

# **Charis Ministries Africa**

## **Annual Report and Financial Accounts**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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*Your love, lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies, your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.' (Psalm 36:5-6)*

#### **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**

**It is true that God is never limited by our circumstances and is in fact able to bring amazing growth out of the challenges we face. Although Mel and Mandy have continued to remain in the UK, Charis has seen God provide for His work through the national teams in amazing ways and has brought increase for His glory and kingdom. Charis' work in Ethiopia is developing into a significant ministry, which is bringing holistic blessing and making Jesus known to more and more dear ones on the margins of Nekemte town. Mel and Mandy and Charis UK have continued to provide online and virtual direction, support, collaboration, training and encouragement.**

#### **Ethiopia**

- In April 2021 Charis felt led to take on **Elizabeth** full time as a Charis pastoral worker among the vulnerable poor of Nekemte. She was joined later in the year by Zenabu a young Christian woman to help and support Elizabeth. They have responded with amazing care and compassion to the homeless, mentally unwell, the despairing, orphans, the sick, the blind and the disabled. Each month God seems to bring another dear soul across their path and His compassionate love through Elizabeth and Zenabu is transforming lives. There are now 30 on their care list and many have come to faith praise God!

- **The political situation** has worsened over the year pushing up prices of food and transport and bringing a challenging situation for Elizabeth and Zenabu and their families. We are in constant prayer for their safety and for peace and reconciliation to come between the Tigrayans, Oromo people and the federal government.
- **School uniforms/equipment** - Charis was able to provide for 4 children to go to school for a year. One young woman had been so depressed she tried to take her own life but now she has a future and a hope.
- **Provision** - Charis has provided monthly food, blankets, mattresses, shoes, and clothes to all on their care list and has recently committed to pay a monthly rent for Mulunesh, whom Elizabeth found on the street. It is not possible to build new homes in the town, but we have made improvements to the rented rooms of those on our list.

#### **Mozambique**

- **The MG team** have grown in their faith and capability this year under the sensitive and anointed leadership of Sergio.
- **Bible/Prayer encouragement** - Over the year Mel and Mandy provided ongoing bible training and encouragement to the team inviting Charis UK supporters as well as Elizabeth to join, as well as holding regular Charis Prayer sessions. It has been wonderful to share together and encourage each other cross-culturally.
- **Discipleship** – Sergio and Orlando have continued to mentor and disciple some small groups of older teenagers. Their vision is to provide a rolling 3-month short course of IT and music alongside bible teaching to a new generation, raising up young spiritual leaders of tomorrow. To help encourage this vision Charis would like to build a basic multi-use classroom with storeroom.
- **Bible teaching in the villages** -The team have been visiting the villages this year to encourage them with God's word alongside assessing any desperate needs. We were delighted to see Bento pioneer teaching in 2 more rural villages around Vilanculos.
- **Food Kits** – Charis has continued to provide monthly food kits for the most vulnerable in the Vilanculos villages albeit to a reduced number as the pandemic situation has improved.
- **Bandua- housebuilding** – The team have travelled up to Bandua a number of times this year. Charis has provided about **90 new homes** for the vulnerable poor this year most of which have been in the camps of Bandua, which remain in a very difficult situation.
- **Bandua – micro-schemes** – Lack of food is a big problem in the camps and without money many people cannot find ways to provide for their families. Charis has therefore equipped a number of people to set up small businesses - bread making, selling pork/tomatoes, motorbike taxi, provision of 20 bikes. These have all transformed their lives.
- **Bandua- 20 small farms** – Charis provided seeds, tools and cleaned the land for 20 families to set up small farms which if the rain comes can produce a harvest which will provide enough food for a year. Charis met to pray regularly to pray for rain. Praise God a number of the farms are producing well.
- **Charis Consultaria Ltd- *Transforming lives and communities***– Charis has set up a company in Vilanculos. This will not only provide opportunities to provide micro-business loans for the economically poor but is also a way for the team to generate finances alongside donations for their support and the work in Mozambique by establishing a small business.

#### **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!**

#### **Forward Plan 2022-2023**

##### **Ethiopia**

We are amazed at how God is slowly growing this beautiful organic holistic ministry by simply bringing desperate dear individuals across Elizabeth's path. In compassion she reaches out to them with practical love and care alongside prayer and bible encouragement. We trust God for His provision this coming year so that many more of 'the least', those on the margins of life who are unseen, forgotten, alone, displaced and despairing will find new hope and fullness of life through Jesus.

##### **Mozambique**

Charis' focus remains on the holistic transformation of the lives of the marginalised poor and communities and raising up a new generation, who will extend and expand this ministry of compassion and making Jesus known by word and action and kingdom lifestyle. Our aim and prayer are to encourage spiritual growth and maturity of the MG team by training and mentorship so that they in turn can disciple a younger generation.

##### **UK**

Mel and Mandy plan to make periodic visits to Mozambique and Ethiopia to oversee, train, serve and encourage the ministry in both places and to offer ongoing online bible training throughout the year as well as encouraging cross-cultural prayer sessions and collaboration between Charis ministry partners and the Charis teams.

*'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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and signed on their behalf by:**



Mel Welch



Mandy Hunter

# ***CHARIS MINISTRIES AFRICA (Charity No: 1138859)***

## **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

For the year ending 31st March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Standing orders	27,236	15,002
Other donations	32,095	13,474
Grants receivable	9,900	4,250
Gift aid	4,274	14,713
Other incoming resources	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>73,505</b>	<b>47,439</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Local workers                      Mozambique	14,439	9,409
Ethiopia	4,918	3,550
Outreach expenses	3,300	162
Missionary costs and expenses	1,690	1,750
Donations to Ministry partners	815	2,539
Local worker loan	0	1,140
Website setup fees and charges	5,100	0
Motor and transport expenses	4,617	1,430
House building	20,859	986
Kids club/Music group	742	0
Medicines	168	334
Micro business/projects	2,571	91
Families in need	15,487	9,653
Bank charges	1,482	943
Vilanculos/Aglow Centre	2,045	3,447
Administrative and internet expenses	1,762	2,029
Miscellaneous expenses	3,662	2,135
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>83,657</b>	<b>39,598</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>-10,152</b>	<b>7,841</b>
Funds brought forward		
1st April 2021	34,276	26,435
Funds carried forward		
31st March 2022	<b>24,124</b>	<b>34,276</b>

## CHARIS MINISTRIES AFRICA (Charity No: 1138859)

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
CASH AND BANK BALANCES		
Barclays Bank (Sterling)	20,626	32,527
BCI Bank (Mozambique Metical)	3,498	1,749
	<u>24,124</u>	<u>34,276</u>

Approved by the Trustees on the 7th January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mel Welch



Mandy Hunter



## **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 2022.

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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7th January 2023