

# Mission Guatemala

Report and Accounts

For the year ending 31 December 2023

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**MISSION GUATEMALA**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Melkinmere Hackthorpe Penrith Cumbria CA10 2HX
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 25 August 2021
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1195621
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Robert Goddard Rebecca Benfield (resigned 28 February 2024) Martin Hall Rev Christopher Wickland Sophie Humphries de Cojulun Elaine Teasdale (appointed 7 November 2023) Duncan Watson (appointed 7 November 2023) Linda Watson (appointed 7 November 2023) Tracey Wickland
REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS	Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**MISSION GUATEMALA**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. As set out in its governing document the charity's principal objects, in Guatemala and in any other parts of the world, are:

- a) to advance the Christian Faith through outreach, educational and other activities;
- b) to advance education, especially of children, youth and families of limited resources, including through the running of educational programmes, vocational training and sporting activities; and
- c) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress through the provision of practical and other forms of support.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects, since May 2023 the charity has been acting as the sole trustee of Portchester Free Church Trust ('PFCT') (charity number 1086444). For some years PFCT has been raising funds for, and making grants to, support missionaries and mission projects in Guatemala and this activity is continuing. Prior to May 2023 the charity was not engaged in any activities. Further information about these activities can be found in PFCT's annual accounts and on Mission Guatemala's website: <https://www.missionguatemala.info/>.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

**Financial review**

The charity did not undertake any transactions during the year.

**Reserves policy**

Apart from acting as the sole trustee of PFCT, the charity has no other activities and the trustees are satisfied that the charity does not need to hold any reserves.

**Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions for this charity and, since May 2023, for Portchester Free Church Trust rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charities. The chief executive officer of the separate missions organisation that operates in Guatemala (also known as Mission Guatemala) serves as an ex officio charity trustee. Other new trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

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

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
M J Hall (Oct 21, 2024 17:15 GMT+1)

Martin Hall - trustee

Date: Oct 21, 2024

**Accountant's Report to the Trustees of Mission Guatemala CIO ("the Charity") on the Charity's unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, as set out on pages 4 and 5, from the accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made solely to the Trustees of the charity, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of the charity and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Trustees of the charity. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustees as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that the charity has kept adequate records and to prepare statutory accounts that meet the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 for the charity. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year and is eligible to prepare 'Receipts and Payments' accounts.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or review of the accounts of the charity. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

Ajay Rajani  
Ajay Rajani (Oct 21, 2024 17:16 GMT+1)

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Date: Oct 21, 2024

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<b><i>Income receipts</i></b>				
Donations	-	-	-	-
Gift aid receipts	-	-	-	-
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><i>Payments</i></b>				
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	-	-	-	-
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	-	-	-	-
<b><i>Total payments</i></b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash funds as at last year end	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The charity did not undertake any financial transactions during the year.

**MISSION GUATEMALA**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

The charity did not own any fixed assets at the year end date.

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The charity did not undertake any financial transactions during the year and did not own any assets or have any liabilities at the year end date.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*M J Hall*

[M J Hall \(Oct 21, 2024 17:15 GMT+1\)](#)

Martin Hall - trustee

Date: Oct 21, 2024