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THE OPEN-AIR MISSION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

THE OPEN-AIR MISSION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Committee members present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Mission's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".

Objectives and activities

The Mission is an interdenominational evangelical Christian organisation whose primary objectives are twofold:

- 1) Seeking to communicate the Christian gospel message with those who are outside of the sphere of the church;
- 2) Seeking to encourage churches to be involved in open-air evangelism.

The principal activity of the Mission workers is to go into outdoor public places, such as the following: pedestrianized shopping areas, markets, agricultural shows, carnivals, fairgrounds and race-courses in order to share the Christian message with those who might not have the opportunity to hear it by any other means. This is done through preaching, literature distribution, personal conversation and in the summer time, at two venues where Beach Missions are held. Many thousands of school children are also given the same opportunity, through the Mission's three Bible Exhibitions and Pilgrim's Progress Exhibition.

The Mission Committee (Trustees) have continued to pay due regard to the Public Benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when considering the activities of the charity. The primary objective of the Mission is to communicate the Christian message with those who know little or nothing about it. During 2022, countless people have heard something of the message through open-air preaching undertaken by our evangelists and associate workers. As a result of the preaching, numerous personal conversations take place with individuals and helpful literature has been offered from a free literature table. Often, we are able to recommend such enquirers to local churches where they can receive further spiritual and pastoral support.

Often our workers are the only people who provide a listening ear to hurting people met on the streets. Some workers have been able to meet practical needs such as directing those with alcohol or drug problems to organisations that can help them, homeless people to local shelters and others with specific issues to appropriate charities with expertise in that field.

The Bible Exhibition schools resource has been gathering momentum following the Coronavirus situation. We have been encouraged by more churches taking up this opportunity to develop links with local primary schools.

Achievements and performance

During 2022 we were able to appoint two new evangelists; a full-time worker operating in Derbyshire and South Yorkshire in places we have not had contact for many years; a part-time worker to further strengthen the work of the Mission in South Wales. The Trainee Evangelist Scheme (volunteer role) was also resumed following a successful application from a young man from Derbyshire. This scheme provides a year-long experience of working alongside experienced evangelists and developing skills in evangelism whilst also undertaking some theological study.

Four of the Mission's associate workers had to step down last year owing to increased commitments elsewhere and poor health. However, three new associate workers were appointed by the Committee. We have 51 volunteer 'associate workers' who regularly run open-airs in connection with the Mission.

All planned Team Events and Beach Missions went ahead as normal, maximising gospel opportunities in these locations whilst also developing links with local supporters and supporting churches.

Part of the Mission's work has been to train others towards a biblical and winsome approach to open-air work. This was achieved in the year under review by leading some training sessions for churches, speaking at conferences on open-air evangelism and running a national Training Day. The latter, run in-conjunction with the United Beach Missions, attracted around 150 to benefit from ministry, practical instruction and fellowship with like-minded workers.

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This year was the first full year where the Mission operated a 'virtual office'. All literature and resources were dispatched in partnership with a third-party warehouse and the administration and finance were run remotely by two administration staff. This set up has supported the smooth running of the Mission's operations and sale of literature to the public.

We have been encouraged that over 3,000 open-air meetings took place during the year in over 170 different locations. Around 200 'Enquirers' Packs' were sent out to those requesting further information. As a direct result of our workers being out on the streets sharing the good news of the Christian message, many interested people have attended local churches and, encouragingly, some have come to put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the year, a trailer was donated to the Mission with a value of £900.

Financial review

In another year when many organisation have been very badly impacted by the response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Trustees are thankful to God in acknowledging His remarkable provision for the Mission during these testing months. Income from donations and gifts have decreased by 5.1% from £352,000 in the previous year to £334,000 in the year under review. We are very thankful to our loyal supporters who very largely sustained their giving, even at a time when our evangelists were unable to be on the streets as we would have wished. Meanwhile legacy income was over 28% lower than in 2021, at some £370,000. Income arising from the sale of tracts increased by 65% on last year. Investment income was also slightly higher. Total income from all sources was £756,000, compared with £909,000 in 2021.

As mentioned previously, the Mission took the decision early on in the pandemic that, as a matter of principle, we would not furlough any of our staff, and we believe that the Lord has honoured that decision. Accordingly, staff costs have increased in the year. Motor expenses increased this year as evangelistic work started to accelerate again. Overall, then, there was a surplus of income over expenditure of some £106,000.

The Mission's investments have been affected by fluctuations of the stock market and, as a result, of the large downturn in the market over the last past year, the Mission's investments lost nearly £142,000 in value throughout the year, taking the Net Incoming Resources figure to a deficit of £38,000.

We are very thankful to all of our supporters for their prayerful and practical support of the work of the Mission through another year. We look to the Lord for the continued resources that we need as we seek to reach out with the Gospel to those around us.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is of prime importance in enabling the Mission to fulfil its main objectives. The Committee deem it to be prudent to maintain the Charity reserves at a level representing 18 months of expenditure to achieve its objectives for the under mentioned reasons:-

- a) To enable the Mission to employ additional evangelists as the opportunities arise;
- b) To protect against falls in legacy and donation income, which are by nature unpredictable;
- c) To provide sufficient funds to enable the Mission to give employed staff 18 months' notice should redundancies become necessary;
- d) To hold the necessary funds to finance any redundancy payments should these become necessary.

Based on expenditure for the year in question, the trustees therefore estimate that reserves are required in the region of £843,000. In the year under review, the Mission managed to almost achieve this target level with free reserves being £679,956.

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Investment Policy

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Committee has the power to invest surplus resources as they see fit.

The present portfolio is yielding a reasonable return, particularly in prevailing market conditions and a very low Bank of England base rate. To be able to maintain returns in excess of cost of living indices remains a problem.

The Committee will continue its policy of safe, prudent and conservative investment. Our ethical criteria require exclusion from the portfolio of companies majoring in: gambling, alcohol or tobacco.

Plans for future periods

The generous giving of Mission supporters means that the Committee are seeking to expand the number of staff Evangelists working for the Mission. A number of development projects are currently in process, including looking at ways the Mission can strengthen and widen its supporter base.

Structure, governance and management

The Mission is a company limited by guarantee having no share capital. It is also a registered charity. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The flysheet to the accounts lists the registration details of the charity and other pertinent information.

The Committee members, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Mr P Brunning

Mr E M Mellor

Dr O P Jack

Mr D Gayton

Mr D C S Cooke (Hon. Treasurer)

Mr D Fielding (Chairman)

Mr M Fisher

Mr S M Burton

(Appointed 21 July 2022)

The Mission is governed by a committee. Members are Trustees of the charity (and Directors of the company) overseeing the Mission's work and administering the funds under their control. They are committed Christians from different backgrounds with differing expertise in a variety of fields.

During the year under review a new committee member was appointed who has considerable experience in the Mission, having formerly worked as an evangelist for several years.

The Committee approved a project to rebrand the Mission communications, including a new website, logo, colour scheme and online content, which are planned to be introduced in Spring of 2023. This is part of a wider long-term plan to strengthen the supporter base of the Mission and reach out to new supporters.

The Committee continue to discharge their personal liabilities and responsibility for the running of the Mission, with appropriate checks and balances in place to ensure this is done.

None of the Committee members has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Committee members are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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Training of Trustees is regularly reviewed, but is not something that can be done in isolation from the Mission. All Committee decisions are taken by majority voting and therefore new members/trustees are trained by the experience of corporate discussion and decision-making.

The Committee has an ongoing process of risk management and regularly addresses this issue. A risk register is maintained and reviewed annually. The Committee has assessed the major risks to which the Mission is exposed, and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Asset cover for funds

Note 22 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds and a description of the trusts. These assets are sufficient to meet the charity's obligations on a fund by fund basis.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The Committee's report was approved by the Committee Members.

David Fielding

Mr D Fielding (Chairman)
Trustee

17 May 2023

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STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Committee members, who are also the directors of The Open-Air Mission for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Committee Members's Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Committee members to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Mission and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Committee members 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Mission will continue in operation.

The Committee members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Mission and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Mission and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE OPEN-AIR MISSION

I report to the Committee members on my examination of the financial statements of The Open-Air Mission (the Mission) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Committee members of the Mission (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Mission are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Mission's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

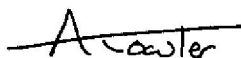
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Mission's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Mission as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 21/08/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds designated	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	703,069	-	-	703,069	865,336
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	4	123	-	-	123	175
Other trading activities	5	17,851	-	-	17,851	10,842
Investments	6	35,468	-	-	35,468	32,776
Total income		756,511	-	-	756,511	909,129
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	60,211	-	500	60,711	53,601
Charitable activities	8	586,381	3,424	-	589,805	498,608
Other	12	-	-	-	-	14,011
Total resources expended		646,592	3,424	500	650,516	566,220
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure		109,919	(3,424)	(500)	105,995	342,909
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	-	(143,785)	-	(143,785)	51,752
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		109,919	(147,209)	(500)	(37,790)	394,661
Gross transfers between funds		(247,103)	247,103	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(137,184)	99,894	(500)	(37,790)	394,661
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		817,640	1,363,236	500	2,181,376	1,786,715
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		680,456	1,463,130	-	2,143,586	2,181,376

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	15		10,531		12,655
Investments	16		1,452,599		1,350,581
			<u>1,463,130</u>		<u>1,363,236</u>
Current assets					
Inventories	17	12,657		10,719	
Trade and other receivables	18	337,717		213,014	
Cash at bank and in hand		338,017		598,589	
		<u>688,391</u>		<u>822,322</u>	
Current liabilities	19	(7,935)		(4,182)	
Net current assets			<u>680,456</u>		<u>818,140</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,143,586</u>		<u>2,181,376</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	20		-		500
Unrestricted funds - designated			1,463,130		1,363,236
Unrestricted funds - general			680,456		817,640
			<u>2,143,586</u>		<u>2,181,376</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Committee members acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Committee Members on 17 May 2023

David Cooke

Mr D C S Cooke (Hon. Treasurer)
Trustee

Company Registration No. 00334296

David Fielding

Mr D Fielding (Chairman)
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	23		(48,938)		170,795
Investing activities					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,299)		(1,117)	
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-		144,445	
Purchase of non-current cash investments		-		(100,000)	
Purchase of other investments		(318,854)		(50,000)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		73,051		-	
Investment income received		35,468		32,776	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(211,634)		26,104
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(260,572)		196,899
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			598,589		401,690
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			338,017		598,589

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Open-Air Mission is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 5 Briar Close, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 9DS.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Mission's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The Mission is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Mission. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Committee members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Funds have been designated to the value of the tangible fixed assets and investments held. This is to reflect that the monies invested in these assets are not freely available to spend without realising the assets which would restrict the generation of future income for the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Mission is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Mission has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the Mission is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and their ultimate receipt by the Mission is reasonably certain.

Income from trading activities relates to the sale of literature, and is recognised when goods are sold.

Amounts received in relation to the supporters' conference are recognised in the accounting period in which the conference takes place. Amounts received in advance are carried as deferred income.

Investment income is included on the accruals basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

The Committee has charged all evangelists' costs, distributed literature and supporting services to charitable activities, including the pensions of past employees. Deputation speaker's costs under cost of generating gifts and donations represents 5% of evangelists' salaries to take account of the deputation work they undertake in Churches and school assemblies. The Field Operation Manager's salary has been allocated as 75% Direct charitable activities and 25% administration to recognise the time spent carrying out evangelistic work and preaching.

Administrative salaries and costs associated with the Mission headquarters have been shown as support costs under charitable activities. The costs of complying with the Mission's statutory obligations have been treated as governance costs.

The Mission is not registered for VAT and is therefore unable to reclaim VAT on expenditure; all amounts of VAT are recorded with the sums to which they are charged. Expenditure is charged to the accounts on the accruals basis.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Furniture & equipment	Straight line over 5 years
Computers	Straight line over 5 years
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance

Small items costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised but expended in the year of purchase through the Statement of Financial Activities.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Non-current investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date, using the open market value on the stock exchange for the listed investments. Cash held on deposit that does not meet the SORP definition of current asset investments are recorded within fixed asset investments at their carrying value. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the Mission reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Inventories

Inventories of tracts, booklets and CD's are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, based on an average estimated cost. Many of the items of inventory are given away freely leading to a net realisable value of £nil, whilst others are sold. A stock provision is calculated for freely distributable items, based on the proportion given away during the financial year.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The Mission has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Mission's balance sheet when the Mission becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Mission's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.12 Taxation

As a registered charity, the Mission has no liability to United Kingdom corporation tax.

1.13 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Mission is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.14 Retirement benefits

The pension costs charged in the accounts represent the contributions payable by the Mission during the year in accordance with FRS 17. The Mission provides pensions out of current income for its retired evangelists and staff who retired prior to 31 December 1991. Present staff are being provided through a discretionary defined contribution pension scheme with the assets held separately from those of the Mission in a fund administered by Friends Life.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Mission's accounting policies, the Committee members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	333,547	351,623
Legacies receivable	369,522	513,713
	<u>703,069</u>	<u>865,336</u>

4 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects

	Sale of items 2022 £	Sale of items 2021 £
Other income	<u>123</u>	<u>175</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Sales of tracts and CDs	17,851	10,842

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Income from listed investments	35,468	32,776

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Costs of generating donations and legacies</u>				
Advertising	340	-	340	755
Other fundraising costs	10,441	-	10,441	12,347
Staff costs	18,279	-	18,279	23,829
	<u>29,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,060</u>	<u>36,931</u>
<u>Trading costs</u>				
Other trading activities	30,602	500	31,102	16,670
	<u>549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment management expenses	60,211	500	60,711	53,601

The current and comparative figures listed above all relate to unrestricted funds.

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8 Charitable activities

	Open-Air Mission costs 2022 £	Open-Air Mission costs 2021 £
Staff costs	443,441	331,863
Depreciation and impairment	3,424	4,144
Direct costs	11,622	10,145
Insurance	11,880	11,246
Motor	44,112	26,989
Sundry	2,590	1,786
Beach mission and team events	2,936	355
Bible Exhibition expenses	-	113
	<u>520,005</u>	<u>386,641</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	61,815	103,536
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	7,985	8,431
	<u>589,805</u>	<u>498,608</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	586,381	494,464
Unrestricted funds - designated	3,424	4,144
	<u>589,805</u>	<u>498,608</u>

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9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	45,795	-	45,795	83,000	-	83,000
Rent and rates	1,262	-	1,262	2,232	-	2,232
Light and heat	-	-	-	1,343	-	1,343
Repairs and renewals	900	-	900	1,740	-	1,740
Telephone	585	-	585	5,333	-	5,333
PPS and computer costs	12,611	-	12,611	9,833	-	9,833
Trustees travel and meeting expenses	-	1,369	1,369	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	662	-	662	55	-	55
Accountancy	-	5,006	5,006	-	5,610	5,610
Legal and professional	-	1,610	1,610	-	2,821	2,821
	<u>61,815</u>	<u>7,985</u>	<u>69,800</u>	<u>103,536</u>	<u>8,431</u>	<u>111,967</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>61,815</u>	<u>7,985</u>	<u>69,800</u>	<u>103,536</u>	<u>8,431</u>	<u>111,967</u>

The current and comparative figures listed above all relate to unrestricted funds.

Accountancy costs listed above include payments to the Independent Examiner of £2,250 (2021: £1,860) for Independent Examination work and £2,756 (2021: £3,750) for other services.

10 Committee Members

None of the Committee members (or any persons connected with them), except as noted below, received any remuneration during the year. During the year 2 trustees were reimbursed a total of £1,227 for travel expenses and other direct costs (2021: 2 trustee reimbursed £263).

Total donations received from the trustees and their related parties during the year was £10,263 (2021: £6,492).

A relative of one trustee was employed by the charity during the year and received a salary of £5,748 (2021: £3,726).

There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year.

During the year £889 (2021: £774) was spent on Trustee & Professional Indemnity Insurance. The purpose of this insurance is to cover both the Committee members and the Mission.

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11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Evangelists	13	11
Office and support staff	2	2
Pensioners	-	1
Total	15	14

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	439,563	380,936
Social security costs	37,182	31,126
Other pension costs	30,770	26,630
	507,515	438,692

Remuneration paid to Key Management Personnel amounted to £97,833 (2021: £88,818).

Included within staff costs above, are payments to a former employee of £Nil (2021: £828), under pension arrangements that existed at the time of their employment.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Other

	2022 £	2021 £
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	14,011

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £
Revaluation of investments	(142,324)	51,752
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(1,461)	-
	(143,785)	51,752

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14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

15 Property, plant and equipment

	Furniture & equipment	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	13,003	1,117	44,649	58,769
Additions	-	1,299	-	1,299
At 31 December 2022	13,003	2,416	44,649	60,068
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2022	13,003	223	32,888	46,114
Depreciation charged in the year	-	482	2,941	3,423
At 31 December 2022	13,003	705	35,829	49,537
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	-	1,711	8,820	10,531
At 31 December 2021	-	894	11,761	12,655

16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments	Other investments	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2022	1,180,581	170,000	1,350,581
Additions	318,854	85,000	403,854
Valuation changes	(142,324)	-	(142,324)
Disposals	(74,512)	(85,000)	(159,512)
At 31 December 2022	1,282,599	170,000	1,452,599
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	1,282,599	170,000	1,452,599
At 31 December 2021	1,180,581	170,000	1,350,581

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Other investments comprise:			
Non-current cash investments		170,000	170,000

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16 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Listed investments included above:	2022 £	2021 £
Listed investments carrying amount	1,282,599	1,180,581

Fixed asset investments revalued

Investments have been revalued to their open market value at the year end. Listed investments are valued with reference to the London Stock Exchange. All remaining investments are long-term cash investments and are therefore included at their redeemable value.

17 Inventories

	2022 £	2021 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	12,657	10,719

As outlined in the accounting policies, a provision is made each year to impair the closing inventory valuation, thus recognising the proportion of stock that is given away (free of charge) as part of the Mission's charitable activities. An impairment of £13,712 (2021: £11,612) has been reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.

18 Trade and other receivables

Amounts falling due within one year:	2022 £	2021 £
Trade receivables	464	547
Other receivables	328,271	202,629
Prepayments and accrued income	8,982	9,838
	337,717	213,014

Included within Other receivables above are £325,458 (2021: £198,548) of legacies receivable which the Mission has been notified of, and which can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. There remain other legacies of which the Mission has been notified, which are as yet not able to be quantified, and hence these have not been included in the accounts.

19 Current liabilities

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade payables	2,566	-
Accruals and deferred income	5,369	4,182
	7,935	4,182

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20 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Balance at 1 January 2022	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Bible fund	500	-	500	(500)	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>-</u>

The Bible Fund represents monies given for the purchase of new Bibles.

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21 Designated funds

The income funds of the Mission include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Committee Members for the generation of future income:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income/ (Expenses)	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income/ (Expenses)	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	174,138	(4,144)	(157,339)	-	12,655	(3,424)	1,300	-	10,531
Investments	1,148,829	-	150,000	51,752	1,350,581	-	245,803	(143,785)	1,452,599
	<u>1,322,967</u>	<u>(4,144)</u>	<u>(7,339)</u>	<u>51,752</u>	<u>1,363,236</u>	<u>(3,424)</u>	<u>247,103</u>	<u>(143,785)</u>	<u>1,463,130</u>

Funds equal to the net book value of tangible fixed assets and market value of investments (including the revaluation reserve) are designated to reflect the restrictions that the assets impose upon the availability of reserves; the money tied up in the property and investments is not free to be spent as these assets are essential to the ongoing operations of the Mission. Premises are required to operate from and the investments generate much needed income to supplement supporters' donations. Movements on these funds represent additions and disposals to these categories of assets, as well as depreciation and value adjustments as appropriate.

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds		Designated funds		Restricted funds		Total Unrestricted funds		Designated funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:														
Property, plant and equipment	-		10,531		-		10,531		-		12,655		12,655	
Investments	-		1,452,599		-		1,452,599		-		1,350,581		1,350,581	
Current assets/(liabilities)	680,456		-		-		680,456		817,640		-		818,140	
	680,456		1,463,130		-		2,143,586		817,640		1,363,236		2,181,376	

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23	Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(37,790)	394,661
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(35,468)	(32,776)
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	14,011
	Loss on disposal of investments	1,461	-
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	142,324	(51,752)
	Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	3,423	4,144
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(1,938)	1,045
	(Increase) in trade and other receivables	(124,703)	(157,604)
	Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	3,753	(934)
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(48,938)	170,795
24	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The Mission had no debt during the year.		