

Proclamation Zambia Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended
31 December 2024

Registered Charity Number 1152619

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Trustees Annual Report

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Charity Information

Charity Number: 1152619

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H Densham (appointed 7 November 2024)
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P Rees
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A Steven (appointed 7 November 2024)

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Vision

Our vision is to equip those in Zambia, whom God has called for Christian ministry, with Bible handling skills so that they can teach God's word faithfully wherever they serve.

The Biblical mandate to raise up a new generation of faithful Bible teachers is inspired by Paul writing to Timothy when he says

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2 v 15

Mission

Our mission is to provide support to the work of the Board and staff at Proclamation Institute Zambia, a college on the outskirts of Kitwe, Zambia as they seek to provide high quality training to pastors, church planters and others so they are equipped to preach and teach the Word of God accurately and passionately.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity for the public benefit, as given its Constitution are:

- the advancement of the Evangelical Christian Faith by the promotion of Biblical education and the training of Bible teachers in Zambia
- the relief of financial need in establishing a training institute in Zambia

The trustees, having had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, raise funds from individuals and groups, steer the activities of the Charity and publicise its work to support its objectives and are satisfied that the Charity meets the public benefit requirement.

During the year, events were organised by the Charity to raise funds and awareness of the work in Zambia. Events raise necessary funds for the work but also serve to keep supporters connected to the work of the Charity as well as providing opportunities to introduce friends and families to the work of Proclamation Zambia.

Summary of activities

Activity in Zambia

2024 was the ninth year of training students at the college, Proclamation Institute Zambia (PIZ) and 19 students, pictured below, attended the one-year course, including refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, living in Zambia. The college is glad to report that 149 students have now passed through the training since the college's inception.



The expository preaching programme operates from January to November and is designed to teach Bible handling skills and put them into practise. The syllabus includes Bible Overview, Christian Doctrine, Peer preaching, Church ministry, Bible handling skills and Engaging with God's world.



In addition to the core programme, a number of initiatives were undertaken, often with the help and support of past graduates, including

- i) District training days, held in Kitwe and Kalumbila in April and in Mpika in June, brought church leaders together to be exposed to expository preaching principles
- ii) A mission week in June held in Lufwanyama which included door to door and street evangelism
- iii) The Annual three day Conference held on the college site in November



The last event in the academic year is the graduation ceremony and the students are shown below. This is a joyous time for students, their relatives, the staff, and the whole college community.



College graduates are engaged in different ministries throughout the country - some are pastors, some church planters, some use their gifts in their local churches and some have pursued further studies.

A recent graduate, Wezzy Mushili, writes, "I am really grateful for PIZ. My life has never been the same since learning the principles of expository preaching. The handling of scripture faithfully and accurately has become my lifestyle and daily goal as I teach and preach sermons." Wezzy is now the Zambia Fellowship of Evangelical Students coordinator on the Copperbelt.

Awareness and fundraising activities in the UK

As in previous years, a number of awareness and fundraising initiatives have taken place in UK to inform people and raise support for the work of PZ including a Taste of Zambia event in Southend on Sea (see picture below) the Bewl Water, Kent walk, the seventh London Beach Hotel dinner as well as regular deputation visits to a number of churches throughout the UK.

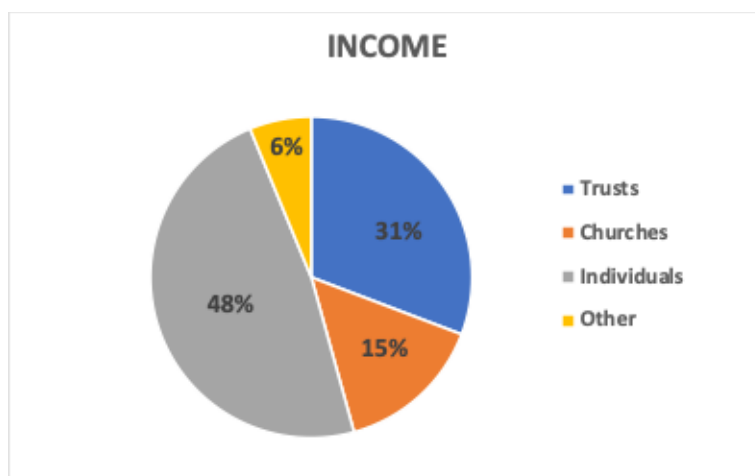


Andrew Muwowo, our Director of Ministry, retired as a paid employee on 31 December 2024. We are indebted to him for so much concerning Proclamation Zambia and the college in Zambia. We welcomed Ben Gosden as Partner Development Manager on 1 January 2025.

Financial review

Income

Total income for 2024 was £144,115 (2023: £220,002) with 48% coming from Individuals, 32% from Trusts and 15% from Churches and 6% from other organisations and consisting of more than 1,100 individual gifts in total.



Donations, grants, amounts from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of donations under Gift Aid and bank deposit interest are all accounted for when received.

Amounts received which are specified by donors as being for a particular purpose are credited to restricted funds for those purposes. Amounts for which no designation is specified by the donor, amounts received under Gift Aid and bank deposit interest are credited to unrestricted funds and allocated at the discretion of the Trustees as appropriate from time to time.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2024 was £157,318. 66% of the expenditure was funds sent directly to the college in Zambia (2023: 77%) with the remainder spent on realising the cash value of the property donated in 2023 to PZ, providing external support to the college and raising both awareness and funds in the UK and overseas.

Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis. Any expenses incurred in excess of the amounts available from restricted funds are charged against unrestricted funds. Any balances on restricted funds at the year end are held in restricted accounts and are used in subsequent periods to support the work for which the funds were given.

Reserves

The Trustees' policy for unrestricted reserves is to cover three months running costs for the UK office, which amounts to approximately £10,000. The cash fund reserve balances at the year end were as follows:

	Type of fund	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
General fund	Unrestricted	48,740	16,720
Capital fund	Restricted	10,000	-
		58,740	16,720

The Charity raises funds principally for current project needs and the majority of the funds are therefore only held for a relatively short time pending remittance overseas as projects proceed. Unrestricted funds are held pending allocation.

Principal risks and related matters

The Trustees of the Charity are responsible for the management of the risks faced by the Charity. The Trustees recognise the importance of reviewing the risks associated with the Charity and will review major risks on a regular basis. Risks that are identified during review are monitored and controlled on an on-going basis. The Trustees are satisfied that all major risks have been reviewed and procedures put in place to mitigate against those risks.

Organisational structure and governance

The Charity was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 30 October 2013.

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission and is accepted by HM Revenue & Customs as being exempt from tax under the provisions of section 505(1) Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Statement of Trustees Responsibility

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website.

The Partner Development Manager, who is employed by the Charity, is responsible for developing the work of the Charity under the guidance of the Trustees and increasing awareness of the issues being addressed by the Charity, helping to develop partnerships between supporters in the UK and operational ministry programmes and raising support from churches and individuals as well as other grant making trusts and entities.

Future plans and goals

The goals for 2025 are to continue to raise awareness and support for the college in Zambia both in the UK and further abroad. Ben Gosden was appointed Partner Development Manager on 1 January 2025 to further that aim.

2025 has seen a fresh intake of 27 students at the college. In addition to the running of the college, there are a number of capital projects, including a solar phase 3 project, which are planned to be undertaken.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 25 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Chris Knott
Chairman of Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Proclamation Zambia on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Paul Mullis

25 March 2025

Fellow of the ICAEW
Stanley House, Front Street, High Spen,
Rowlands Gill, Tyne & Wear.

Proclamation Zambia Financial Statements

For the year ended
31 December 2024

Registered Charity Number 1152619

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 £
Incoming resources				
Donations, legacies and grants	103,713	40,402	144,115	220,002
	<hr/> 103,713	<hr/> 40,402	<hr/> 144,115	<hr/> 220,002
Resources expended				
Charitable activities				
Grants	84,353	18,827	103,180	93,947
Salaries	24,596	11,575	36,171	39,986
Sale of property and related expenses	12,525		12,525	-
Travel costs	3,471	-	3,471	1,546
Other office costs	1,829	-	1,829	4,154
Bank charges	142	-	142	147
	<hr/> 126,916	<hr/> 3,402	<hr/> 157,318	<hr/> 139,781
Net movement in funds	<hr/> (23,203)	<hr/> 10,000	<hr/> (13,203)	<hr/> 80,221
Total funds brought forward	<hr/> 71,943	<hr/> -	<hr/> 71,943	<hr/> (8,278)
Total funds carried forward	<hr/> 48,740	<hr/> 10,000	<hr/> 58,740	<hr/> 71,943

There were no recognised gains and losses in the year other than those shown above. The prior year comparative figures include restricted income of £16,360 (Donations and legacies) and restricted expenditure of £18,360 (Grants to PIZ).

There were no recognised gains and losses in the year other than those shown above.

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	-	90,000
Current assets		
Cash at bank	58,740	16,720
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	(34,777)
Net current assets/(liabilities)	58,740	(18,057)
Net assets	58,740	71,943
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted	48,740	71,943
Restricted	10,000	-
Total Charity Funds	58,740	71,943

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

These financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue by the board on 25 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Chris Knott
Chairman of Trustees

Charity Number 1152619

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the Charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity has received it in cash.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds may be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds may only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. Trustees' remuneration

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit for the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: £Nil).

Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

3. Staff costs

The average number of employees for the year ended 31 December 2024 was 1 (2023: 1).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Two personal loans from serving trustees to the Charity amounting to £34,777 which were unsecured, carried no interest and had no fixed payment terms, were repaid during the year with the proceeds from the sale of a property donated in 2023.

5. Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	71,943	103,713	(126,916)	48,740
Restricted Funds				
Directory of Ministry fund	-	11,575	(11,575)	-
Student fund	-	7,627	(7,627)	-
Capital expenditure fund	-	21,200	(11,200)	10,000
	-	40,402	(30,402)	10,000
Total funds	71,943	144,115	(157,318)	58,740