

Charis Ministries Africa (Charity No: 1138859)

Annual Report

For the year ended 31st March 2021

'Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely who conduct their affairs with justice.' Psalm 112:4-5

Administrative information

Charis Ministries Mozambique is registered with the Charities Commission.

Principal address: 1 Sunnyside Avenue, Wilpshire, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 9LW

Trustees: Melanie Welch (chairperson)
Mandy Hunter
Andrew Rowland
Julie Okpoti
Kathleen Welch

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted via a Trust deed.

Objectives and activities

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of beliefs in our schedule in Mozambique and in other parts of the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust.
2. Relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind in Mozambique and in such other parts of the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

Achievements and performance

In March 2020 the Coronavirus pandemic forced the world including Mozambique and the UK into lockdown. Mel & Mandy were due to fly back to Mozambique on the 18th March and had to make the difficult decision to remain in the UK and postpone travel. The work of Charis (MG) in Mozambique has continued at grassroots level through the national team and by the virtual and online direction, support, encouragement and collaboration of Mel & Mandy and Charis UK.

- **Kids Club-** Due to the Covid pandemic the Kids Club has been held sporadically over the year. In May the President initiated a lockdown which lasted until September 2020 and affected larger gatherings and religious meetings. When things opened the team were able to restart Kids Club and Kids Club on the move in the villages. However, after a few months, lockdown was reintroduced until March 2021. In March 2021 Charis helped 19 kids to go to school buying uniforms and school bags and equipment.
- **Food kit project-** Pastoral visits to the Aglow villages to encourage them with God's word, prayer and assess basic needs has been a core activity of the MG team this year. The Covid 19 pandemic negatively affected the Mozambican economy driving up local prices and forcing many of those already poor struggling to survive. Alongside this there has been a drought in the province of Inhambane leading to crop failures - a tragedy for the

majority who are subsistent farmers. We decided therefore in April to commit to distributing monthly food kits of staple foods and basic medicines to the most vulnerable in each of the 8 areas. Charis distributed 1000+ food kits over 13 months thanks to the faithful provision of God and those who have continued to give.

- **House-building** -Despite the restrictions we were able to build new houses for 3 desperate families whose living conditions were appalling.
- **Pig project**-Charis continued to support Mariana's pig project providing monthly vitamin-enriched food for the pigs and their piglets.
- **Community Garden Project**-Charis' aim is to bring uplift to communities – we invested in 3 self-sustaining collaborative community garden projects distributing abundant onion, bean, corn salad seeds etc . The 2 village gardens each situated by the lake have produced well but the 3rd at our Vilanculos Centre was less successful because of a problem in October with our water supply.
Seeds were also distributed to all on our food kit list.
- **Discipleship** – In July we invited Sergio to join our MG team to help him as he had lost his job but also because he has worked with us before and is a spiritually gifted young man with a good heart. He started a 2x weekly discipleship group with 5 young men teaching them about what it means to be a Christian and how to live well as a believer in Christ. We want to encourage such groups, which are so important in a town where there is a big problem with alcohol and drug abuse.
- **Vilanculos Centre**- In September there was a big problem with the water supply which led to the need for a new water pump and the re-digging of the well which was a big but successful project. Later in the year we invited Ezekiel, our gardener to move with his family to live at the Centre to be resident caretaker. Joana has been living at the Centre since 2016 but is getting married and so will be living with her husband.
- **Outreach Bandua** - the team returned to Bandua the cyclone area in October 2020 to assess the needs of the people and to distribute some food packs donated by our friend Luke. They found the people in the resettlement camps provided for by World Food programme, however they did find many outside the camps struggling to find enough food. In 2021 a new resettlement camp was created. The need for houses remains great as many continue to live in tents.
- **Outreach Inhassorro/Govuro** -Charis helped 8 poor bush churches in the areas of Inhassorro and Govuro to open and meet for worship under strict government Covid restrictions with thermometers, sanitizers etc.
- **Bento** – In February 2021 Bento was officially welcomed back to work with Charis and the MG team. After much prayer Mel and Mandy approached the trustees in January 2021 with a request to consider welcoming Bento back to work with Charis full-time. Bento started joining us in October 2020 in our prayer/bible meetings and it seemed clear that in his heart he desired to return to continue to serve God with Charis. Bento started to visit the villages in March 2021 teaching God's word to small groups and assessing the needs of the vulnerable.
- **Charis Ethiopia**- In 2020 Mandy reconnected with an old friend who sought her out and who asked to join Charis Ministries. After much prayer we believed God gave the green light and so in October 2020 Elizabeth started to work with Charis initially identifying 10 of the most vulnerable, which was gradually increased to 20 with Charis sending funds for monthly food. It was Mel and Mandy's plan to visit Ethiopia in 2021 although Covid prevented that however we continue to prayerfully seek God's forward plan and purpose for Charis and Elizabeth.
- **Mission partners**- Partnering with our missionary friends Mark and Les Harper (Provisao) Charis was privileged to be able to contribute to the desperate needs of those in the North of Mozambique where many have suffered at the hands of Islamist insurgents. Atrocities were committed and many fled to neighbouring provinces where local pastors have been helping the neediest including many orphaned children.
- **Cross-cultural mission training** – Mel led 4 Envision groups in 2020. Envision is a 4-week course from All Nations Christian College which focusses on 'What is Mission?' and how to reach people across cultures. It has been a joy to study together latterly with our Mozambican team and a joy to welcome Bento back to join us.
- **Bible teaching on zoom**- Mel & Mandy led weekly bible study sessions with the Mozambican team and latterly invited Elizabeth and some Charis UK supporters to join. This has led to a positive step forward in cementing our relationships as a cross-cultural ministry bringing together 3 nations to study God's word.

Financial Review

See the attached accounts.

The charity does not have a reserve policy.

No funds are in deficit.

We thank God for all that has been achieved this year despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic and remember that 'unless the Lord builds the house its builders labour in vain.' As we enter a New Year may we seek to glorify Jesus in all we think, say and do and pray for His Kingdom to come in power in Mozambique and Ethiopia and the UK!

'We pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen us with power through his Spirit in our inner beings, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that we, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lords' holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than we can hope or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen.' (Ephesians 3:16-21)

Approved by the Trustees on 7th January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Mei Welch



Mandy Hunter



Charis Ministries Africa

Annual Report and Financial Accounts

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CHARIS MINISTRIES AFRICA (Charity No: 1138859)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31st March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Standing orders	15,002	9,063
Other donations	17,724	63,008
Grants receivable	0	0
Gift aid	14,713	3,311
Other incoming resources	0	214
TOTAL INCOME	47,439	75,596
EXPENDITURE		
Local workers Mozambique	9,571	5,580
Ethiopia	3,550	0
Missionary costs and expenses	1,750	7,082
Donations to Ministry partners	2,539	0
Local worker loan	1,140	0
Purchase of Toyota Hilux	0	18,765
Motor expenses	1,430	7,250
House building	986	1,105
Kids club/Music group	0	1,147
Medicines	334	506
Cyclone relief	0	34,844
Families in need	9,653	1,070
Pigs and well	91	576
Bank charges	943	1,295
Vilanculos/Aglow Centre	3,447	3,063
Administrative and internet expenses	2,029	1,010
Miscellaneous expenses	2,135	2,511
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	39,598	85,804
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	7,841	-10,208
Funds brought forward 1st April 2020	26,435	36,643
Funds carried forward 31st March 2021	34,276	26,435

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
CASH AND BANK BALANCES		
Barclays Bank (Sterling)	32,527	25,144
BCI Bank (Mozambique Metical)	1,749	1,263
Cash balance	0	28
	<hr/> 34,276	<hr/> 26,435

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Mel Welch



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CHARIS MINISTRIES AFRICA (Charity No: 1138859)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2021.

As the charity's trustees, 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.

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

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

(Signed)

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