

Charis Annual Report 2024-2025



*"Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.*

*³For you will spread out to the right and to the left;
your descendants will dispossess nations
and settle in their desolate cities. (Isaiah 54:2-3)*

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 the transformation of lives and communities by God's practical love and compassion in action amongst the economically poor and the sharing of God's word among the different generations. Following what we believed God communicated to us last year, 2024-2025 has been a year of preparation, making space for God's new work rooted in national contexts.

Mozambique

- **New homes** – 20 new homes were built, and a number were repaired.
- **Schoolkids** 19 children were sponsored to go to school equipped with uniforms and school equipment.
- **Micro-businesses/grants** – 5 people were given start up grants/loans to start small businesses and 2 team members were sponsored with grants, one to start a grocery shop and another to build a rentable accommodation.

- **Training** – A team member was sponsored on a year's engineering course. A young woman was trained in sewing for 6 months with the intention of starting a tailoring micro-business. And Orlando our core team member started a 5-month course at Hatfield SA Worship Academy in January 2025.
- **Worship/music school** – 27 young students attended Orlando's start-up worship school at Vilanculos Centre.
- **Families in Need** – 110 families were provided with seeds for small farms and 89 monthly food kits were provided for the most vulnerable. Charis has continued to care for a number of individuals and children throughout the year providing medicines, water, transport costs and much more.
- **Kids Clubs** – 440 kids were regularly blessed with kids' clubs both in the town and in the villages. We have witnessed a growth in their faith and passion for Jesus.
- **Registration of ACM (Associacao de Caridade de Mocambique) - National Association** - In July 2024, our ministry was legally recognized in Mozambique. This recognition is expected to open new doors and opportunities, strengthening our work moving forward.
- **Life Centre** – The registration of ACM opened the way to finally realise the vision of the Life Centre, a place of prayer and worship, discipleship and worship/music school. The building started in October 2024 and by March 2025 the structure is built, and God willing the Centre will be completed by July 2025.
- **Bandua Outreach** – Bandua continues to need practical aid. In 2024, many families struggled due to drought, leading to hunger among families and the elderly. We provided seeds and tools and started a new initiative in July to supply water pumps for small family farms to ensure year-round food production.
- **Mel & Mandy Mission** – Mel and Mandy were able to visit Mozambique twice this year – May-June/July and October-November 2024. Their focus was team encouragement through fellowship, prayer and bible training; overseeing of Charis' various projects and ministries-they visited Bandua and were able to oversee the start of the Water pump trial initiative and ACM farm. They visited people and villages helped, as well as friends and partners and provided practical medical help and preached in various villages and churches. In October/November alongside ministry co-ordinator Sergio they oversaw the start of the Life Centre building Project.
- **Regular Team prayer/encouragement** – Mel and Mandy have been in regular daily contact through Whatsapp/email and zoom meetings for prayer and updates as we work and partner together to fulfil Gods purposes.

Ethiopia

This year has seen a growth in Elizabeth's compassion ministry to the vulnerable poor expanding to include Addis Ababa since August 2024. In Nekemte, the conflicts raged throughout the year making it a very dangerous place for Elizabeth as she travelled about her hometown to carry out her pastoral visits. After much prayer we all agreed that she should move to be with her family in Addis.

Nekemte

- 26 vulnerable poor were helped with monthly food, medicines, and pastoral care until July 2024.
- In July 10 individuals graduated in Nekemte and were given micro grants to start small businesses.
- This left 13 in Nekemte, who are continuing to receive monthly food kits or cash gifts.
- Charis still provides monthly food for 8 children, who have also been sponsored to go to school.

Addis since August 2024

Due to the ongoing conflicts in Oromio and Amhara regions many young families have fled to Addis Ababa to seek safety. However, this is resulting in a massive increase in the number of young mothers with children homeless and living on the streets. Charis in partnership with Elizabeth and Febien are seeking to rescue as many families as possible.

- Elizabeth **'adopted' Lemane** and took her to live with her in Addis ababa, she is now attending school and is very happy.
- **Families in need** - 16 individuals including mothers, grandmas, children, sick and disabled now receive monthly food and medical help + 3 families have been housed in rented rooms.
- **New key worker** - In 2025, Elizabeth's daughter Febien was invited to join the ministry as Outreach Coordinator. Her role is to strengthen and expand the ministry. Her first task is to register a new national association, which will create new connections and opportunities to help more families.
- **Mel and Mandy Visits (May 2024/March 2025):** Visiting Elizabeth and Febien in Ethiopia was a privilege. Both trips were filled with prayer, encouragement, and vision. In March 2025, Mel and Mandy met with families and vulnerable individuals across Addis, hearing their inspiring stories of moving from despair to hope.

Finances: April 2024-March 2025

Income - £83,000 (which includes **HMRC** £8281 and **monthly regular donations**—£25,181)

Expenditure - £101,877

Balance March 31st 2025:

Barclays - £43,964.64

BCI Mozambique - £385

Forward Vision 2025-2026

As we enter a new year, we anticipate and embrace God's promises with faith. *The fields are white unto harvest*, and many still need to experience Jesus' saving love. We pray '**Lord, send more workers into our harvest fields in Mozambique and Ethiopia. Let us witness Jesus as Savior and strive together for His kingdom of justice, truth, love, and mercy.**'

Mozambique

Our prayer:

- The Life Centre will be completed and up and running as a worship/music school, a discipleship training centre and place of prayer operating as a missional hub of God's transforming presence, where many, particularly of the younger generation, will grow in their understanding, knowledge and experience of who God is – Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and go out to love and serve the Lord with whole-hearted passion and live lives of integrity in their communities.
- The Life Centre will begin to welcome and embrace visitors, Christian leaders and teachers from the nations.
- Orlando will flourish in his role as Co-ordinator of Worship/Music training.
- Sergio will continue to grow in his role as Ministry Co-ordinator - as a servant leader and passionate disciple-maker.
- More families and vulnerable poor helped practically with houses, water pump farms, seeds and tools, micro-grants etc.
- The national team aims to increase its confidence and ability to advance this national work/ministry.

Ethiopia

Our prayer:

- For Elizabeth and Febien to continue to have God's heart of compassion for the marginalised poor and God's protection in all they do.
- For God's help and favour in the registering of Charis Ethiopia, the national association.
- More families with children will be rescued from homelessness and find hope through Jesus and transformation.
- That doors of hope/community centres will open up across the city where rescued families can live together in peace and fellowship.

UK

Our prayer:

- Let us seek wisdom and faith as we facilitate and support the ministries in Mozambique and Ethiopia. May we respond to new opportunities and move into the future with openness.

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice

and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free

and break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry

and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—

when you see the naked, to clothe them,

and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

¹¹ The LORD will guide you always;

he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land

and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,

like a spring whose waters never fail. (Isaiah 58:6-7/11)

Approved by trustees:

Melanie Welch

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CHARIS MINISTRIES AFRICA (Charity No: 1138859)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Standing orders	26,946			26,946	23,911
Other donations	26,337			26,337	82,401
Grants receivable	21,100			21,100	8,500
Gift aid	8,281			8,281	7,581
Other incoming resources				0	0
TOTAL INCOME	82,664	0	0	82,664	122,393
EXPENDITURE					
Local workers					
Mozambique	13,497			13,497	12,398
Ethiopia	7,696			7,696	8,612
Outreach expenses	930			930	517
Missionary costs and expenses	11,583			11,583	5,261
Training expenses	4,409			4,409	1,538
Website fees and charges	293			293	569
Motor and transport expenses	3,516			3,516	6,348
House building	4,481			4,481	7,950
Kids club/Music group	627			627	889
Micro business/projects	6,098			6,098	1,996
Families in need	16,806			16,806	18,797
Bank charges	997			997	1,075
Vilanculos/Aglow Centre	2,882			2,882	2,253
Life Centre construction costs			17,796	17,796	4,391
Administrative expenses	947			947	779
Charis Coordinator fees and expenses	5,700			5,700	2,400
ACM registration fees and charges	1,174			1,174	332
Miscellaneous expenses	2,445			2,445	4,447
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	84,081	-	17,796	101,877	80,552
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-1,417	0	-17,796	-19,213	41,841
Funds brought forward					
1st April 2024	43,942	-	23,293	67,235	25,394
Funds carried forward					
31st March 2025	42,525	0	5,497	48,022	67,235

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
For the year ending 31st March 2025

		2025	2024
		£	£
CASH AND BANK BALANCES			
Barclays Bank (Sterling)		43,965	63,507
BCI Bank (Mozambique Metical)	Current account	366	482
Cash in Hand	Mozambique	2,191	1446
	Eithopia	1,500	1800
		48,022	67,235
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		42,525	43,942
Designated		0	0
Restricted		5,497	23,293
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Approved by the Trustees on the 8th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Melanie Welch

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Mandy Hunter

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ending 31st March 2025

Funds	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Expenditure	At 31 March 2025
Restricted funds				
Life Centre fund	23,293		17,796	5,497
	23,293	0	17,796	5,497

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 2025.

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.

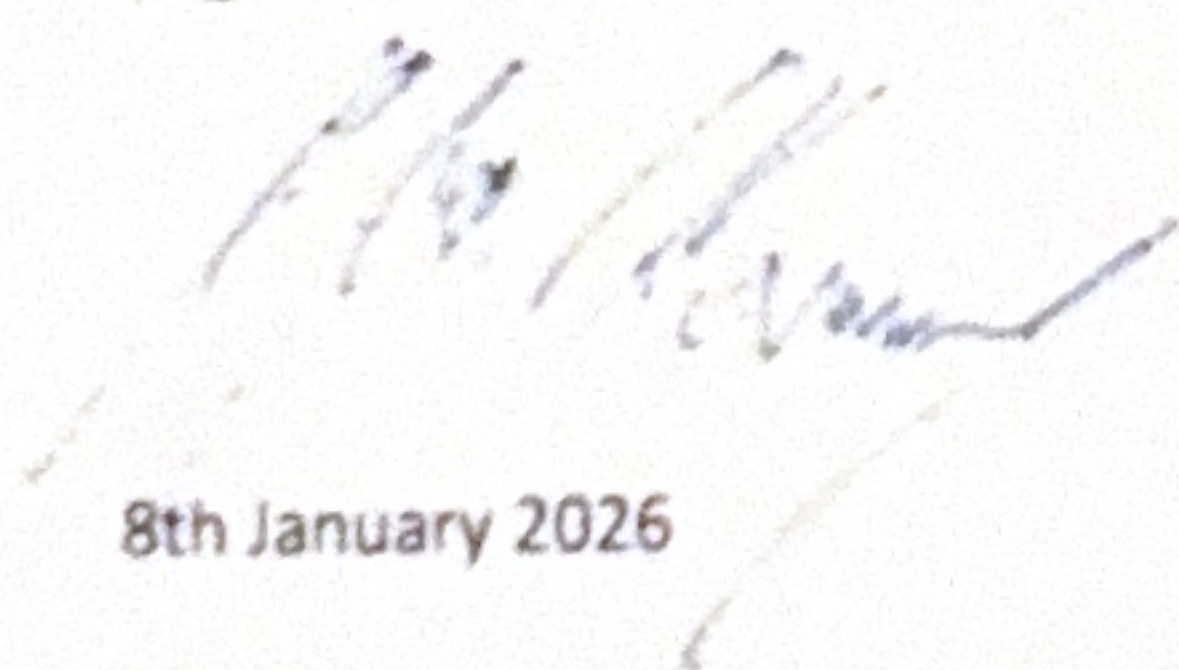
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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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- 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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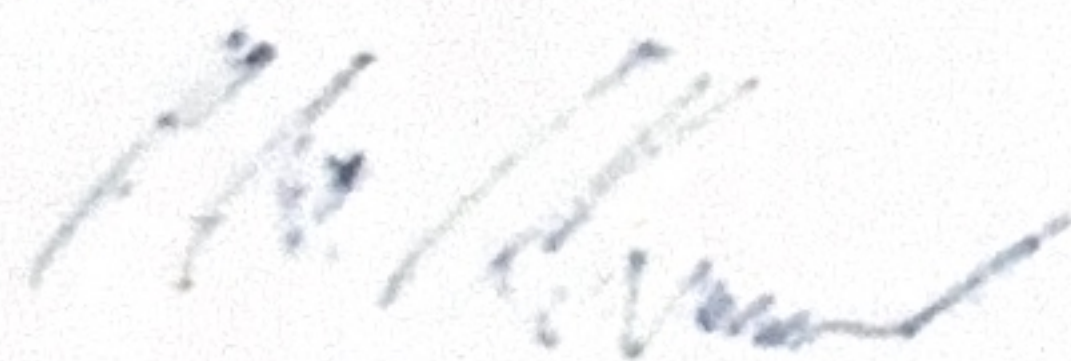
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