

Association of Evangelists

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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

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.

The evangelists and affiliates have worked both 'in-person' and 'on-line' working 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.

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.

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.

We have been able to run 'GO days' in a number of towns or city centres. The evangelists meet up with others from local churches on a Saturday morning and then go out into the town or city either visiting homes, doing questionnaire work, manning book tables or directly preaching. It has once again 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).

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.

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

In summary, the evangelists have been 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 various

places. They also participate in many other meetings including coffee mornings, senior citizen clubs, 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 below.

David Donegani

Chairman

Association of Evangelists

Report on the activity of the Metropolitan Mission for the period between April 1st 2021 and March 31st 2022

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 its 107 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 people are 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. 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
Opening Balance	39465.47	42697.24
Income		
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
Total income	488908.26	475774.68
Expenditure		
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
Total expenditure	426125.38	436309.21
Closing Bank Balance	62782.88	39465.47
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		
Cash Balance @ 31 March	62782.88	39465.47
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
	62782.88	39465.47

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**ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELISTS
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
Year Ended 31st March 2022**

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.



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Dated: 11th July 2022