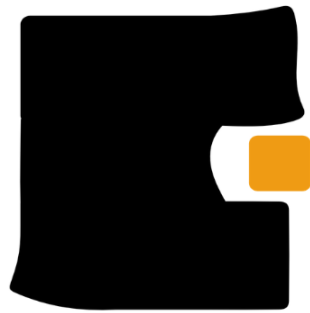


# **Our God Given Mission**

**Report of the Trustees for year ended 31 March 2023**

**Registered Charity No: 1170615**



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# Reference and Administrative Information

**Charity Name:** Our God Given Mission

**Charity Registration Number:** 1170615

**Address:** 24 Plymouth Road, Chelmsford, CM1 6JG

## **Board of Trustees**

Michael Timilehin Omoniyi (Chair)  
Jemie Irukwu  
Naa-Dei Nikoi  
Samuel Cole

**Bankers:** Caf Bank , 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

**Governing Document:** OGGM is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission since December 2016 under charity number 1170615.

# Trustees Report

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## Purposes and Objectives

Our God Given Mission (OGGM), is a Christian Charity driven by the goal to help young adults discover Jesus and equip them to make Him known. This is built on the biblical instruction of going out into all the world and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to all creation! Gospel simply means good news. OGGM's primary and driving purpose is to share this good news with as many people that will listen, whilst mobilising others to do the same. OGGM shares this 'good' news, which is love and peace, by carrying out religious devotional acts, missionary and outreach work and by raising awareness and understanding about Jesus Christ and his message of Love.

**Our objectives are to:**

- Help young adults to discover the person of Jesus Christ, and equip them to make Him known to the people in their lives:
- Publish and release materials that help the public understand the message and the teachings of Jesus Christ: and
- Raise awareness about the primary teaching of Jesus, spreading His love and peace to the public.

## Our Strategy

We achieve our aims practically by creating spaces for meaningful community, offering a platform for learning and education, and curating mission experiences that change participants forever. The three channels of our work are:

- **Belong:** Addressing the lack of community by hosting a range of events to allow Christians to meet [Hebrews 10:24-25]. According to a report from the Co-Op on the state of UK communities, almost of 45% of people don't feel part of the community they live in;
- **Believe:** Addressing the lack of knowledge through an award-winning publication with content that answer some of the most difficult questions that young people have about faith and apologetics [1 Peter 3:15]; and
- **Become:** Addressing the lack of perspective by taking young people on mission trips, that enable them to gain an "On Mission" mindset, with which they can share the Gospel wherever they find themselves [Matthew 28:19-20].

We have already been delivering across these channels over the last 9 years and our goal is to increase our output, sustainably and for the long-term.

### **What need are we addressing?**

We believe there is a faith crisis in the UK. A survey asking whether participants share a biblical worldview, revealed 16% of Baby Boomers (1940s-60s) did vs 4% millennials (1981-00s).

When asked about faith: 36% of millennials said they were 'hopeful', 28% 'not hopeful', 33% 'not sure'.

Statistics tell only a part of the story. Abuse, depression, hopelessness, fear all feel commonplace in today's world. The need for light has never been more urgent, especially in the younger generation, and we present the gospel as the most fundamental solution.

### **Who is our target audience?**

Our target audience is young adults across the UK. Over the years we have developed great rapport with young adults in the black British community who make up the largest cohort of our audience to date.

## Activities and Achievements for the financial period

### **Belong: Creating spaces for Christians to experience meaningful community**

Our world has never been more interconnected, and yet many young adults that we meet explain loneliness and lack of community as the biggest hindrances in their Christian journey. We create events where young adults have the opportunity to experience Christian fellowship and build relationships.

### **Examples of the impact from our work this year include:**

- Annual Retreats: We delivered a week-long retreat in Wales, 'ABBA 2022' which was attended by over 120 people and remains our flagship event of the year. Abba Father" is one of the most significant names of God in understanding how He relates to people. The word Abba is an Aramaic word that means "Father." It was a common term that expressed affection and confidence and trust. Abba signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father and his child, as well as the childlike trust that a young child puts in his "daddy."
- Through this 5-day retreat, we helped our delegates rediscover the joys of relating to God as a caring and a compassionate father. Through a mixture of sermons, seminars and workshops, we helped our delegates explore the biblical use of the term Abba and how they can experience the life transformative truth of knowing God the father as Abba.
- Since launching our first retreat in 2017, we have seen over 2,000 young adults come to hear the gospel, with over 80 baptisms
- Partnering with the local church: We do not believe in a vision of sharing the Gospel that leaves the church behind. We are convinced that the local church is critical to the effort of helping more people know Jesus (young or old). We have continued to partner with local churches to integrate young adults who attend our events into a church community. We also work with local pastors to deliver teaching on biblical topics across our platforms, especially the online courses.

### **Believe: Creating resources to encourage a deeper understanding of the gospel.**

### **Examples of the impact from our work this year include:**

- Online articles: We have a team of 5 volunteers who write online articles principles that promote Christ whilst addressing current theological, cultural, and societal issues. During the year we

have published over 50 articles that have reached over 50,000 readers, covering a range of topics:

- *“How to find a church”;*
  - *“How to engage with online controversies”;* and
  - *“Hedonism: the pursuit of joy”.*
- Online podcasts: We host an award-winning podcast show ‘On the Table’ where we discuss modern issues through a gospel lens. We also host another podcast ‘The Pulse’ which is an educational podcast to untangle tricky theological questions in a digestible way. To date we have published over 70 episodes across both podcasts, with over 10,000 listeners.
  - Online Courses: We have created online courses where individuals can work their way through a self-directed curriculum on topics such as: what is the gospel, 101 to evangelism, study of pneumatology.

## **Become: Reaching the lost, primarily through missions**

The third channel of our work is focused on evangelical outreach.

### **Examples of the impact from our work this year include:**

- Missions trips: We host two mission trips each year, with between 8-10 individuals joining. Attendees come back with a renewed desire to share the gospel in their local context. Since starting our missions trips, we have helped over 50 young adults embark on their very first missions trip, and embrace sharing the gospel in their day to day life.
- During 2022/23, we read the scriptures, prayed and shared personal testimonies with people in the southern region of Tenerife who felt their lives had lost purpose. We believe the name of Jesus has the power to change hearts and minds as well as give hope where guilt, shame and hurt reside. Our team of volunteers joined a local church in Los Santos, who have been involved in the missionary work for over 13 years. The trip was largely successful and we intend to continue this partnership for years to come.

# Accounts

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis.

As at 31/03/23 OGGM held £9,395 of total funds available in its account. The key movements are available in the receipts and payments summary for the financial period of this report.

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity, and their policy is to hold enough funds to meet 24 months of operating costs of the charity.

# Trusteeship

## **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**


The existing trustees are responsible for identifying and selecting new trustees to join the organisation. In selecting new trustees we seek to identify individuals who have shown interest in the advancement of the gospel message, and volunteer their efforts by leading on projects which the charity is pursuing. Potential trustees are asked to complete an application form expressing why they would be interested in becoming a trustee. Once they have progressed beyond this stage, they are interviewed by current trustees. This process allows the charity to consider the person's eligibility, competence, and skills, to ensure they are suitable for the available role.

## **Induction and training of trustees**

New trustees are introduced to their role and provided with copies of the constitution and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. A number of publications from the Charity Commission are provided to the trustee including the guidance on charities providing public benefit, and the advancement of religion for the public benefit. Existing trustees set up time to meet with the new trustee and provide an overview of the main projects the charity is working on. Initially, new trustees will assist in these projects and tasks. Once they have developed the experience they then lead on these projects.

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 19 December 2023**

**Signature:** 

**Full Name: Samuel Cole**

**Position: Trustee and Head of Finance**

# ACCOUNT FOR RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
OUR GOD GIVEN MISSION

No (if any)  
1170615

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	4/1/2022	To	3/31/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	27,615	-	-	27,615	25,200
Events	27,812	-	-	27,812	22,895
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>55,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,427</b>	<b>48,095</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,427</b>	<b>48,095</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Admin Expense	1,276	-	-	1,276	-
Event Expense	30,375	-	-	30,375	-
Freelance Contract Payment	21,000	-	-	21,000	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>52,651</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,651</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>52,651</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,651</b>	<b>53,150</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>- 5,055</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>6,619</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9,395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>6,619</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestrict to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Restrict to nearest
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		9,395		
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	9,395	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restrict ed funds to nearest
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which liability	Amount due (optional)	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Independent Examination Fee	540	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
		Samuel Cole		19-Dec-23

## **Our God Given Mission**

### **Accounts Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

#### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Our God Given Mission**

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I report on the accounts of Our God Given Mission for the year ended 31 March 2023, set out on page 7.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). My independent examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for my independent examination, for this report, or the opinions I have formed.

#### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### **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 church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 requirement 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.



**John Helm ACA**

**20 December 2023**