

# THE ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS

England & Wales · Charity number 266005

## Details

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**Other names** ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1973-07-24

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL IN GREAT BRITAIN OR ELSEWHERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE DEED PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND AND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ANY WAY WHICH THE TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DEEM FIT AND IN PARTICULAR BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING (1) TO ENGAGE IN EVANGELISM BY TENT CAMPAIGNS CHURCH CRUSADE UNITED CHURCH RALLIES MASS MEETINGS OR PERSONAL EVANGELISM (2) TO PUBLISH CHRISTIAN BOOKS MAGAZINES LITERATURE RECORDS TAPES AND FILMS AND (3) TO PROVIDE SELL OR GIVE AWAY BIBLES TESTAMENTS TRACTS CHRISTIAN BOOKS MAGAZINES LITERATURE RECORDS AND TAPES

**Activities:** SUPPORTS EVANGELISTS WHO PROCLAIM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL TO ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN THE UK AND ABROAD AND PROVIDES SUPPORT TO CHRISTIAN PASTORS IN INDIA AND SPONSORS CHILDREN IN AN ORPHANAGE IN SOUTH INDIA. ALL FUNDS ARE COMMITTED AS ABOVE, THEREFORE NO UNSOLICITED REQUESTS FOR MONEY ARE ACCEPTED OR RESPONDED TO

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTH OF ENGLAND
- India
- Northern Ireland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£357,902	£348,862	-	-
2024-03-31	£381,008	£397,085	-	-
2023-03-31	£420,292	£382,725	-	-
2022-03-31	£488,908	£426,125	-	-
2021-03-31	£475,775	£436,309	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DAVID MARK DONEGANI</b>	Chair	
Antony Brown		2025-06-30
Dr CARL VENN		
Paul Hinton		2025-01-27
Rev Derek William Guest		2018-04-18

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# Accounts

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# Association of Evangelists

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## Annual Report – 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

### Objectives and Activities

The Objectives as defined in the original Trust document, and listed on the Charity Commission of England & Wales website are:

The furtherance of the gospel in Great Britain or elsewhere in accordance with the doctrines set out in the schedule of the deed particularly in the North of England and for the advancement of Christian religion in any way which the trustees shall in their absolute discretion deem fit and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing (1) to engage in evangelism by tent campaigns church crusade united church rallies mass meetings or personal evangelism (2) to publish Christian books magazines literature records tapes and films and (3) to provide sell or give away bibles testaments tracts Christian books magazines literature records and tapes

The 'Charity Overview' on the Charity Commission Website lists the activities of the charity as:

To support evangelists who proclaim the Christian gospel to adults and children in the UK and abroad and provides support to Christian pastors in India and sponsors children in an orphanage in South India. All funds are committed as above, therefore no unsolicited requests for money are accepted or responded to.

### Trustees

Frank Brearley (resigned 27/01/25)  
David Donegani (chair),  
Derek Guest,  
Paul Hinton (appointed 27/01/25)  
Carl Venn

### Finances

The trustees are once again grateful for donations received for the work during the year, enabling the charity to continue in its work as spelt out in the Objectives and Activities above. All funds are processed and used in accordance with the requirements as laid down in the UK government guidelines and charity law, and in the governance policy of the Association of Evangelists. The accounts are available in a separate report.

### Report 2024-2025

During the year, Frank Brearley stepped down as a trustee of the Association of Evangelists. He has served faithfully for many years. With the many responsibilities he has in other Christian works, along with additional family responsibilities it has become more difficult to effectively fulfil his role as a trustee within the AofE in recent years. We will miss his wisdom, and passion for the work. At the same time, we welcomed Paul Hinton as a trustee. Paul has previously been involved as an evangelist linked to the A of E

and brings with him much experience which is a direct and good fit to the work. He also brings years of experience and wisdom in Christian leadership.

The ongoing work of the Association of Evangelists has continued in a similar pattern as previous years. It has continued to provide support for the 11 associate and affiliate evangelists based in the UK, and also the work of The Metropolitan Mission, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India (see separate report).

Our major event each year is the annual 'Conference for Evangelists' held in January. We moved to a new venue back in 2022 with the intention of growing the conference over the following years to provide a programme for others involved in similar works and charities. This year's attendance was up again this year, with attendees from around the UK representing a wide range of similar works. Once again, the number of younger people attending increased. The feedback from the conference was very encouraging. We anticipate a further increase at the next conference in January 2026

We also held our annual 'Away Days' in June 2024. This was attended by the Associates and Affiliates within the A of E; along with the trustees and others who fulfil our administrative responsibilities (as volunteers). This year we met in Lancashire, at the HQ of the Capernwray Bible School. The 'Away Days' for 2025 will be held in the Midlands.

We did not hold the 'Annual Supporters Conference' in 2024/5. We continue to provide a monthly online meeting for supporters to keep them up to date with the activities of the A of E, with reports from different associates and affiliates.

The evangelists and affiliates have worked mostly 'in-person', with occasional 'on-line' training and events. They have worked with churches and groups around the country taking the opportunities to share the Good News about Jesus Christ to all people of all generations around the UK. There have also been some overseas visits made to other Universities, churches, and Christian organisations.

The seven Associate Evangelists (Tony Brown, Roger Carswell, Gus Eyre, Joe Kirby, Michael Ots, Martin Povey, and Andy Peace) have continued to work in many different areas of the UK and beyond. Each of the evangelists 'live by faith' which means that they are not employed by the Association of Evangelists, or any other church or organisation. They depend on gifts from individuals to cover their living and ministry costs. Many of these gifts come via the Association of Evangelists and are recorded in the accounts. Other gifts come directly to them. Each of the evangelists are responsible for their own accounts and tax returns.

The four Affiliate Evangelists are Peter Barker, Vinny Commons, Andy Nash, Steve Neal. Their work is normally less 'itinerant', working more specifically with a church or other organisation. Some of the Affiliate Evangelists are employed by other churches or organisations and hence have 'affiliate' status.

We have continued to run 'GO Days' and similar events in towns or city centres. The evangelists meet up with others from local churches and then go out into the town or city either visiting homes, doing questionnaire work, manning book tables or directly preaching. These are good opportunities to work with and train other churches. It has been encouraging to see local Christians getting involved.

The associates and affiliates have continued with their diverse range of opportunities around the country, often working and serving with many different churches and other Christian organisations. Most of these opportunities are for those who have little or no contact with the church. They are an important part of the regular ministry of many Christian Fellowships throughout the UK, and it continues to be a privilege to facilitate and serve the wider church in the work they do.

One of the evangelists works mostly with churches around the UK. These opportunities normally include a full week of meetings with special guest interviews each evening which are good 'hooks' to raise the interest of those not regularly attending church. Another of the evangelists continues to head up the work of Yorkshire Camps (running camps for children and young people). Another of our evangelists works

extensively to reach those who are caught up in new religious movements; and another has a YouTube channel with many subscribers and a wide reach around the world.

One of the evangelists, Gus (now in his 80's!) continues an effective work with the homeless and drug addicts. Another is regularly out on the streets meeting people in great need. Many on the margins of society have been helped to face up to reality and consider the Good News of Jesus. In the coming year, Gus will be stepping down from his affiliation with the Association of Evangelists.

Two of the evangelists work regularly with universities, both here in the UK and in Europe, including several countries where the church has experienced restrictions.

The 'Real Lives' You Tube Channel has continued, with live Saturday night events on-line and a regular following on the YouTube Channel.

In summarising the year, the evangelists have been regularly involved in many varied opportunities both inside and outside the church to share the Good News of Jesus. This includes schools (whole school assemblies, Christian Union meetings and RE classes); Colleges & Universities (by invitation to one off special events or a series of meetings); camps for children and young people (Yorkshire Camps); city centres (particularly in the North West); on the beach (with United Beach Missions, another Christian Charity) and other places too. They participate in many other meetings including coffee mornings, senior citizen clubs, Bible studies, breakfasts, special meetings in old people's homes and sheltered accommodation.

Writing and the distribution of Christian literature continues to be an important part of the work. New resources have been written and published which can be used for Christian work more widely. These include new books, short Christian 'tracts', and other materials for teaching children.

The Association continues to support and encourage its partner mission, the Metropolitan Mission in Andhra Pradesh, South India. See the separate report.

David Donegani  
Chairman, Association of Evangelists

### **Report on the activity of the Metropolitan Mission for the period between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025**

The Metropolitan Mission (MM) is an indigenous church organisation working in the city of Vijayawada and the surrounding districts, in the state of Andhra Pradesh, South India. It is currently active in NTR district, Krishna, Eluru, Khammam, Guntur, East and West Godavari districts. As well as organising Christian Worship in over 100 affiliated churches and worship centres, it is also engaged in reaching out to surrounding neighbourhoods with the gospel message that Jesus saves and with practical help to many struggling and disadvantaged groups. The MM is committed to the orthodox Christian message that man is separated from God by sin and rebellion and that the only way this breach in relationship can be overcome is through individual faith in Jesus Christ, his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave.

The Metropolitan Mission now has around 160 pastors and Bible women and social workers working with them. Around 80 are helped through a sponsorship scheme facilitated by the Association of Evangelists. Individuals and churches in the UK can donate money regularly to the scheme, which goes to their nominated worker and allows these individuals to support their families as they assist their churches and communities. As well as the normal duties of church workers, such as preaching and bible teaching, conducting weddings and funerals, and pastoral visiting these individuals provide a vital link between the social work activities of the MM and the poor communities they work amongst. No new worship centres were established during this period.

There is a lot of maintenance and building work required in the different worship centres. During the period of this report a new church building was completed at Pulluru and work was started on the churches at Ammavarigudem and Mutylampadu. Due to damage during flooding the church in Prakash Nagar had to be renovated.

Another important aspect of the work of the MM is the Children's Home. This is situated near to the village of MV Gudem. The Children's Home reopened in 2021 and is now back in full swing. Numbers of children fluctuates according to need. The mission usually has many more applications for entry than it can fund. Children may join the home and settle well but then domestic circumstances can change, and they may be withdrawn. Also, a small number each year fail to settle so return to their families. Numbers of children therefore do vary throughout the year. During the period covered by this report, there were 102 children resident there, 56 boys and 46 girls. Some of these children, 72, are sponsored by churches and families in the UK. They send a regular donation to the mission, and the funds raised help support the entire work of the home, including the care of the unsponsored children. No distinction is made between sponsored and unsponsored children in the home. The families in the UK receive information on the progress of their sponsored children through their education so that they can pray for them as they grow. The home provides a safe environment for the children where they can be fed and sheltered and given space to do studies and attend school. If they progress well, they will have the opportunity of moving on into higher education and the MM supports them in courses where needed. During the time span covered by this report the MM was supporting 10 students at 10<sup>th</sup> standard level who took these important exams. Of this 10, 9 passed and are progressing in their education. 1 failed and will have to resist. The Mission also supports 27 students in further education. Of these college students, 12 graduated during the period covered by this report.

The Children's home is located on a compound in the countryside which it shares with the MM primary schools. There are 2 schools on the compound. In one the education is conducted in Telegu, the language of the state of Andhra Pradesh. Most of the children attending the Telegu school live in the children's home itself, though some do attend from local villages. There is a growing preference for English Medium Education, even amongst the poorest village people and so gradually the strength of the Telegu School is decreasing. Having said that, this year the school showed an increase in student numbers. There were 74 pupils in this school and teachers increased from 5 last year to 6 this year. The English Medium school remains popular as part of the MM ministry to the surrounding villages. There were now around 173 pupils in this school with 10 teachers. The mission 2 drivers to collect the students with the bus, and 4 ayas for the very small children. The home has 5 staff to look after the boys and 3 for the girls, 3 cooks, 2 security men and another who also tends the garden on site, plus 1 dhobi.

Finally, the mission seeks to help people in the surrounding villages who face particularly difficult circumstances. They provide some regular financial support to the 100 families of 100 handicapped children, and single mothers.

Association of Evangelists Charity Number 266005		
Income & Expenditure Statement 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025		
	April 2024 - March 2025	April 2023 - March 2024
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>21489.71</b>	<b>37567.21</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donation for work in India	80616.00	90896.23
Gift Aid (India)	7924.00	9890.50
Gift Aid (Evang/Ass & Gen)	19055.75	36817.50
Donations for Evangelists/Affiliates	220127.69	207418.44
Gifts for Ministry Fund	5576.00	6187.06
Gifts for other charities		
AofE Conference		13606.69
FEW Conference	24132.11	15663.92
Bank Interest (India)	73.23	80.46
Bank Interest (Gen)	397.71	447.11
Income	357902.49	381007.91
<b>Total income</b>	<b>379392.20</b>	<b>418575.12</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Gifts to India	88441.81	101124.93
Bank Charges for Foreign Payments	180.00	180.00
Payments to Evangelists/Aff (inc G/Aid)	227168.44	251912.19
Gifts to other Charities	1500.00	1400.00
Gifts to nominated bodies	20.00	5200.00
FEW Conference	27343.95	22490.36
AofE Conference		11815.98
Away Days	2210.00	
Meeting Expenses/Catering	16.70	103.94
Website/Licence/zoom	138.26	44.83
Travel costs	666.59	568.95
Speakers expenses	1075.00	1785.00
Publicity	11.35	459.23
Books	90.00	
Total expenditure	348862.10	397085.41
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>30530.10</b>	<b>21489.71</b>
Current account 13415743 Gen	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520350 Gen	26535.79	33126.58
Current account 13469428 India	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520369 India	3994.31	4440.63
<b>Cash Balance @ 31 March</b>	<b>30530.10</b>	<b>37567.21</b>
made up of:-		
To be sent to India	3994.31	4440.63
To be sent to Evangelists/Assoc	11817.50	12757.50
Conference	0.00	-1180.18
FEW Conference	534.71	2426.39
Reserve Fund	500.00	500.00
Ministry Fund	13683.58	18622.87
	<b>30530.10</b>	<b>37567.21</b>

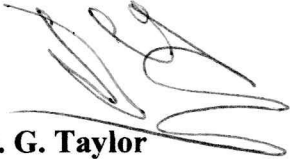
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30/07/25

**ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Based upon my examination of the accounts for the Association of Evangelists, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the accounts do not comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners.**

**No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination where further information is required to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.**



**D. G. Taylor  
Retired Accountant  
8 Titchwell Road,  
London  
SW18 3LW**

**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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All the evangelists and affiliates are responsible for submitting their own personal accounts and making payments to HMRC as required.

### Report 2023-24

The work of the Association of Evangelists has continued in much the same pattern as it has done for many years. It continues to: provide support for the 12 associate and affiliate evangelists based in the UK; provide training for a variety of other evangelists around the UK; and support the work of The Metropolitan Mission, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India (see separate report).

We organised our Annual Supporters Conference in November 2023. However, we are not planning one this November. Many of the supporters are now older and find it difficult to attend, and costs have increased considerably over the years. Also, we now have a regular on-line reporting back evening each month which fulfils one of the needs that the annual conference was intended for. We will continue to monitor the situation going forward as to whether we run this conference again.

The annual Conference for Evangelists was held in January at Yarnfield Park in Staffordshire. The number of attendees was slightly up on the previous year, and it was particularly encouraging to see younger men and women who have a vision for evangelism joining the conference

We continue to be on the lookout for others doing similar works who may be able to join us as associates or affiliates to further advance the work of the charity. There are some who we have been in discussion with who may join us in the future.

During this last year we also had our 'Away Days' in Yorkshire (June 23) for the Associates and Affiliates within the AofE. Plans are in place for these two events (Evangelists' Conference and 'Away Days') to be run again in 2024-25.

The evangelists and affiliates work mostly 'in-person', although there are occasional events that are done line due to geographical limitations. They have worked with many churches and groups around the country, taking the opportunities to share the Good News about Jesus Christ to many people from all backgrounds and across the generations around the UK. There have also been some overseas visits made to other Universities, Churches, and Christian organisations.

The seven Associate Evangelists (Tony Brown, Roger Carswell, Gus Eyre, Joe Kirby, Michael Ots, Martin Povey, and Andy Peace) have continued to work in many different areas of the UK and beyond. These evangelists 'live by faith', meaning that they are not employed by the charity, or any other churches or organisation. They depend on gifts made by individuals to cover their living and ministry costs. Many of these gifts come via the Association of Evangelists and are duly recorded in the accounts of the charity.

The five Association of Evangelists Affiliate Evangelists are Peter Barker, Vinny Commons, Andy Nash, Steve Neal and Carl Porter (resigned Feb 2024). Some of the Affiliate Evangelists are employed by other churches or organisations, and hence have 'affiliate' status. Their work is normally less 'itinerant', working more specifically with a church or other organisation. Carl has resigned his position to enable him to devote his time to establishing a new church in the Swindon area where he lives.

We have continued to run 'GO days' in towns or city centres. The evangelists meet up with others from local churches and then go out into the town or city either visiting homes, doing questionnaire work, manning book tables or directly preaching. These are good opportunities to work with and train others. It has been encouraging to see local Christians getting involved. Most of these have been in the Northwest of England, where there is a cluster of young men with a vision to run them.

The associates and affiliates have continued with their diverse range of opportunities around the country, working and serving with many different churches and Christian organisations. Most of these opportunities are for those who have little or no contact with the church. They are an important part of the regular activities of many Churches and Christian Fellowships throughout the UK, and it continues to be a privilege to facilitate and serve them in the work they do.

Roger works mostly with churches of varying sizes around the UK (including Northern Ireland). These opportunities will often include a full week of meetings with special guest interviews each evening. Attractive evenings are organised to draw in those not regularly attending church. Andy continues to head up the work of Yorkshire Camps (camps for children and young people). Each year a new voluntary team joins to be trained up and help run the camps. Tony, based in Bradford, continues to work extensively to reach those who are caught up in new religious movements and is also involved in training others within

different churches around the country. Joe has a YouTube channel with many subscribers and a wide reach around the world. He also does regular 'street work' in different towns and cities in the Northwest.

Gus (now in his 80's!) continues to do a remarkable and effective work with the homeless community and drug addicts in Blackpool. Many on the margins of society have been helped to face up to reality and consider the Good News of Jesus. Martin works mostly with Christian Unions at universities around the UK, but also with different churches. Michael works in a similar way both here in the UK and elsewhere in Europe (including countries where the church has experienced restrictions).

Andy, Steve and Pete (Affiliate Evangelists) are employed/work within different churches. Most of their work is done within those churches, but they also enjoy the fellowship, support and training provided by being affiliates within the A of E. Vinny is involved in a variety of activities and is often seen using his 'Potter's Wheel' to communicate the message of the gospel.

The 'Real Lives' YouTube Channel continues, with live Saturday night events on-line and a regular following on the YouTube Channel.

In summary, the evangelists have been regularly involved in many opportunities both inside and outside the church to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in places such as schools (whole school assemblies, Christian Union meetings and RE classes); Colleges & Universities (by invitation to one off special events or a series of meetings); camps for children and young people (Yorkshire Camps); city centres (eg London, Edinburgh and Liverpool); on the beach (with United Beach Missions) and other many other places. They also participate in many other meetings including coffee mornings, senior citizen clubs, Bible studies, breakfasts, special meetings in old people's homes and sheltered accommodation.

Writing and the distribution of Christian literature has once again been an important part of the work. New resources have been written and published which can be used for gospel work more widely. These include new books, short Christian 'tracts', and other materials for teaching children.

The Association continues to support and encourage its partner mission, the Metropolitan Mission in Andhra Pradesh, South India. See the separate report below.

David Donegani  
Chairman, Association of Evangelists  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### **Report on the activity of the Metropolitan Mission for the period between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**

The Metropolitan Mission (MM) is an indigenous church organisation working in the city of Vijayawada and the surrounding districts, in the state of Andhra Pradesh, South India. As well as organising Christian Worship in the 100 affiliated churches and worship centres, it is also engaged in reaching out to surrounding neighbourhoods with the gospel message that Jesus saves and with practical help to many struggling and disadvantaged groups. The MM is committed to the orthodox Christian message that man is separated from God by sin and rebellion and that the only way this breach in relationship can be overcome is through individual faith in Jesus Christ, his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave.

During the coronavirus pandemic the work of the mission was very disrupted, and many of the churches and worship centres were closed. The remaining Churches have reopened though and are functioning normally again. The Children's Home and both the schools (they have a primary school in Telegu medium, and another in English medium) have also reopened.

Of the 100 pastors and Bible women and social workers that are supported by the MM, 74 are helped through a sponsorship scheme facilitated by the Association of Evangelists. Individuals and churches in the UK can donate money regularly to the scheme, which goes to their nominated worker and allows these individuals to support their families as they assist their churches and communities. As well as the normal duties of church workers, such as preaching and bible teaching, conducting weddings and funerals, and pastoral visiting these individuals provide a vital link between the social work activities of the MM and the poor communities they work amongst.

There is a lot of maintenance and building work required in the different worship centres. During the period of this report a new church building was completed at Chandavaram and Jagganandapuram. There has been a lot of maintenance work in the children's home in both the boy's and the girl's quarters and they have largely completed the dining hall near the boys' dorms, which the government has asked them to build so that boys and girls can eat separately. Often the building projects take quite a long time to complete as they progress when and only when the funds are available.

Another important aspect of the work of the MM is the Children's Home. This is situated near to the village of MV Gudem. As mentioned above there is always on-going maintenance required for these buildings which draws on the mission funds. The Children's Home reopened in 2021. Numbers of children fluctuates according to need. The mission usually has many more applications for entry than it can fund. Children may join the home and settle well but then domestic circumstances can change and they may be withdrawn. Also a small number each year fail to settle so return to their families. Numbers of children therefore do vary throughout the year. During the period covered by this report, there were 105 children resident there, 60 boys and 45 girls. Some of these children are sponsored by churches and families in the UK. They send a regular donation to the mission and the funds raised help support the entire work of the home, including the care of the unsponsored children. No distinction is made between sponsored and unsponsored children in the home. The families in the UK receive information on the progress of their sponsored children through their education so that they can pray for them as they grow. The home provides a safe environment for the children where they can be fed and sheltered and given space to do studies and attend school. If they progress well, they will have the opportunity of moving on into higher education and the MM supports them in courses where needed. During the time span covered by this report the MM was supporting 36 college students

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Finally, the mission seeks to help people in the surrounding villages who face particularly difficult circumstances. They provide some regular financial support to the families of 83 handicapped children, and 10 single mothers.

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<b>Income</b>		
Donation for work in India	90896.23	67911.37
Gift Aid (India)	9890.50	7721.00
Gift Aid (Evang/Ass & Gen)	36817.50	17514.38
Donations for Evangelists/Affiliates	207418.44	220179.18
Gifts for Ministry Fund	6187.06	17441.32
Gifts for other charities		
AofE Conference	13606.69	12365.48
FEW Conference	15663.92	14156.63
Bank Interest (India)	80.46	21.10
Bank Interest (Gen)	447.11	198.31
Income	381007.91	357508.77
<b>Total income</b>	<b>418575.12</b>	<b>420291.65</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Gifts to India	101124.93	90886.90
Bank Charges for Foreign Payments	180.00	180.00
Payments to Evangelists/Aff (inc G/Aid)	251912.19	247787.51
Gifts to other Charities	1400.00	1000.00
Gifts to nominated bodies	5200.00	78.00
FEW Conference	22490.36	21412.97
AofE Conference	11815.98	16474.82
Meeting Expenses/Catering	103.94	314.40
Website/Licence/zoom	44.83	107.99
Travel costs	568.95	2413.15
Speakers expenses	1785.00	1181.50
Publicity	459.23	559.20
Books		328.00
Total expenditure	397085.41	382724.44
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>21489.71</b>	<b>37567.21</b>
Current account 13415743 Gen	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520350 Gen	17486.82	33126.58
Current account 13469428 India	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520369 India	4002.89	4440.63
<b>Cash Balance @ 31 March</b>	<b>21489.71</b>	<b>37567.21</b>
made up of:-		
To be sent to India	4002.89	4440.63
To be sent to Evangelists/Assoc	597.50	12757.50
Conference	0.00	-1180.18
FEW Conference	1063.30	2426.39
Reserve Fund	500.00	500.00
Ministry Fund	15326.02	18622.87
	<b>21489.71</b>	<b>37567.21</b>

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**ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Based upon my examination of the accounts for the Association of Evangelists, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the accounts do not comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners.**

**No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination where further information is required to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.**



**D. G. Taylor  
Retired Accountant  
8 Titchwell Road,  
London  
SW18 3LW**

**Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**THE ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS**

England & Wales - Charity number 266005

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# Accounts

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Sheet1

Association of Evangelists Charity Number 266005		
Income & Expenditure Statement 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023		
	April 2022 - March 2023	April 2021 - March 2022
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>62782.88</b>	<b>39465.47</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donation for work in India	67911.37	178231.90
Gift Aid (India)	7721.00	9471.00
Gift Aid (Evang/Ass & Gen)	17514.38	20197.00
Donations for Evangelists/Affiliates	220179.18	158270.44
Gifts for Ministry Fund	17441.32	56945.50
Gifts for other charities		
AofE Conference	12365.48	15619.73
FEW Conference	14156.63	10701.78
Bank Interest (India)	21.10	1.17
Bank Interest (Gen)	198.31	4.27
<b>Total income</b>	<b>420291.65</b>	<b>488908.26</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Gifts to India	90886.90	170457.11
Bank Charges for Foreign Payments	180.00	225.00
Payments to Evangelists/Aff (inc G/Aid)	247787.51	223002.93
Gifts to other Charities	1000.00	800.00
Gifts to nominated bodies	78.00	
FEW Conference	21412.97	10594.00
AofE Conference	16474.82	16930.45
Meeting Expenses/Catering	314.40	367.32
Website/Licence/zoom	107.99	694.16
Travel costs	2413.15	1529.81
Speakers expenses	1181.50	1000.00
Publicity	559.20	404.60
Books	328.00	120.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>382724.44</b>	<b>426125.38</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>37567.21</b>	<b>62782.88</b>
Current account 13415743 Gen	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520350 Gen	33126.58	42928.82
Current account 13469428 India	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520369 India	4440.63	19854.06
outstanding cheque		
<b>Cash Balance @ 31 March</b>	<b>37567.21</b>	<b>62782.88</b>
made up of:-		
To be sent to India	4440.63	19854.06
To be sent to Evangelists/Assoc	12757.50	7542.50
Conference	-1180.18	6175.44
FEW Conference	2426.39	10437.65
Reserve Fund	500.00	500.00
Ministry Fund	18622.87	18273.23
	<b>37567.21</b>	<b>62782.88</b>

*Approved*  


24th June 2023



# Association of Evangelists

54 Henry Doulton Drive, London, SW17 6DB. Charity Number: 266005

Website: [aofe.org.uk](http://aofe.org.uk)



## Annual Report – 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

### Objectives and Activities

The Objectives as defined in the original Trust document, and listed on the Charity Commission of England & Wales website are:

The furtherance of the gospel in Great Britain or elsewhere in accordance with the doctrines set out in the schedule of the deed particularly in the North of England and for the advancement of Christian religion in any way which the trustees shall in their absolute discretion deem fit and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing (1) to engage in evangelism by tent campaigns church crusade united church rallies mass meetings or personal evangelism (2) to publish Christian books magazines literature records tapes and films and (3) to provide sell or give away bibles testaments tracts Christian books magazines literature records and tapes

The 'Charity Overview' on the Charity Commission Website lists the activities of the charity as:

To support evangelists who proclaim the Christian gospel to adults and children in the UK and abroad and provides support to Christian pastors in India and sponsors children in an orphanage in South India. All funds are committed as above, therefore no unsolicited requests for money are accepted or responded to.

### Trustees

Frank Brearley, David Donegani (chair), Derek Guest, Carl Venn

### Finances

The trustees are once again grateful for all donations received during the year, enabling the charity to continue in its work as spelt out in the Objectives and Activities above. All funds are processed and used in accordance with the requirements as laid down in the UK government guidelines and charity law, and in the governance policy of the Association of Evangelists. The accounts are available in a separate document.

### Report 2022-23

The work of the Association of Evangelists has continued in much the same pattern as the previous year. It continues to provide support for the 13 associate and affiliate evangelists based in the UK, and also the work of The Metropolitan Mission, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India (see separate report).

A particular highlight of the year has been the growth of the annual Conference for Evangelists held in January. We moved to a new venue this year with the intention of growing the conference over the next few years to provide a programme for others involved in similar works and charities. This year's attendance was up around 30% from the previous year, and it was noticeable the increase in numbers of younger people attending.

During the year one of our affiliate Evangelists has resigned as the scope of his work has changed and his work is now more focused with a single church, rather than a broad range of involvement. We continue to be on the lookout for others doing similar works who may be able to join us as associates or affiliates to further advance the work of the charity.

During this year we have once again run our three main events: the 'Away Days' in Yorkshire (June 22) for the Associates and Affiliates within the A of E; the 'Annual Supporters Conference' at King's Park, Northampton (November 22); and the 'Conference for Evangelists' (January 23) for the A of E workers along with many others involved in gospel works in other Christian charities, organisations, and churches. These were all well attended and greatly appreciated by all able to get along. Plans are in place for these three events to be run again in 2023-24. The Conference for Evangelists moved to a different venue for January 2023 to accommodate more attendees. During the next year the Annual Supporters Conference (November 2023) will move to a new venue in the Midlands; and the Away Days will be at a new venue in June 2024.

The evangelists and affiliates have worked mostly 'in-person', with occasional 'on-line' training and events. They have worked with churches and groups around the country taking the opportunities to share the Good News about Jesus Christ to people of all generations around the UK. There have also been some overseas visits made to other Universities, churches, and Christian organisations.

The seven Associate Evangelists (Tony Brown, Roger Carswell, Gus Eyre, Joe Kirby, Michael Ots, Martin Povey, and Andy Peace) have continued to work in many different areas of the UK and beyond. Each of the evangelists 'live by faith' which means that they are not employed by any other church or organisation and depend on gifts from individuals to cover their living and ministry costs. Many of these gifts come via the Association of Evangelists and are recorded in the accounts.

The six Affiliate Evangelists within are Peter Barker, Vinny Commons, Nathan Ling (resigned November 2022), Andy Nash, Steve Neal and Carl Porter. Their work is normally less 'itinerant', working more specifically with a church or other organisation. Some of the Affiliate Evangelists are employed by other churches or organisations, and hence have 'affiliate' status.

We have continued to run 'GO days' in towns or city centres. The evangelists meet up with others from local churches and then go out into the town or city either visiting homes, doing questionnaire work, manning book tables or directly preaching. These are good opportunities to work with and train other churches. It has been encouraging to see local Christians getting involved.

The associates and affiliates have continued with their diverse range of opportunities around the country, often working and serving with many different churches and other Christian organisations. Most of these opportunities are for those who have little or no contact with the church. They are an important part of the regular ministry of many Christian Fellowships throughout the UK and it continues to be a privilege to facilitate and serve them in the work they do.

One of the evangelists works mostly with churches of varying sizes around the UK. These opportunities often include a full week of meetings with special guest interviews each evening which are good 'hooks' to raise the interest of those not regularly attending church. Another of the evangelists continues to head up the work of Yorkshire Camps (running camps for children and young people). Another of our evangelists works extensively to reach those who are caught up in new religious movements; and another has a YouTube channel with many subscribers and a wide reach around the world.

One of the evangelists (now in his 80's!) continues an effective work with the homeless and drug addicts. Another is regularly out on the streets meeting people in great need. Many on the margins of society have been helped to face up to reality and consider the Good News of Jesus. Two of the evangelists work regularly with universities, both here in the UK and in Europe (including countries where the church has experienced restrictions).

The 'Real Lives' You Tube Channel continues, with live Saturday night events on-line and a regular following on the YouTube Channel.

In summary, the evangelists have been regularly involved in many opportunities both inside and outside the church to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in places such as schools (whole school assemblies, Christian Union meetings and RE classes); Colleges & Universities (by invitation to one off special events or a series of meetings); camps for children and young people (Yorkshire Camps); city centres (eg London, Edinburgh and Liverpool); on the beach (with United Beach Missions) and other many other places. They also participate in many other meetings including coffee mornings, senior citizen clubs, Bible studies, breakfasts, special meetings in old people's homes and sheltered accommodation.

Writing and the distribution of Christian literature continues to be an important part of the work. New resources have been written and published which can be used for gospel work more widely. These include new books, short Christian 'tracts', and other materials for teaching children.

The Association continues to support and encourage its partner mission, the Metropolitan Mission in Andhra Pradesh, South India. See the separate report.

David Donegani  
Chairman, Association of Evangelists

### **Report on the activity of the Metropolitan Mission for the period between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

The Metropolitan Mission (MM) is an indigenous church organisation working in the city of Vijayawada and the surrounding districts, in the state of Andhra Pradesh, South India. As well as organising Christian Worship in the 150 affiliated churches and worship centres, it is also engaged in reaching out to surrounding neighbourhoods with the gospel message that Jesus saves and with practical help to many struggling and disadvantaged groups. The MM is committed to the orthodox Christian message that man is separated from God by sin and rebellion and that the only way this breach in relationship can be overcome is through individual faith in Jesus Christ, his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave.

During the coronavirus pandemic the work of the mission was very disrupted, but things have returned to normal now. Churches have reopened and so has the children's home and both the schools (they have a primary school in Telegu medium, and another in English medium).

Of the 107 pastors and Bible women and social workers that are supported by the MM, 77 are helped through a sponsorship scheme facilitated by the Association of Evangelists. Individuals and churches in the UK can donate money regularly to the scheme, which goes to their nominated worker and allows these individuals to support their families as they assist their churches and communities. As well as the normal duties of church workers, such as preaching and bible teaching, conducting weddings and funerals, and pastoral visiting these individuals provide a vital link between the social work activities of the MM and the poor communities they work amongst. Over the last year the work has continued to expand in the eastern districts of Andhra Pradesh, around Vishakapatnam. The mission planted a church congregation in the town of Tuni last year and this year they have also expanded into Sabbavaram. As part of this work, they have started supporting 2 local evangelists there.

There is a lot of maintenance and building work required in the different worship centres. During the period of this report a new church building was completed at Venkatatanda and building continues at the

headquarters in Gunadala (the large church there is fully operational now, though there are a few outstanding jobs to complete). There has been a lot of maintenance work in the children's home in both the boy's and the girl's quarters and they are making steady progress with the large dining hall near the boys' dorms, which the government has asked them to build so that boys and girls can eat separately. Often the building projects take quite a long time to complete as they progress when and only when the funds are available.

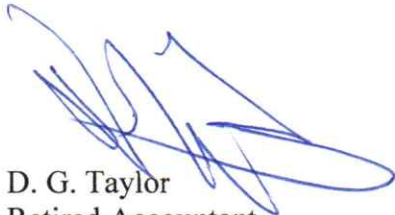
Another important aspect of the work of the MM is the Children's Home. This is situated near to the village of MV Gudem. As mentioned above there is always on-going maintenance required for these buildings which draws on the mission funds. During the covid crisis the home was closed temporarily, in line with the government policy at that time but it reopened in 2021 and now has 152 children resident there. Some of these children are sponsored by churches and families in the UK. They send a regular donation to the mission and the funds raised help support the entire work of the home, including the care of the unsponsored children. No distinction is made between sponsored and unsponsored children in the home. The families in the UK receive information on the progress of their sponsored children through their education so that they can pray for them as they grow. The home provides a safe environment for the children where they can be fed and sheltered and given space to do studies and attend school. If they progress well, they will have the opportunity of moving on into higher education and the MM supports them in courses where needed.

The Children's home is located on a compound in the countryside which it shares with the MM primary schools. There are 2 schools on the compound. In one the education is conducted in Telegu, the language of the state of Andhra Pradesh. Most of the children attending the Telegu school live in the children's home itself, though some do attend from local villages. There are 5 teachers in this school. The English Medium school is a growing part of the MM ministry to the surrounding villages. In the English medium school there are now 250 pupils. The mission employs 12 teachers for the schools, 3 drivers to collect the students with the bus, and 3 ayas for the very small children. The home has 5 staff to look after the boys and 3 for the girls, 3 cooks, 2 security men and another who also tends the garden on site, plus 1 dhobi.

**ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Based upon my examination of the accounts for the Association of Evangelists, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the accounts do not comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners.

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D. G. Taylor  
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Dated: 24th June 2023

**THE ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS**

England & Wales - Charity number 266005

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# Accounts

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## Report

The Association of Evangelists have continued to provide support for the 13 associate and affiliate evangelists based in the UK, and also for the work of The Metropolitan Mission, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India (see separate report)

During the year we have welcomed Andy Nash and Carl Porter as Affiliate Evangelists. Andy is based in Bournemouth and is an evangelist working with a church and Carl has recently left full time employment to give his time to sharing the Good News of Jesus in his hometown and training others both locally and further afield.

As before, this last year has been partly affected by the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions which have been in place at different times during the year. However, we have been able to run each of the main events during the year: the 'Away Days' in Yorkshire (June) for the Associates and Affiliates within the A of E; the 'Annual Supporters Conference' (November); and the 'Conference for Evangelists' (January) for the A of E workers

along with many others involved in gospel works in other Christian organisations and churches. These were all well attended and greatly appreciated by all able to get along. Plans are in place for these three events to be run again in 2022-23 The Conference for Evangelists has been moved to a different venue for 2023 to accommodate more attendees.

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It has been encouraging to see the addition of two Affiliate Evangelist during the year (Andy Nash and Carl Porter) joining the other four (Peter Barker, Vinny Commons, Nathan Ling, and Steve Neal). Some of the Affiliate Evangelists are employed by other churches or organisations. Their work is normally less 'itinerant', working more specifically with a church or other organisation.

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One of the evangelists has continued to visit prisons conducting concert style services, although this has been limited by both the ongoing Covid situation and also his health. However, he continues his regularly and effective work with the homeless and drug addicts. Another is regularly out on the streets meeting people in great need. Many on the margins of society have been helped to face up to reality and consider the Good News of Jesus.

Two of the evangelists work regularly with universities, both here in the UK and in Europe (including countries where the church has experienced restrictions). Another of our evangelists works extensively to reach those who are caught up in new religious movements; and another has a YouTube channel with many subscribers and a wide reach around the world.

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David Donegani

Chairman

Association of Evangelists

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During the coronavirus pandemic the work of the mission was very disrupted. Churches were closed and so were the children's home and the schools. The mission was very involved in helping wherever it could during those difficult days. They provided emergency relief for migrant workers who were stranded in Andhra Pradesh when their work was withdrawn and they found themselves destitute and far away from home. The MM also had to provide extra assistance for the pastor's from their own churches who rely on the regular offerings at church to feed their families and pay their bills. Particularly during the severe second wave of the pandemic the MM were involved in supporting the vaccination campaign and in assisting people struggling at home with Covid. Thankfully during the period of this report, the situation in India returned to nearer normal and church worship resumed and schools and children's homes reopened in February 2021.

Of the 107 pastors and Bible women and social workers that are supported by the MM, 77 are helped through a sponsorship scheme facilitated by the Association of Evangelists. Individuals and churches in the UK can donate money regularly to the scheme, which goes to their nominated worker and allows these individuals to support their families as they assist their churches and communities. As well as the normal duties of church workers, such as preaching and bible teaching, conducting weddings and funerals, and pastoral visiting these individuals provide a vital link between the social work activities of the MM and the poor communities they work amongst.

Some examples of these social work projects are given below.

- Mephiboseth project: The mission is committed to help 80 individuals who struggle with a variety of disabilities, including problems with mobility, vision, hearing, mental health. The families who care for these needy individuals receive a monthly financial gift from the mission as well as visits and practical support where possible.

- Leprosy sufferers: Near to one of the MM church centres (Gannavaram) is a leprosy colony consisting of about 150 families. The government provide some help for these people, who have treated leprosy so they are not contagious, but still struggle with the effects of their previous disease. Despite this assistance, many live in poor conditions and the MM sends teams, when funds allow, to donate food and necessary items as well as to pray with them.
- Street Dwellers: On the main highway from Vijayawada to Hyderabad there is a series of tunnels and around these areas, many street dwellers congregate. These poor people subsist in a variety of ways, including begging but they are very poor and needy. The MM visits them during seasons such as Christmas, New Year and Easter and distribute hot food and fruits and blankets as a support.

Regarding the work of the mission, there is a lot of maintenance and building work required in the different worship centres. During the period of this report a new parsonage was built and completed at Ammavarigudem village and a new church building opened in Bandarugudem. There has been a lot of maintenance work in the children's home in both the boy's and the girl's quarters. The Church building work has been proceeding at the headquarters in Gunadala, and in BB Gudem and in Venkata Thanda, though these projects are not quite finished. Often the building projects take quite a long time to complete as they progress when and only when the funds are available.

Another important aspect of the work of the MM is the Children's Home. This is situated near to the village of MV Gudem. As mentioned above there is always on-going maintenance required for these buildings which draws on the mission funds. During the Covid crisis the home was closed temporarily, in line with the government policy at that time but it reopened in 2021 and now has 88 children resident there (63 boys and 25 girls). Some of these children, just 35, are sponsored by churches and families in the UK. They send a regular donation to the mission and the funds raised help support the entire work of the home, including the care of the 53 unsponsored children. No distinction is made between sponsored and unsponsored children in the home. The families in the UK receive information on the progress of their sponsored children through their education so that they can pray for them as they grow. The home provides a safe environment for the children where they can be fed and sheltered and given space to do studies and attend school. If they progress well, they will have the opportunity of moving on into higher education and the MM supports them in courses where needed.

The Children's home is located on a compound in the countryside which it shares with the MM primary schools. There are 2 schools on the compound. In one the education is conducted in Telegu, the language of the state of Andhra Pradesh. 45 children attend this primary school, of whom 41 live in the children's home and 4 come from the surrounding villages. There are 5 teachers in this school and 4 support staff. The other school is conducted through the medium of the English language and is a growing part of the MM ministry to the surrounding villages. In the English medium school there are 80 pupils. This school has 6 teachers and 4 support staff.

Association of Evangelists Charity Number 266005		
Income & Expenditure Statement 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022		
	April 2021 – March 2022	April 2020 - March 2021
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>39465.47</b>	<b>42697.24</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donation for work in India	178231.90	125702.78
Gift Aid (India)	9471.00	4038.00
Gift Aid (Evang/Ass & Gen)	20197.00	9750.46
Donations for Evangelists/Affiliates	158270.44	221920.67
Donations for Associate		
Gifts for Ministry Fund	56945.50	71625.60
Gifts for other charities		25.00
AofE Conference	15619.73	
FEW Conference	10701.78	
Bank Interest (India)	1.17	4.12
Bank Interest (Gen)	4.27	10.81
<b>Total income</b>	<b>488908.26</b>	<b>475774.68</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Gifts to India	170457.11	151951.03
Bank Charges for Foreign Payments	225.00	150.00
Payments to Evangelists/Aff (inc G/Aid)	223002.93	252882.18
Gifts to other Charities	800.00	275.00
Gifts to nominated bodies		10000.00
FEW Conference	10594.00	310.00
AofE Conference	16930.45	
GO Course		340.00
Meeting Expenses/Catering	367.32	26.00
Website/Licence/zoom	694.16	
Travel costs	1529.81	
Speakers expenses	1000.00	125.00
Publicity	404.60	100.00
Books	120.00	20150.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>426125.38</b>	<b>436309.21</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>62782.88</b>	<b>39465.47</b>
Current account 13415743 Gen	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520350 Gen	42928.82	36633.37
Current account 13469428 India	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520369 India	19854.06	2832.10
outstanding cheque		
<b>Cash Balance @ 31 March</b>	<b>62782.88</b>	<b>39465.47</b>
made up of:-		
To be sent to India	19854.06	2832.10
To be sent to Evangelists/Assoc	7542.50	11270.49
Conference	6175.44	-350.00
FEW Conference	10437.65	-500.00
Reserve Fund	500.00	500.00
Ministry Fund	18273.23	25712.88
	<b>62782.88</b>	<b>39465.47</b>

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**ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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**THE ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS**

England & Wales - Charity number 266005

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# Accounts

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## **Chairman's Report for the Association of Evangelists**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Like so many other charities, this year has been affected greatly by the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of the usual activities carried out have not been able to take place, however new on-line ventures have arisen which have been a steep learning curve but have created good opportunities.

Each of the evangelists has transferred much of their activities on-line and have continued to work with churches and groups around the country taking the opportunities to share the Good News about Jesus Christ to people of all generations around the UK and also overseas.

Joe Kirby, who joined as an Associate Evangelist in the previous year has continued to make good use of social media and particularly You Tube while he has not been able to be on the streets in our city centres. Gus Eyre has not been able to visit prisons due to the restrictions so has been more limited. The other evangelists Tony Brown, Roger Carswell, Michael Ots, Martin Povey, and Andy Peace have been busy with new on-line activities, some of which are mentioned below.

Each of the evangelists 'live by faith' which means that they are not employed by any other church or organisation and depend on gifts from individuals to cover their living and ministry costs. Many of these gifts come via the Association of Evangelists.

The three 'Affiliate Evangelists' Peter Barker, Vinny Commons have also had to adjust do much of their work on-line during this last year.

In the previous year we had started running an 8-week 'Go Training' programme in Bedford on Tuesday evenings. This ended abruptly when the first lockdown was announced in March 2020. However, a few weeks later a new Evangelism Training programme was launched online with up to nearly 200 people joining live using online conference facilities. Others have viewed the recorded events. Throughout the year three 8-week training blocks have been run on-line for people in the UK and overseas. These events have been a great encouragement to many.

In May 2020 we began a Saturday Night 'Real Lives' event on-line and created a You Tube channel to enable people to watch live on Saturday nights or afterwards. During the evenings we have interviewed people from all walks of life sharing how they became Christians, and the difference Jesus makes. Interviewees include a former Lord Chancellor, an ex-MP, a film director, some from the world of sport and many others too. These have continued through the year and we have now run over 40 evenings and had over 30,000 views.

The evangelists have continued to meet up with each other (and others) for training and mutual encouragement through the year. This year it has all been on-line. The annual 'Conference of Evangelists' was not held, but we are planning one for January 2022. We were not able to run our annual Prayer Partners Conference during 2020 but one is planned for 2021

Writing and the distribution of Christian literature continues to be an important part of the work. This has continued through the year and new resources have been developed which can be used for gospel work more widely. These include new books, short Christian 'tracts' and other materials for teaching children.

The Association continues to support and encourage its partner mission, the Metropolitan Mission in Andhra Pradesh, South India. See the separate report on next page.

David Donegani  
Chairman  
Association of Evangelists

## **Metropolitan Mission Report**

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

The Metropolitan Mission continues to work in the state of Andhra Pradesh, South India, in and around the city of Vijayawada. Under normal circumstances it is involved in gospel preaching and outreach, the planting of new churches and the support of existing congregations. It is also working to assist the needy mainly through supporting the education of children and young people where this might be unsustainable by their families alone. Obviously, the work of the mission was greatly disrupted by the global pandemic and they were forced to adjust their activities.

Churches were closed down by the government on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 and, where possible, activities were switched on-line. This worked in some areas particularly in the city where the congregation members had more resources and opportunities, but not for the smaller more rural and un-developed villages. In these places the pastors were forced to support their congregations as best they could. Some did this by telephone contact and some by more household visits, but it was a difficult time and there was great hardship for many. A village pastor relies mainly on the regular collections at church for income to feed their families. Without the regular Sunday services and prayer meetings this source of income disappeared overnight in lockdown and while the mission, through the sponsorship scheme, does give a small amount of cash each month, which was sustained during the year and including the lockdown, it was not sufficient to support every pastor fully and some families began to struggle for basic supplies. The Mission was able to organise food parcels to support all their pastors during the crisis, where such support was needed, particularly through the months of April, May, and June. In July the government allowed limited re-opening of places of worship and so many of the village churches were able to resume services. They tended to meet in the very early hours of the morning so that people could attend before work and inconspicuously.

As well as food aid to the pastors the mission was also involved in similar help to poor families in the city of Vijayawada and the villages around. They also reached out to a local leper colony near Gannavaram and to people with physical disability. Many such needy cases were referred to them for assistance through their local connections.

The mission was also involved in the emergency response to the lockdown in April 2020. They were able to provide food supplies for poor families of migrant workers struggling to get home to northern states, especially Orissa, Bihar, and Jharkhand. These families were stranded far from home when the government closed transport links and locked down the country during the first wave. Many poor people come to the state of AP from other parts of India looking for work either in agriculture, construction, or industry. They tend to live from hand to mouth on low wages paid daily and when lockdown was declared most of them found themselves unemployed and without any income. Home, for many of them, was hundreds of miles away and public transport was unavailable, so thousands of people had to walk back to their native villages and were in great hardship. Vijayawada is on a main route to the north, so they were especially affected by this crisis.

With regards to the children's home and the MM schools (English Medium and Telegu Medium) these were all closed in March 2020 and only reopened in February 2021. The mission continued in contact with most of the sponsored children in their villages and gave food parcels to their families regularly during this time. When the situation appeared to have eased the government allowed homes, and schools to reopen. Children were beginning to return to the home and to the school when the second wave hit and they were closed again. Before this happened 68 children had enrolled between the Telegu and English medium schools.

Colleges closed in April 2020 and students were offered on-line support in some instances only. Even where this was offered by the courses, not all students were able to avail themselves of it, because they did not have access to the internet. In September, some courses were able to begin again on site, but most remained shut and on-line until the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. Exams and assessments have been

disrupted. The MM has supported students during the pandemic with food and money and with encouragement. Many of the young people were managing their courses well when they had the stimulation of contact with other young people on campus, but once that was withdrawn they got very discouraged. In addition, the MM is supporting students from poor and vulnerable families, and these have been disproportionately impacted by covid with rising prices of basic foods and with unemployment in many sectors. Some of the students have had to take on low paid work to support their families in hard times and while it is hoped that this will be temporary, it is by no means certain.

During the period between April 2020 and March 2021 there has been limited work on infrastructure projects within the mission. Work has continued on three church building projects, at the HQ in Gunadala, at Brandragudem (where the building is structurally complete but plastering work and finishing touches are still outstanding) and at BB Gudem (where the walls have been completed). There has also been extensive renovation at the children's home site, where the boys dormitories have been improved.

Association of Evangelists Charity Number 266005		
Income & Expenditure Statement 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021		
	April 2020 - March 2021	April 2019 - March 2020
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>42697.24</b>	<b>27583.25</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donation for work in India	125703.12	64788.90
Christmas Catalogue appeal	0.00	5415.00
Gift Aid (India)	4038.00	6861.50
Donations for Evangelists/Affiliates	221920.67	180579.81
Donations for Associate		
Gift Aid (Evang/Ass & Gen)	9750.46	15044.13
Gifts for Ministry Fund	71625.60	3567.47
Gifts for other charities	25.00	3000.00
PPC Houseparty Receipts		14191.29
FEW H/Party		11567.88
GO Course		2093.68
Bank Interest (India)	3.78	22.58
Bank Interest (Gen)	10.81	46.30
	<b>475774.68</b>	<b>334761.79</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Gifts to India	151951.03	67566.11
Bank Charges for Foreign Payments	150.00	81.00
Payments to Evangelists/Aff (inc G/Aid)	252882.18	195238.57
Payments to Associate (inc G/Aid)		
Gifts to other Charities	275.00	3000.00
Gifts to nominated bodies	10000.00	
FEW H/Party	310.00	12393.89
PPC Houseparty		10647.16
GO Course	340.00	427.12
Meeting Expenses/Catering	26.00	605.13
Website/Licence		
Travel costs		410.00
Speakers expenses	125.00	1410.00
Publicity	100.00	285.57
Books	20150.00	
	<b>436309.21</b>	<b>292064.55</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>39465.47</b>	<b>42697.24</b>
Current account 13415743 Gen	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520350 Gen	36633.37	17509.01
Current account 13469428 India	0.00	0.00
Reserve account 13520369 India	2832.10	25188.23
outstanding cheque		
<b>Cash Balance @ 31 March</b>	<b>39465.47</b>	<b>42697.24</b>
made up of:-		
To be sent to India	2832.10	25188.23
To be sent to Evangelists/Assoc	11270.49	1505.00
Conference	-350.00	-350.00
FEW Conference	-500.00	-194.74
Reserve Fund	500.00	500.00
Ministry Fund	25712.88	14622.19
GO Course		1426.56
	<b>39465.47</b>	<b>42697.24</b>

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