

Labourers2gether

Registered Charity Number 1182581

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31st March 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by the Charity Commission for non-company charities with income below £250,000.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted by trust and is governed by a trust deed dated 11th March 2019.

The trustees who held office during the year are listed on the preceding page. New trustees are elected by the existing trustees.

Financial review

The charity received donations totalling £30,487 (4th year of charity) throughout the year ended 31st March 2023.

As at 1st April 2023 £13,824 was held. £3,106 in Charity Bank account in UK, £8,911 as cash in dollars in Angola, and £1,807 in the Charity Bank account (Kwanzas) in Angola.

The trustees' general policy is to hold between £2,000-£5,000 in reserve to ensure there is no shortfall in the costs owed to MMN for items purchased to be sent to Angola in a container, and also owed to Brian & Debbie Howden for the shipping, customs and transportation costs of the container until unloaded in our base in Camundambala.

Below is a summary of the reasons for significant changes in costs compared to the previous financial year:

- * **equipment** costs were less by £1,307 as the Cavungo project was a continuation and therefore most of the equipment was already in Camundambala and it was mainly materials that had to be bought..

- * **caretaking/security** costs were increased by £2,153 as a second dog was added, as advised by locals due to the increased theft in the area of fuel etc. The price of dog food increased, and even when we were in the country, our time was spent in Cavungo which meant we still needed the security guards to be present.

- * **immigration** costs were less by £1,935 as we only had to renew our temporary residency

- * **living** costs were greatly increased by £6,540 due to length of time (6 months) spent in Angola

- * **building & materials** cost were increased by £6,242 as we were back in Angola in Cavungo and repairing damage in mission house in Camundambala due to heavy rains during our 2 year Covid absence.

- * **travel** costs were increased by £13,568 as this included tickets for 3 return (36 flights) which were paid for in this financial year, though the 3rd trip was actually made after the financial year end, and the increased costs to overnight accommodation and meals during transit through Luanda.

- * **professional fees** this financial year also included the DBS checking of all trustees.

All other costs differences are minimal.

Public benefit statements

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity benefits the public through the following programmes which take place in Angola:

- Relief work with communities suffering the effects of poverty;
- Providing practical and financial help for those who cannot otherwise receive treatment for serious medical needs;
- Demonstrating to local Angolans the skills by building and maintenance of schools, medical clinics and installation of water pumps enabling individuals and families to become more educated, healthy and self-sufficient;
- Teaching local Angolans the clearing of land and commencement of agriculture by planting seeds and care of a polytunnel promoting a healthier diet and the means by which they can provide for their own and
- Teaching needlework to local Angolan young women who are unlikely to be able to find work after school so once set up in business they will have a means by which to live and provide for their families

Objectives and activities

The charity's key object is:

- To advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Statement of Faith appearing in the governing document in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit including carrying out missionary work overseas.

Achievements and performance

The charity's key achievements throughout the year ended 31st March 2023 were as follows:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in both the UK and Angola through Bible Readings with youth groups and Bible Studies with girls groups.
- Distribution of donated from UK and bought in Angola items for the poor and sick
- The security of all equipment, buildings and vehicles in Angola for which we are responsible, including an extra dog and wire fencing, and new ceilings in mission house which had collapsed during our absence.
- The continuance of the building project, of a home for a national full-time worker, for her health & safety and the establishment of a safe camping space for the evangelistic outreach work in the area.
- The continued inclusion of local Angolans when working both in the building and engineering projects, and also in the sewing classes, equipping them with the skills (and tools) to be able to develop and use for income when required.
- The DBS checking of all trustees for the charity to ensure the safe guarding of children and vulnerable adults the trustees are involved with in Angola

This report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on their behalf.

Jonathan Singleton

Date: 14 December 2023

Labourers2gether**Registered Charity No. 1182581****For the year ended 31 March, 2023****Receipts and Payments account**

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	£		£
Donations received	30,487		18,392
<u>Payments</u>			
Equipment	686		1,993
Caretaking/Security	5,049		2,896
Immigration Costs	676		2,611
Administration Costs	1,350		1,168
Building & Materials	6,324		82
Travel	13,895		327
Printing, postage & stationery	113		247
Food & Household (Living Angola)	6,567		27
Evangelism	653		493
Professional Fees	203		129
Shipping	142		122
Bank Charges	40		36
Humanitarian	3,138		0
Sundries	<u>466</u>		<u>300</u>
	<u>39,302</u>		<u>10,431</u>
Net (Loss)/Income	(8,815)		7,961
Cash as at 1 April 2022	<u>22,639</u>	1 April 2021	<u>14,678</u>
Cash as at 31 March 2023	<u>£13,824</u>	31 March 2022	<u>£22,639</u>

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Year From 1st April, 2022 - 31st March, 2023

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year from 1st April, 2022 - 31st March 2023; which are set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

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.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 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 the 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.

Notwithstanding, those affirmations, I have not been able to formally verify the balance of cash in hand in US dollars at the year end.

Signed:

Maylin Venables

Date: 15th Nov. 2023

Name: May Lin Venables

Professional person (s)
or body:

Accountant
Feltham, London