

Grace Baptist Mission CIO

Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No 1157506



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Grace Baptist Mission CIO

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

The Trustees present the report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Grace Baptist Mission CIO

Charity registration number: 1157506

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Trustees

The following have held office as Trustees during the period 1st January to 31st December 2024, unless otherwise stated

T Q Forryan (Chairman)	J Hoadley
H R Sayers (Vice Chairman until 26/10/24)	K L Knight
I Williams (Vice Chairman from 26/10/24)	P Kosciecha (from 26/10/24)
R D Felix (Treasurer)	A W Laughton
M McDonald (Woman Officer)	I Lawson
	N Mistry
	P Shirtcliffe
T Condry (until 26/10/24)	
N Edkins	
G R Field	
J Heasman	

Mission Director

D E R Jones

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Auditors

Nash Harvey Group LLP, The Granary, Hermitage Court, Hermitage Lane, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 9NT

Grace Baptist Mission CIO

Aims and Objectives

The object of Grace Baptist Mission CIO (GBM CIO) is to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit, in accordance with the statement of beliefs set out in Schedule 1 of the constitution, in particular but not exclusively, by spreading the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world.

To achieve this, GBM CIO:

- helps member churches to send, support and care for missionaries worldwide
- co-ordinates ministries of radio and literature from the Mission Centre at Abingdon
- promotes the work amongst churches
- advises churches of needs and opportunities for mission workers

Public Benefit

The Trustees have regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on the public benefit requirement. They are aware of the need to ensure that GBM CIO is meeting its obligation to provide public benefit.

GBM CIO purposes comply directly with the following of the Charities acts descriptions of "charitable purpose"

a) the advancement of religion

In each of the aims above the objective is to advance the Christian religion.

b) the prevention or relief of poverty

From time to time needs and situations are made known by the charity's workers so that churches and others can be involved in giving to relieve poverty and especially where natural disaster has occurred.

c) the advancement of education

Theological education is advanced through the specific work of charity workers and the work of radio.

Strategies

The key strategies employed to achieve the charity's aims and objectives are:

- a) to advance the Christian gospel through the world by means of GBM CIO's workers in church planting, preaching, compassion ministry and training
- b) to communicate regularly with member churches by means of differing media, personal visits and events so informing them of the work of each of the charity's workers
- c) to make visits, by support ministries staff, to the areas where the charity is working to report to supporters and provide care for the workers
- d) to partner with similar Christian mission agencies to allow economic use of resources
- e) to organise regular events so that the work might be better understood, and others might be involved either as volunteers or as workers
- f) to produce radio programmes for the purpose of training pastors and sharing the Christian religion
- g) to run a short-term programme for supporters to gain experience of different aspects of cross-cultural mission
- h) to hold regular meetings of the trustees to monitor and review the work of the charity.

Significant Activities

GBM CIO seeks to implement the strategies in the following ways:

- a) helping churches to support and care for the workers they have sent throughout the world
- b) working with churches in sending UK pastors, GBM CIO workers and supporters to train pastors in a number of countries in Africa, Asia, South America and Europe
- c) supporting church planting initiatives within the UK and continuing our endeavours to reach out to the multi-cultural populations in major cities
- d) publishing a magazine three times a year to update supporters and member churches concerning the work of GBM CIO, writing a children's magazine twice a year so that children can learn about the work of GBM CIO and producing a monthly prayer information guide that gives information on every worker and area of work

- e) recording an audio and video programme that focuses on one area of the work of GBM CIO
- f) holding an annual week of prayer with associated video and written information
- g) caring for workers through regular visits by support staff which are planned in consultation with the sending church and the trustees
- h) communicating regularly with partner agencies in the care and support of workers
- i) reporting to the CIO members at the AGM on the Annual Mission Day which also includes presentations from workers from around the world
- j) producing radio programmes in both English and French that teach listeners about the Christian religion. The radio team also visits areas where programmes are broadcast to train pastors, to determine future programme needs and to assess the effectiveness of the programmes.
- k) organising events for both adults and young people which highlight differing areas of the work and opportunities to be involved
- l) organising Envision teams and individual placements to provide the opportunity for short term service in a mission context.

Review of Achievements

1. Trustees

The Trustees met on four occasions to consider the work of the charity, of these, three meetings were in person, including a two-day conference and one online. Two further committees met on other specified occasions, these were the Finance committee and the Officers committee where the senior staff also attended.

2. Missionaries

During the year GBM CIO helped churches to support and care for 49 workers in 14 different countries. This included one Envision apprentice and three associate missionaries who are no longer formally part of GBM but continue to serve within their country and from whom prayer requests are made known through GBM.

3. Radio

The radio programmes, which are produced by the radio team both in French and English, are broadcast in Africa respectively from local radio stations and a partner agency, Trans World Radio (TWR). This is from two of their transmitters in South and West Africa.

The English programme, "Serving Today", is designed to equip and train pastors in the majority world while the French programmes, entitled "Espérance Aujourd'hui", help church members to understand their faith better. Other specialist programmes have continued to be produced and broadcast.

Along with these programmes, the radio team, with the support of volunteers from member churches, produce booklets that accompany the programmes, in French, English and other selected languages. These are sent by church members when representatives of GBM are preaching and by those who attend Annual Mission Day. The booklets are mailed to the relevant radio stations for distribution to listeners.

The Mission Director continued to lead the radio team.

4. Literature

GBM CIO workers especially the radio team continue to write, translate, and distribute Christian literature in the form of books and booklets

5. Training

GBM CIO works with churches in sending pastors, workers, and supporters to train church leaders in countries in Africa, Asia, South America and Europe. The formal training of ministers of the gospel continues and GBM CIO in 2024 has had input into colleges and other training schemes in Colombia, Peru, Kenya, Serbia, The Philippines, and Central Asia.

6. Mission Support Office

Along with the ongoing visits to speak at member churches, staff continue to make overseas visits. Paul Brunning (Head of Communications) visited The Philippines to see at first-hand the work of Reuben & Cathy Saywell, Aries and Jodith Liboro and to meet associate missionaries Brian and Neco Ellis and to assess work that Envision participants might do. He also visited South Africa where he met one of the radio directors of TWR which broadcasts the Serving Today programmes. He also met with church leaders and others to assess places where short term Envision participants might be placed.

Even though the Mission Director and his wife were unable to make any overseas visits they met each missionary when they were in the UK and they also visited the churches on the Isle of Man. This is only possible every few years.

The Finance Manager began the task of changing the accounting software to Xero, it is planned for this to be completed in 2025.

7. Conferences

Annual Mission Day, which includes the Annual General Meeting, took place in October, and was held at Friends House, London. This was a physical meeting that was partly live streamed. Over six hundred supporters attended and another few hundred watched online. This was an increase from the previous year. Several missionaries from across the world were present and spoke about the opportunities and challenges they encounter in their work.

A *Youth camp* is held at Root Hill Farm in Surrey. After many years of involvement, GBM no longer has any responsibility for the running of this camp. However, two mission workers had the opportunity to speak about their work and on one evening Paul Brunning spoke about the Envision opportunities and also preached.

8. Envision

The Envision apprenticeship in Serbia continued until September 2024 when the apprentice returned to the UK.

By then they had become fluent in Serbian, taught English to other young adults and helped support the work in the church in many varied ways.

9. Communication

GBM CIO's magazine, "The Herald", was published three times a year and informs churches of GBM CIO's work throughout the world. Alongside this the children's magazine "Let's Go" was published in the spring and the autumn.

Each month the "Partnership in Prayer" diary gives supporters the opportunity to receive news from every GBM CIO worker. The aim of this is to encourage prayer and support.

"Prayer Waves", through the media of audio and video, gave in depth information on one area of the work and the occasional "GBM Newsfeed" continued to provide supporters with urgent news via email.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £1,093,613 and with total expenditure of £1,127,023 the deficit for the year was £33,410.

If legacies are excluded, income was £1,049,658 which is an increase of 2.1% over the previous year. Likewise, expenditure was £1,069,231 which is an increase of 6.8%.

At the year-end total assets were £2,829,120

The balance of the Restricted Fund for Missionaries and Mission Projects now stands at £40,552.

The result for the year reflects sufficient underlying financial support for the current level of the Mission's activities. Our focus is to achieve a balanced budget whereby income is sufficient to cover costs.

Investment Policy

Fixed Asset Investments

The charity has freehold title to the office at 12 Abbey Close, Abingdon and residential properties at 10 & 11 Abbey Close, Abingdon.

The residential property at 10 Abbey Close was in occupation by mission staff. The property at 11 Abbey Close is rented to a third party.

The studio flat which is part of Number 11 is being reconstructed to be a separate one-bedroom. We anticipate this being completed in 2025.

Liquid Investments

The investment policy is to maintain a low-risk liquid position. The aim is therefore to maintain balances in savings accounts that attract competitive interest rates but are held within low-risk institutions.

Reserves Policy

Our policy is to build and maintain a margin of funds to cover about 6 to 12 months of expenditure.

In looking at what is available in the short term to carry on the work we exclude the Mission's fixed assets, the majority of which are represented by the premises at 10 – 12 Abbey Close, Abingdon. Therefore, at the 31 December 2024 liquid reserves held by the trustees to cover the cost of the ongoing work of the Mission, amounted to £1,522,082. At this level the liquid reserves would cover 16.2 months.

The trustees closely monitor the finances of the charity monthly.

Future Initiatives and Plans

The programmed events for 2025 will include the ongoing development of the Envision teams and placements as well as the biannual family camp at Athelington Hall Farm. The Annual Mission Day (AGM) in October is planned to be in person and will also incorporate some aspects online for those who do not wish to or who cannot attend physically. We will continue to utilise the greater familiarity with online events to widen and deepen our communication with supporters, particularly with the week of prayer.

We will endeavour to encourage churches to send new workers, and we will ensure that any new missionaries are fully funded.

Grace Baptist Mission CIO

Key Management Personnel

Mission Director:	D E R Jones
Head of Communications:	P M Brunning
Finance Manager:	A S Woods

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Grace Baptist Mission is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation as of 17th June 2014 and is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (number 1157506). The governing document is the Constitution, which was agreed by the member churches on October 23rd, 2014, at the AGM. This was amended by the member churches at the AGM in 2024 on October 26th.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are members of member churches and may serve for a period of three years before they need to be re-elected. The election takes place at the Annual General Meeting by the delegates of the member churches.

Any new Trustees are given key charity Commission information on their responsibilities and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training where this will facilitate the undertaking of their role. There is also an in-house training day to help new trustees understand better the work of the charity.

Organisation

The Trustees meet at least four times a year to review all aspects of the charity's activities. There are two sub-committees to assist with the running of the charity, namely the Officers committee, responsible for meeting with senior staff between trustee meetings and the Finance committee, tasked with specifically monitoring and managing the charity's finances.

Members of sub-committees:

Officers committee – T Forryan (*Chairman*), RD Felix (*Treasurer*), M McDonald (*Woman Officer*). HL Sayers (*Vice Chairman until 26/10/24*), I Williams (*Vice Chairman from 26/10/24*)

Finance Committee - RD Felix (*Chairman*), KL Knight, I Lawson, L Evans (co-opted) and J Jarvis (co-opted).

Trustee Remuneration and Related Parties

No trustees received remuneration during 2024. Details of trustee expenses are disclosed in note 8 to the accounts.

There were no related party transactions reported in the year between the charity and any trustees, senior managers, or any of the third parties with contractual relationships with the charity.

Pay Policy for Staff

The pay of staff is reviewed annually using a standard formula benchmarked against published pay increases by the Baptist Union.

Risk Management

The trustees through the Finance committee have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular financial, operational and governance, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

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 charity's trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year that gives a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources during the period and of its state of affairs at the end of the year. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Auditors

In accordance with the constitution, a resolution to re-appoint Nash Harvey Group LLP as Auditors for the ensuing year was approved by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting on October 26th 2024.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditors:

There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and the trustees have taken all steps to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 9 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



T Q Forryan (Chairman)

Independent Auditors' report to the trustees of Grace Baptist Mission CIO

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Grace Baptist Mission CIO (the 'charitable Incorporated organisation') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations,
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector,

- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation,
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence, and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected, and alleged fraud, and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships,
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions,
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias, and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation,
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance,
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims, and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators, and the charity's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



John Alder FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Nash Harvey Group LLP

2nd June 2025

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

The Granary
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Nash Harvey Group LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 Restricted Fund £	2024 General Fund £	2024 Designated Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income						
Donations and legacies	2	128,946	309,714	602,524	1,041,184	1,561,228
Interest income		-	44,784	-	44,784	26,073
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	7,645	-	7,645	32,031
Total incoming resources		128,946	362,143	602,524	1,093,613	1,619,332
Resources expended						
Charitable activities	4	128,775	436,849	561,399	1,127,023	1,048,338
Total resources expended		128,775	436,849	561,399	1,127,023	1,048,338
Net incoming/(outgoing) funds		171	(74,706)	41,125	(33,410)	570,994
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		171	(74,706)	41,125	(33,410)	570,994
Balance brought forward 1 January 2024		40,381	2,248,586	573,563	2,862,530	2,291,536
Balance carried forward 31 December 2024		40,552	2,173,880	614,688	2,829,120	2,862,530

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the above periods.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

The nature of the unrestricted and restricted funds is detailed in Notes 12 and 13 to the financial statements.

Grace Baptist Mission CIO

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

Registered Charity number 1157506

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	9	<u>1,266,486</u>	<u>1,212,201</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	62,147	73,228
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,622,075</u>	<u>1,694,882</u>
		1,684,222	1,768,110
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(121,588)	(117,781)
Net current assets		<u>1,562,634</u>	<u>1,650,329</u>
Net assets		<u>2,829,120</u>	<u>2,862,530</u>
Represented by Funds			
General Funds	12	2,173,880	2,248,586
Designated Funds		<u>614,688</u>	<u>573,563</u>
		2,788,568	2,822,149
Restricted Funds	13	40,552	40,381
Total funds		<u>2,829,120</u>	<u>2,862,530</u>

Approved by the trustees on 9 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



T Q Forryan (Chairman)



R D Felix (Treasurer)

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 Restricted Fund £	2024 General Fund £	2024 Designated Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net cash provided by operating activities (Note 1)	18,247	(111,149)	39,495	(53,407)	546,432
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Interest Income		44,784	-	44,784	26,073
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	(719)	-	(719)	(22,763)
Proceeds from the sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	-	-	4,719
Net cash provided by investing activities	-	44,065	-	44,065	8,029
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	18,247	(130,549)	39,495	(72,807)	554,461
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning the reported period (Note 2)	312,940	802,667	579,275	1,694,882	1,140,421
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period (Note 2)					
	331,187	672,118	618,770	1,622,075	1,694,882

Notes to cash flow statement

	2024 Restricted Fund £	2024 General Fund £	2024 Designated Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Note 1: Reconciliation of net movements in funds to net cash flow from operating activities:					
Net movement in funds:	171	(74,706)	41,125	(33,410)	570,994
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation charges	-	9,899	-	9,899	6,960
Interest income shown in investment activities	-	(44,784)	-	(44,784)	(26,073)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	9,696	675	710	11,081	(10,792)
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors	8,380	(2,233)	(2,340)	3,807	5,343
Net cash provided by operating activities	18,247	(111,149)	39,495	(53,407)	546,432

Note 2: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

Cash in hand	331,187	672,118	618,770	1,622,075	1,694,882
Total cash and cash equivalents	331,187	672,118	618,770	1,622,075	1,694,882

Notes to the financial statements for year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s)

b) Income

Donations and gifts are reflected in the financial statements in the period in which they are received.

Income tax recoverable in respect of gift aid donations is brought into account in the same period as the relevant donation.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

c) Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for the particular areas of the charity's work.

d) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is charged to the statement of financial activities on the accruals basis and is mainly allocated across activities based on staff time.

Charitable activities are further analysed in note 4 and are split between several categories including direct charitable expenditure, support, management and administration costs and governance costs. Support costs are those costs incurred indirectly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity or in connection with the management and administration of the charity. Governance costs reflect the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

e) Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

f) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net surplus or deficit.

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g) Pensions

The charity makes payments to defined contribution pension schemes for the benefit of its employees. Contributions charged during the year are written off as incurred.

h) Tangible fixed assets

Freehold premises are recorded at Insurance value determined when the property was donated by Grace Baptist Mission on 1 January 2015 with subsequent additions recorded at cost. No depreciation is provided on freehold premises since the trustees consider that the residual values are so high that their depreciation is insignificant. The property has been reviewed for impairment with no adjustments deemed necessary.

Depreciation is provided on all other tangible fixed assets at the following rates per annum so as to write off each asset over its estimated useful working life:

Computer and equipment - 33% straight line

Other equipment - 20% straight line

i) Expenses of trustees

Trustees are reimbursed necessarily-incurred expenses. These are included in the appropriate category of resources expended.

j) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount repaid net of any discounts due.

k) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and fixed term deposits of varying lengths. The statement of cash flows only reflects movements within bank accounts held where the money can be accessed within three months of the date of opening the deposit. No funds at the balance sheet date were on deposit for more than 3 months.

l) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

m) Taxation

Grace Baptist Mission CIO is a registered charity and no tax is payable on its net incoming resources.

n) Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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

	Notes	2024 Restricted Fund £	2024 General Fund £	2024 Designated Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
2 Voluntary income						
Donation (Church and Personal)		78,771	233,573	597,633	909,977	809,844
Income tax recovered on donations		-	11,845	4,891	16,736	16,000
Special offerings		-	14,990	-	14,990	12,481
Deputation		-	5,351	-	5,351	6,753
Legacies	1	-	43,955	-	43,955	588,769
Relief and refugee gifts		39,492	-	-	39,492	113,176
Missionary Conference		-	-	-	-	-
Special Projects		10,683	-	-	10,683	14,205
		128,946	309,714	602,524	1,041,184	1,561,228
3 Incoming resources from Charitable activities						
Holiday conferences, youth work etc.		-	-	-	-	22,751
Trading income		-	7,645	-	7,645	9,280
		-	7,645	-	7,645	32,031
4 Total resources expended on charitable activities						
Support of missionaries and mission projects		81,322	330,370	561,399	973,091	814,489
Church relations	5	-	48,235	-	48,235	49,213
Support costs	6	-	42,549	-	42,549	30,794
Relief and refugee support		39,492	-	-	39,492	107,783
Holiday conferences, youth work etc.		-	-	-	-	23,590
Missionary conference		-	-	-	-	-
Special projects		7,961	-	-	7,961	16,925
Governance costs	6	-	12,061	-	12,061	5,544
Improvement to properties		-	3,634	-	3,634	-
		128,775	436,849	561,399	1,127,023	1,048,338

Support costs have been included within the costs of charitable activities. Office costs that do not relate directly to charitable expenditure are further analysed in note 6 below.

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	2024 Restricted Fund	2024 General Fund	2024 Designated Fund	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
5 Church relations					
Publications and publicity	-	24,309	-	24,309	26,207
Deputation	-	6,624	-	6,624	6,503
Annual meetings	-	17,302	-	17,302	16,503
Special events	-	-	-	-	-
	-	48,235	-	48,235	49,213

	General Support	Governance Costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
6 Analysis of governance and support costs				
Equipment	13,371	-	13,371	4,659
Property expenses	16,648	-	16,648	14,893
General administration cost	12,530	-	12,530	10,652
Audit fees	-	7,400	7,400	3,300
Mission council	-	4,661	4,661	2,244
	42,549	12,061	54,610	35,748

7 Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	299,345	251,637
Social security costs	22,839	17,839
Pension costs	22,803	21,840
	344,987	291,316

Average monthly number of employees

Number	Number
11	10

Staff data relates to all workers based in the U.K.

Full time staff are 7 and part time staff are 4 (2023: 6 and 4).

There were also a number of volunteers helping the charity.

No emoluments are payable to any member of the charity in their capacity as a trustee.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: same).

The key management of the charity comprises the Mission Director, Communications Director and the Finance Manager. The total employee benefits of key management personnel for the charity were £143,320 (2023: £131,700).

8 Trustees' expenses

Travel and subsistence expenses of £1,113 (2023: £715) were paid to 4 (2023: 4) trustees to enable them to attend meetings and generally carry out their governance responsibilities.

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9 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	1,185,000	42,970	1,227,970
Additions	63,465	719	64,184
Disposals			
At 31 December 2024	1,248,465	43,689	1,292,154
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	-	15,769	15,769
Charge for the year		9,899	9,899
Disposals		-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	25,668	25,668
Net book values			
At 31 December 2024	1,248,465	18,021	1,266,486
At 31 December 2023	1,185,000	27,201	1,212,201

Freehold premises are recorded at insurance value determined when the property was donated by Grace Baptist Mission on 1 January 2015 with subsequent additions recorded at cost. All fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

The freehold property comprises of an office and two residential houses with additions in the year being the development of an additional flat within the existing buildings.

	2024	2023
	£	£
10 Debtors		
Prepayments	47,804	47,193
Other debtors	14,343	26,035
	62,147	73,228
11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	107,124	103,492
Loans repayable on demand	8,000	8,000
Taxation and social security costs	6,464	6,289
Deferred income	-	-
	121,588	117,781

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

	Balance 1 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
12 Unrestricted funds				
General	2,248,586	362,143	436,849	2,173,880
Designated	573,563	602,524	561,399	614,688
	<u>2,822,149</u>	<u>964,667</u>	<u>998,248</u>	<u>2,788,568</u>

13 Restricted funds

The Mission has four restricted funds. The missionaries and mission projects fund holds the money designated by the donor for a specific missionary or area of work. The relief and refugee fund holds money specifically donated to help those in need due to natural disaster or individual circumstances. The Missionary Conference Fund has been set up to cover the cost of missionary conferences in future years. The Special Projects fund has been created, with the help of recent legacy income, to provide grants and support for projects outside the regular work covered by the annual budget.

	Balance 1 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Missionaries and mission projects	41,874	78,771	81,322	39,323
Relief and refugee	236	39,492	39,492	236
Missionary Conference	-	-	-	-
Special Projects	(1,729)	10,683	7,961	993
	<u>40,381</u>	<u>128,946</u>	<u>128,975</u>	<u>40,552</u>

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
14 Analysis of net assets between funds			
Restricted funds	-	40,552	40,552
Designated funds	-	614,688	614,688
Unrestricted funds	1,266,486	907,394	2,173,880
	<u>1,266,486</u>	<u>1,562,634</u>	<u>2,829,120</u>

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15 Commitments

Pension commitments

The Mission has a pension scheme for all members of its present staff. Premiums paid to this scheme for the year ended 31 December 2024 amounted to £44,143 (2023: £40,443).

Leasing commitments

At 31 December 2024 the Mission had annual commitments of £10,168 under operating leases which expire as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Leases expiring within one year	2,976	2,976
Leases expiring within two to five years	7,192	10,168
Leases expiring within six to ten years	-	-
	<u>10,168</u>	<u>13,144</u>

16 Related party transactions

At the year-end there were no outstanding interest free loans made to the charity from the trustees, which are repayable on demand.

Gifts from trustees to the charity totalled £2,218 (2023: £6,640).

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