



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	August	2023		31	July	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Living Word Ministries

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1150222

Charity's principal address 4 Alison Road

Church Stretton

Shropshire

Postcode SY6 7AT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev M L Weeden	Chairman		
2	Mr K Riley			
3	Mrs V M Hunter			
4	Mrs J Wareham			
5	Mr J Ray			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND FURTHER THE GOSPEL OF GOD AND HIS SON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND TO PREACH AND TEACH THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.
TO RELIEVE POVERTY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

For the financial year 1/8/23 to 31/7/24, with travel, etc back to normal after the Covid era, two mission trips were made, to Kenya and Liberia, where leadership conferences were held, and literature and clothing donated in predominantly rural areas.

The Bibles Schools continued to function well, with calls to open other branches.

The orphanage in Kenya continued to be developed, and the 35 orphans housed, clothed and fed amidst the difficulties of increasing food costs.

Books, clothing and teaching aids continued to be collected for shipping out from the UK to Malawi, to provide educational resources, especially for those in rural areas of the south for whom buying literature is prohibitively expensive.

Booklets continued to be printed for free distribution, and new booklets produced as well.

Local partners in the countries LWM are involved in put on conferences for the public benefit at various times in their own nations, with the charity's support.

Ad hoc and regular meetings continued to be held in the UK for a wide range of people.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

After correspondence over a lengthy period, a new country was opened up for ministry – Liberia, rated the eighth poorest country in the world.

A water pump was provided and installed for a new water tower at the orphanage in Kenya.

The small church largely constructed in a rural area in Kenya last year had most of its outstanding work completed.

The Bible Schools saw several dozen students graduate.

Twelve students were sponsored for the academic year in Malawi.

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

BANK BALANCES TO BE HELD AT A SUFFICIENT LEVEL TO COVER 3 MONTHS' WORTH OF EXPENDITURE.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

M L Weedon

Full name(s)

Rev Mark Lenson Weedon

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

15th May 2025

LIVING WORD MINISTRIES
(Charity Registration number - 1150222)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2024

	£	£	£
<u>PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT</u>			
Income			
General donations			
Annual Gift Day	9,225		
Others	<u>3,811</u>		
		13,036	
Gift Aid on General donations		156	
Interest		1,027	
Legacies		<u>1,000</u>	
Total Unrestricted income		15,220	
Total Restricted income (see separate page)		<u>6,830</u>	
Total Income			22,049
Expenditure			
Bank charges		366	
Equipment and software		423	
Living expenses - M Weeden		24,000	
Ministry trip expenses		2,580	
Sponsorship		<u>4,540</u>	
Total Unrestricted expenditure		31,908	
Total Restricted expenditure (see separate page)		<u>8,970</u>	
Total Expenditure			<u>40,878</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income			<u>-18,829</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Bank balances		<u>53,417</u>
Represented by:-		
Restricted funds (see separate page)		14,141
Retaining earnings		
Balance b/f as at 1 August 2023	55,964	
Total Unrestricted Income less Total		
Unrestricted Expenditure for this year	<u>-16,688</u>	
Balance c/f as at 31 July 2024		<u>39,276</u>
		<u>53,417</u>

M Weeden (Chairman)
Approved by the Trustees

M Weeden
15th May 2025

RESTRICTED FUNDS as at 31st July 2024

	Balance b/f at 1 Aug 23	Income this year	Expenditure this year	Balance c/f at 31 Jul 24
Bibles	1,475			1,475
Bibles for India	100			100
Bibles for Zimbabwe	1,025			1,025
Container	0	20	20	0
India - bicycles for pastors	599			599
Discretionary Fund	1,610		250	1,360
India - literature	107			107
India - orphans	306			306
Kenya - Bible school	1,005	1,594	500	2,098
Kenya - orphanage	0	500	500	0
Kenya - orphans in Kisumu	3,869	400	1,400	2,869
Kenya - trip	0	2,000	2,000	0
Malawi - Jesus Way school of evangelism	272	2,316	1,900	688
Malawi - Stanley Matthewson	2,407			2,407
Zambia - orphans - - P Mwamukangwa	2,400		2,400	0
Zambia - trip	731			731
Zambia - literature	375			375
Total Restricted Funds	16,282	6,830	8,970	14,141

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIVING WORD MINISTRIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Living Word Ministries for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Living Word Ministries 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name: Martin Benson

Address: 2 Longmynd Place, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6HX

Date:

1/4/2025