

# **Charis Ministries Africa**

## **Annual Report and Financial Accounts**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**



### Charis – 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

We thank God for all that has been achieved this year through the partnership of Charis teams and supporters in the UK, Mozambique, and Ethiopia. The focus has continued to be transforming lives and communities by God's practical love and compassion in action amongst the poorest of the poor and the preaching and teaching of God's Word to the poorly resourced. We look back and are amazed at God's faithful provision which has made every act of kindness possible.

#### **Mozambique**

- **Bandua** continues to be a focus for Charis because of the continuing daily hardship and poverty of the people in the resettlement areas of Bandua. We were able to help 20 more families with **small farms**, seeds and tools providing enough food for 9-12 months. Alongside the farms we have provided **bikes** which is a lifeline to those whose farms are far away. We built 17 houses and provided the mats, and basic necessities to the most needy. Throughout the year we have provided **food kits** for a number of vulnerable and elderly and helped a number with **micro-businesses**.
- **Bandua Kids** bring much joy to the team! The numbers are always huge; between 200-500 kids turned up at the various clubs held on the trips. Orlando always leads them in praise and worship and the team use fun and games to teach them about Jesus. And **100 kids** were blessed with flipflops.
- **Bandua School** became a focus on 2 trips when we were able to **feed 700-800 schoolkids** at a school in one of the resettlement areas that suffered much damage in the cyclones. The school has a couple of tents used for classrooms and the rest of the children are taught under trees. The teachers shared about the lack of motivation of the pupils and how the blessing of sweet porridge brought such encouragement to them.
- **Vilanculos villages** were visited regularly by the team to preach and encourage and assess any needs. Seeds and tools were provided for **7+village farms** to help the communities. And **22 monthly food-kits** distributed for the most vulnerable with no family to help.
- **Cyclone Freddy** hit Vilanculos in March and caused much devastation destroying or damaging many houses. We thank God we received funding to build **16 houses** (March & April 2023).
- **16 Schoolkids** were kitted out for school for a year.
- **Mel & Mandy mission** – Mel and Mandy made 2 trips: May/June for 6 weeks and October/November for 4 weeks. During these visits they visited Bandua and witnessed the great work the team have been doing there. They visited the villages around Vilanculos to preach and reunite with friends and respond to various health needs. Bible training, praying, and envisioning with the team was an important focus and things were moved forward re the future of the ministry.
- **Life Centre** We thank God that the realisation of our vision to build a multi-use classroom at our **Vilanculos base** has begun and the wall has been completed. The Life Centre vision is that it will be a place of learning and growth, training in the bible and holistic mission, where young believers grow in their knowledge of and relationship with Jesus, a place of God's presence, where worship and prayer brings transformation to hearts and minds.
- **Sesame Farm** Unfortunately due to the flooding brought by Cyclone Freddy our 10 hectares Sesame farm produced very little at harvest. The crop was submerged under water for weeks which



ruined the growth like many other families' farms in Bandua. At least we were able to support a number of workers over the 6 months.

## Ethiopia

- Elizabeth with her assistant Zenabu have continued to **visit 33 of the poorest of the poor** in and around the town of Nekemte providing **monthly food kits, medical care, prayer, and encouragement**. This is in the context of an **ongoing war** and a very dangerous situation. In October they had to flee to Adis Ababa when the fighting broke out where they live. Elizabeth's young neighbours were shot and killed. After 2 weeks they bravely returned to continue to care for the poor.
- Charis now pays **monthly rent for 5** on Elizabeth's list who previously were either homeless or whose living conditions were terrible. Unlike in Mozambique it is not possible to build houses in Nekemte.
- **Schoolkids**-Charis **sponsors 8 children** to go to school.
- Due to the war Mel and Mandy were not able to meet with Elizabeth in October. Their hope and prayer are that they will be able to visit in October 2023. They have been **meeting regularly on zoom** to pray and share together.

## Charis UK

- **New trustee** In July the trustees were delighted to welcome another member to the board: **Sarah Sleightholme**. Sarah has been a wonderful advocate and supporter of Charis since her visit in 2019 and we are very happy that she has joined our team.

## Finances April 2022-March 2023

God has been faithful again this year and continually fills up our jar when it gets low!

**Income** – Total received **£83,847** which includes **£7,601** HMRC. Regular monthly donations averaged **£1800+** and a total of **22,904** and ad hoc donations – **53,307**.

**Expenditure** - £83,869

**Balance 30 March 2022:**

**Barclays** - £20,625

**BCI**- £2,451

**We thank God for all that has been achieved this year according to His promise:** <sup>48</sup> *And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* <sup>9</sup> *As it is written:*

*"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever."*<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> *Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.* <sup>11</sup> *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.'* (2 Corinthians 9:9-11)

## Forward Vision 2023-24

### Mozambique

Our prayer:

- That God will continue to lead us to and enable us to help the most needy, who are crying out for help that we might help to alleviate their suffering and encourage and strengthen their hearts with God's powerful eternal Word.
- God will provide all that we need (faith, vision, and finances) to build and resource the **Life Centre** in Vilanculos, which will be for His glory and the extension of His kingdom.
- The team will grow in their love, unity and passion for Jesus and His kingdom, and be wholehearted in all they do.

## Ethiopia

### Our Prayer:

- God will protect Elizabeth and Zenabu and their families as they make their visits and meet all their needs.
- God will provide all we need to continue to provide for the monthly expenses of caring for the 33 and increase our store so that we can help more who are in extreme poverty.
- The way may be opened for Mel and Mandy to visit Elizabeth in October 2023.

## UK

### Our Prayer:

- God will open up more doors for us to share Charis' heart and be a voice for the voiceless.
- God will lead us to more partners, who can support Charis in our work.
- God will keep us all strong and healthy and protect us from all harm.

***<sup>2</sup> My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:2-3)***

### Approved by Trustees:

Melanie Well

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# CHARIS MINISTRIES AFRICA (Charity No: 1138859)

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Standing orders	21,650			21,650	27,236
Other donations	33,385		11,500	44,885	32,095
Grants receivable	6,000	5,000		11,000	9,900
Gift aid	7,601			7,601	4,274
Other incoming resources	724			724	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>69,360</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>85,860</b>	<b>73,505</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Local workers Mozambique	12,603			12,603	14,439
Ethiopia	5,250			5,250	4,918
Outreach expenses	2,122			2,122	3,300
Missionary costs and expenses	617		6,000	6,617	1,690
Donations to Ministry partners				-	815
Website setup fees and charges	966			966	5,100
Motor and transport expenses	5,377			5,377	4,617
House building	5,360			5,360	20,859
Kids club/Music group	1,139			1,139	742
Medicines	394			394	168
Micro business/projects	6,885			6,885	2,571
Families in need	18,948			18,948	15,487
Bank charges	1,140			1,140	1,482
Vilanculos/Aglow Centre	2,617			2,617	2,045
Life Centre construction costs			3,316	3,316	-
Administrative and internet expenses	1,222			1,222	1,762
Trustee Coordinator fees and expenses	2,400			2,400	-
Charis Consultaria Ltd setup fees and charges	3,165			3,165	-
Miscellaneous expenses	5,069			5,069	3,662
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>75,274</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,316</b>	<b>84,590</b>	<b>83,657</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>-5,914</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>-10,152</b>
Funds brought forward 1st April 2022	14,124	-	10,000	24,124	34,276
Funds carried forward 31st March 2023	8,210	5,000	12,184	25,394	24,124

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the year ending 31st March 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
CASH AND BANK BALANCES			
Barclays Bank (Sterling)		20,607	20,626
BCI Bank (Mozambique Metical)	Current account	4,733	3,498
	Charis Consultaria Ltd account	54	-
		<hr/> 25,394	<hr/> 24,124
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		8,210	14,124
Designated		5,000	-
Restricted		12,184	10,000
		<hr/> 25,394	<hr/> 24,124

Approved by the Trustees on the 20th January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mel Welch



Mandy Hunter



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31st March 2023

### Funds

	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
Designated funds				
School feeding fund	-	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Restricted funds				
Life Centre fund	10,000	5,000	3,316	11,684
Keyboard fund	-	500	-	500
Travel fund	-	6,000	6,000	-
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>9,316</u>	<u>12,184</u>

**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 2023.

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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21st January 2024