646 | 386 |
| Bank Interest | 18 | - | - | 18 | 4 |
| Bank Compensation | 400 | - | - | 400 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 23,634 | 2,000 | - | 25,634 | 22,167 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 23,634 | 2,000 | - | 25,634 | 22,167 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Bethel School Teachers Salaries | 7,400 | - | - | 7,400 | 7,400 |
| Bethel High School Build | - | - | - | - | - |
| School Equipment / Repairs | - | - | - | - | 3,685 |
| Contribution to vocational training centre | 9,300 | - | - | 9,300 | 4,615 |
| Other contributions to the Gulu community | 2,650 | - | - | 2,650 | 1,500 |
| Visit of Rev Phoebe Obol to UK | - | - | - | - | 793 |
| Bore Hole / Well Construction | 4,500 | - | - | 4,500 | - |
| Personal Sponsorship/Other | 600 | - | - | 600 | 1,600 |
| Travel to & from Africa | 6,267 | 2,000 | - | 8,267 | 250 |
| Printing, Website etc | 1,110 | - | - | 1,110 | 583 |
| Governance Costs | 354 | - | - | 354 | 354 |
| Sub total | 32,181 | 2,000 | - | 34,181 | 20,780 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 32,181 | 2,000 | - | 34,181 | 20,780 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 8,547 | - | - | - 8,547 | 1,387 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 16,224 | 386 | - | 16,610 | 15,223 |
| Cash funds this year end | 7,677 | 386 | - | 8,063 | 16,610 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|--|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current Account (40788732) | 5,673 | 386 | - |
| | Deposit Account (73556980) | 2,004 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 7,677 | 386 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | None | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | None | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | None | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | None | | - | |
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Notes to the Accounts

Restricted Funds and other grants -

During 2023/2024, we received £2,000 from the Tabeel Trust to allow us to take someone to Uganda with the team to film a promotional video. This grant was fully spent during the year and we are very pleased with the outcome. We are immensely grateful to this organisation, along with numerous individuals, for their generous support. In February 2023, Fiona Brind deposited £386 towards a trip planned for later that year, but now taking place in 2024. **Gift Aid** - During 2023/2024 a single Gift Aid claim was made, for £1,935, covering the year 2022/2023, but this was not received from HMRC until April 2024, so will appear in next year's accounts.

Reserves Policy - The trustees have agreed to keep in reserve a minimum of one quarter's committed payment to Bethel school in Uganda, i.e. £2,000, in reserve. This amount is held in the deposit account 73556980.

Audit Exemption - For the year ended 31st March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 10 September 2024 and were signed on their behalf by Mrs Helen Lock, their chairperson, and Mr Anthony John Hornsby, another trustee:

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Helen Lock | Mrs Helen Lock | 10/09/2024 |
| A.J. Hornsby | Anthony John Hornsby | 10/09/2024 |

Independent Examiner report

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Gulu Mission Initiative

On the accounts for the year ended March 31st 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissions (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respects:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed by the examiner:



Date: 10/12/2024

Name: Malcolm Nicholas

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