



African Pastors' Fellowship

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity number 282756

Karen Hanlan Independent Examiner Limited

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Report of the trustees

The trustees of the African Pastors' Fellowship ("the Charity") have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Constitution 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 (FRS102) (updated 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As set out in its Constitution, the Charity is established for the advancement of the Christian Religion by the provision of financial, spiritual and medical assistance to Church leaders of all denominations and their dependents in Africa, and other such countries as from time to time may be determined, and the training of such leaders. This is achieved by providing:

- A:
1. Local Training courses
 2. Related literature in relevant languages
 3. Basic equipment for ministry – books, bicycles, etc
 4. Additional pastoral care
- B: Expanding a fellowship of supporters who will aid the work of the African Pastors' Fellowship in developing countries through prayer and practical giving.

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The vision of APF is to empower Christian leaders so as to enable effective ministry that delivers community transformation through the local church.

The mission of APF is to develop the capacity of Christian leaders in partnership with African agencies to provide training, equipment and pastoral care (APF pastor the pastors that pastor the pastors).

The ultimate goal of our charitable objectives is to bring community transformation, mainly in rural sub-Saharan east Africa, through the local church (registered networks, denominations and related partner NGOs). This is achieved largely through investment in capacity building of faith community leaders (both lay and ordained). The future strategy is to resource and release indigenous leaders with vision, capacity and an existing ministry 'pastoring pastors' so as to increase, multiply and better culturally contextualise the work. Some projects bring obvious and immediate community transformation (such as sustainable domestic solar technology) while other projects (such as training in family values, entrepreneurship and sustainable farming) will bring lasting benefit in the longer-term.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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Activity and Achievements

2024 was another busy and productive year. We consider that over the period APF delivered excellent value for money, and can evidence significant impact. Working with a tight and minimal budget, as well as being a small but motivated and skilled team, APF has enabled effective Christian ministry and pastoral formation in Africa, as can be seen in our activity and achievements outlined below.

APF continues to work in partnership with influential African leaders of denominations and church networks, NGOs and colleges to assist in the provision digital tools, training and theology that equip leaders for the digital age. With this as a defining focus we have become more targeted in our allocation of resources and created a unique offering to African partners. Requests for partnership and support remain much greater than our capacity, but this clarity of focus together with an emerging network of key African Training Partners (ATPs) helps ensure best use of human and financial resources.

Digital Tools

The eVitabu app remains the flagship operation of the charity and its versatility informs most of the training activity in Africa, be it digital or otherwise. During the year the number of users increased and currently there are approaching 2500 active users in 33 African nations, reaching an estimated 2.5m people with practical and spiritual resources for personal study, church and community engagement. The number of contributors has also increased, with a dozen new agencies, many from within Africa, freely providing contextualised materials for publication.

Requests for hardware to access eVitabu and/or other use are increasingly common, to some extent replacing the request for physical books and Bibles. Over the year grants for phones, laptops, cameras and radios have been disbursed.

Development work continued to improve accessibility and user experience of the app, as well as to curate newly uploaded resources.

Digital Training

In September 2024 APF hosted a major residential conference for 35 partners from east and southern Africa. The purpose was to hear first hand feedback from an informed cross-section of eVitabu users, as well as inform, inspire and create networking opportunities. APF sent several personnel to attend the conference including staff and trustees. In addition to achieving the above objectives, the conference further aided the identification of key ATPs and provided space to strengthen and develop these relationships, agree some short term future goals, reporting and lines of communication.

ATPs delivered in person and online conferences (and projects) in 10 nations reaching thousands of leaders from diverse ecclesiastical traditions in both formal and non-formal learning environments. Investment is being made to offer more online and coordinated training conferences, especially around eVitabu induction and navigation.

Remote support for eVitabu users continues to be provided, as well as occasional IT assistance in other ways as needed by ATPs and partner agencies.

Digital Theology

A dozen ATPs are enrolled on *Equipped for Digital Ministry* course in partnership with Spurgeon's College. Digital Theology taster sessions were being delivered in Africa, and potential teaching partnerships are being explored with several tertiary institutions in East Africa.

Other activity in Africa

Many of APFs established projects continue to be supported as resource allows: provision of grants for bicycles, Growing Greener, and Let there be Light, for example. Projects run by ATPs such as Faith Babies Home and Bulogo Women's Projects and Vocational School, continue to be supported in some cases through generous restricted giving. Likewise, in accordance with our governing document, where possible APF responded to pastoral needs of partners and their dependents around healthcare, school fees and vocational start up costs, for example.

During the year UK personnel made scheduled visits to Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Due to UK FCDO advice, a planned visit to South Sudan was relocated to Moyo in northern Uganda, and after the sudden death of our longest standing partner, Bishop Lloyd Chizenga, an unexpected pastoral and management visit was made to Malawi in November.

UK activity

The CEO and UK Projects Manager continue to provide strategic leadership, project management, communications, fundraising, representation, financial and general administration, supported by a part-time eVitabu app developer and social media/IT support workers on a consultancy basis (both UK and Africa-based). While the staff team remain committed to APF there is significant organisational risk having so much delegated responsibility in the portfolio of just two full-time staff. Our recently appointed trustees have become more familiar with the role and governance of the organisation, making helpful contributions at board meetings and in other ways, such as providing lived African experience and perspective, introductions, and the preparation of best practice safeguarding policies. The movement towards a trustee board with executive portfolios needs further consideration and implementation.

Other key achievements during 2024 include the CEO completing a Masters in Digital Theology and the disbursement of significant levels of historic restricted funding.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Finances in 2024

2024 proved to be a more challenging year financially for the charity. While overall expenditure remained relatively stable and in line with budget, unrestricted income did not see the same growth experienced in 2023. The continued increase in grant funding meant expenditure from restricted funds remained a significant area of outlay. The tighter financial climate in 2024 meant that although the charity was able to largely maintain its reserves, careful financial management and increased unrestricted income will be necessary in 2025 to restore reserve levels.

We remain very grateful for the generosity of our supporters who continue to provide for the work of APF through regular giving, responding to appeals, and from gifts in wills. We also continue to benefit from valuable contributions from grant making trusts, whose support is increasingly helping the charity meet its charitable objectives.

Overall, our finances allow us to continue moving forward with our strategic objectives, although careful management is always necessary. The persistent day-to-day challenge of cash-flow and ensuring reserve levels are maintained continues to make significant mid- to long-term investment difficult. A notable increase in funding would be transformative for the charity, for example, enabling faster development and rollout of eVitabu and the appointment of national and regional directors in Africa, both of which remain key strategic priorities.

Pension Liabilities and Reserves Policy

Since August 2022, an agreement referred to as a 'buy in policy' meant Just Group provided financial backing for all defined benefit (DB) pensions provided through the Baptist Pension Scheme. As a result, the scheme is no longer in a shortfall position and pension liabilities effectively ceased. In 2024, deficit contributions were reduced from a nominal £1 per month to zero and members of the DB Plan become policyholders of Just. In 2025 the DB Plan of the Baptist Pension Scheme will be wound up.

The current reserves policy is to maintain, as a minimum, sufficient general funds to cover at least three months' unavoidable costs, being approximately £21,000. General funds at 31 December 2024 were £23,081, compared to £35,526 at 31 December 2023. The Trustees have effectively built reserves to the minimum level during the year.

The Trustees are confident that the Charity will have sufficient cashflows to meet the annual liabilities as they become due. They see no reason to deviate from planned charitable expenditure, however, they will continue to monitor the charity's finances carefully.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The African Pastors' Fellowship is a registered charity (No. 282756) and governed by its Constitution originally adopted on 1 June 1981 and subsequently amended on 27 November 1990, 16 June 1999 and 27 March 2003.

Appointment of trustees, induction & training

New Trustees are appointed by invitation to join the Board given that they have the necessary skills and experience to contribute to the Trust's activities and to be able to discharge their obligations as Trustees.

Management

The Trustees delegate the day to day running and administering of the Charity and its activities to the CEO and UK staff team.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees:

Revd Richard Suffern - Chairman
Mr Andrew Richardson - Treasurer
Mr John Chambers
Revd Richard Tucker
Revd Andrew North
Mr Peter Flew
Mr Kingston Ogango
Ms Rose Mugabi (appointed 15 January 2024)

Chief Executive Officer:

Revd David Stedman

Projects & Finance Coordinator:

Mr Geoff Holder

Charity Number: 282756

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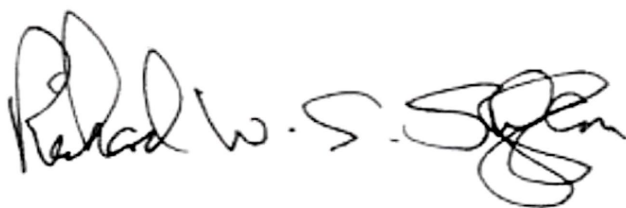
Bankers:

Virgin Money
154-158 Kensington High Street
London
W8 7RL

Yorkshire Bank
7-11 High Street
Coventry
CV1 5SB

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Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Richard Suffern
Chairman of Trustees

Date: 16 May 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards including Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit incurred by the Charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to exist.

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise.

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

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the Charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against un-authorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the Charity or for publication is reliable;
- the Charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the African Pastors' Fellowship

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the African Pastors Fellowship ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 11-26.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 accounts to be reached.



Karen Hanlan, Institute of Chartered Accountants, England & Wales
Karen Hanlan Independent Examiner Limited
1 Saracen Close, Ettington, CV37 7SZ

Date: 16 May 2025

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Statement of financial activities

	Note	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	1	121,945	29,592	151,537	166,537
Other trading activities	2	2,773	-	2,773	3,444
Investments	19	-	-	19	384
TOTAL INCOME		124,737	29,592	154,329	170,365
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising Funds		(24,809)	-	(24,809)	(24,217)
Charitable activities		(112,365)	(39,100)	(151,465)	(133,799)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	(137,174)	(39,100)	(176,274)	(158,016)
Net (expenditure)/income		(12,437)	(9,508)	(21,945)	12,349
Transfers between funds		(8)	8	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(12,445)	(9,500)	(21,945)	12,349
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		35,526	17,544	53,070	40,721
Total funds carried forward		23,081	8,044	31,125	53,070

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

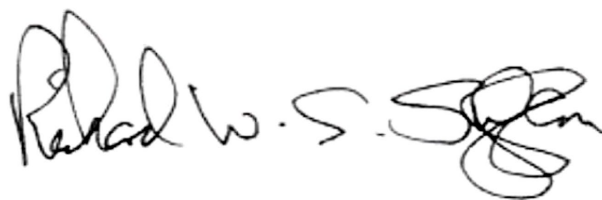
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Balance sheet

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	5	-	-
		-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	2,280	3,896
Cash at bank and in hand		32,981	53,738
Total current assets		35,261	57,634
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,099)	(4,508)
Net current assets		31,162	53,126
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	8	(37)	(56)
Net assets		31,125	53,070
Funds of the Charity:			
Restricted Funds	9	8,044	17,544
Unrestricted Funds			
- General	9	23,118	35,582
- Designated pension liability	9	(37)	(56)
Total un-restricted funds		23,081	35,526
Total funds of the Charity		31,125	53,070

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Revd Richard Suffern
Chairman of Trustees

Date: 16th May 2025

Principal accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (updated 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the continuance of support from its donors. The charity's budget for 2025 shows that the charity will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding the trustees believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Funds

General accumulated funds are unrestricted funds available for general purposes and include funds designated for a particular purpose; the use of such funds remains at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are funds subject to conditions imposed by the donor or by specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictive conditions are binding upon the Charity.

Income and expenditure

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Income relating to future periods is deferred until activity takes place.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Staff costs are allocated to expenditure categories in accordance with the amount of time spent by staff across the different activities in which the Charity operates.

Principal accounting policies (continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is allocated to the expense heading to which it relates in accordance with standard accounting practice.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102, general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the facilities provided; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Investment income

Bank interest and dividends are shown on the basis of amounts receivable in the year.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at a rate calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset at the following rates:

Office & Computer equipment	-	3 years
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Fixed assets are capitalised when their cost exceeds £500.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Taxation

As a registered charity, no provision is considered necessary for taxation.

Principal accounting policies (continued)

Pensions

The Charity makes contributions to Pension Schemes at rates determined by the rules of the scheme. Contributions are charged to employee costs in the year in which they are payable.

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Notes to the financial statements

1. Income from donations and legacies

	2024		
	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Gifts and donations	65,716	246	65,962
Gift Aid receivable	11,690	-	11,690
Legacies receivable	9,600	-	9,600
Grants	31,539	29,346	60,885
Donated facilities/services	3,400	-	3,400
	121,945	29,592	151,537

	2023		
	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Gifts and donations	117,648	18,868	136,516
Gift Aid receivable	10,221	-	10,221
Grants	-	16,400	16,400
Donated facilities/services	3,400	-	3,400
	131,269	35,268	166,537

Donated facilities comprise the use of office space provided free of charge.

2. Income from trading activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events/activities	2,558	3,137
Fees receivable	215	307
	2,773	3,444

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Analysis of expenditure

		2024	
	Raising funds	Charitable activities	Total
	£	£	£
Salaries	20,633	68,688	89,231
Printing, publicity& platform fees	3,831	-	3,831
UK Fundraiser	296	-	296
UK Fundraising Events	49	-	49
African project costs - restricted	-	39,100	39,100
Other African project & travel costs	-	24,329	24,329
News & Prayer publications	-	4,258	4,258
UK office costs (including in-kind £3,400)	-	5,942	5,942
Postage, stationary & subscriptions	-	1,372	1,372
UK travel & hospitality	-	2,698	2,698
UK Training	-	2,038	2,038
Website/IT costs	-	1,840	1,840
Independent Examiners' fee	-	1,200	1,200
Total	24,809	151,465	176,274

		2023	
	Raising funds	Charitable activities	Total
	£	£	£
Salaries	20,633	60,655	81,288
Printing, publicity& platform fees	883	-	883
UK Fundraiser	1,776	-	1,776
UK Fundraising Events	925	-	925
African project costs - restricted	-	45,596	45,596
Other African project & travel costs	-	9,185	9,185
News & Prayer publications	-	3,126	3,126
UK office costs (including in-kind £3,540)	-	6,992	6,992
Postage & stationary	-	1,271	1,271
UK travel & hospitality	-	2,077	2,077
UK Training	-	2,334	2,334
Website/IT costs	-	1,413	1,413
Independent Examiners' fee	-	1,150	1,150
Total	24,217	133,799	158,016

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

4. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	80,409	73,531
National Insurance	3,586	2,593
Pensions (Baptist Pension Scheme)	4,643	4,508
Pensions (Other schemes)	682	656
Total	<u>89,320</u>	<u>81,288</u>
	No.	No.
Average number of employees (full-time equivalent)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: £nil).

Key management personnel comprise the Chief Executive Officer and the Trustees. Employee benefits for key management personnel total £53,575 (2023: £49,588) including pension contributions.

The charity Trustees were not paid nor received any other benefits from employment or provision of professional services in the year (2023: £nil). No travel expenses or other costs were reimbursed to Trustees (2023: £nil).

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment £
Cost	
At beginning and end of year	<u>3,501</u>
Depreciation	
At beginning and end of year	<u>3,501</u>
Net Book Value	
At 31 December 2024 and 2023	<u>-</u>

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6. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	514	525
Gift aid receivable	1,246	3,371
Other income receivable	520	-
	<hr/> 2,280	<hr/> 3,896

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	1,862	2,030
Other creditors including taxation and social security	2,237	2,478
	<hr/> 4,099	<hr/> 4,508

8. Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Liability for pension fund contributions	37	56
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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

9. Funds

	Balance at beginning of year £	Income £	2024 Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at end of year £
Restricted funds					
<i>eVitabu Devices</i>	-	1,500	(500)	-	1,000
<i>African Training Partners</i>					
- African Partners Project	2,376	3,100	(5,476)	-	-
- Somalia	873	-	-	5	878
- Wisdom Bible School	1,955	-	-	-	1,955
- Atirir Bible School	1,792	1,450	(2,478)	-	764
- Church of Uganda	4,648	-	(3,696)	-	952
- St Paul's TC (Kapsabet)	-	2,600	(2,394)	9	215
- NLCC	-	3,300	(3,300)	-	-
- EfDM	-	1,710	(1,710)	-	-
	11,644	12,160	(19,054)	14	4,764
<i>Church & Community Initiatives</i>					
- Local Language Bibles	5,900	146	(4,925)	(9)	1,112
- Bicycles	-	1,380	(601)	-	779
- Growing Greener	-	4,491	(4,488)	3	6
- Children's ministries	-	6,000	(5,802)	-	198
- Rugby project	-	915	(730)	-	185
- Bulogo School	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
	5,900	15,932	(19,546)	(6)	2,280
Total Restricted Funds	17,544	29,592	(39,100)	8	8,044
Unrestricted funds					
- General fund	35,582	124,737	(137,174)	(27)	23,118
- Designated pension reserve	(56)	-	-	19	(37)
	35,526	124,737	(137,174)	(8)	23,081
Total Funds	53,070	154,329	(176,274)	-	31,125

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	Balance at beginning of year £	Income £	2023 Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at end of year £
Restricted funds					
<i>eVitabu</i>					
- eVitabu devices	629	-	(629)	-	-
- Christian Leaders Fellowship, Somalia	4,985	-	(4,112)	-	873
	5,614	-	(4,741)	-	873
<i>African Training Partners</i>					
- African Partners Project	1,665	14,600	(13,889)	-	2,376
- Specific ATPs supported	-	1,100	(1,100)	-	-
- Wisdom Bible School	2,150	-	(195)	-	1,955
- Atirir Bible School	1,885	1,850	(1,943)	-	1,792
- Church of Uganda	7,075	200	(2,627)	-	4,648
- St Paul's TC (Kapsabet)	1,400	2,200	(3,591)	(9)	-
- Children's Workers Training	-	2,600	(2,694)	94	-
	14,175	22,550	(26,039)	85	10,771
<i>Church Community Projects</i>					
- Local Language Bibles	4,779	2,000	(880)	1	5,900
- Bicycles	815	-	(815)	-	-
- Growing Greener	-	10,718	(10,685)	(33)	-
- Jubilee Trees	60	-	(60)	-	-
- Other Solar projects	2,392	-	(2,377)	(15)	-
	8,046	12,718	(14,817)	(48)	5,900
Total Restricted Funds	27,835	35,268	(45,597)	38	17,544
Unrestricted funds					
- General fund	12,954	135,097	(112,419)	(50)	35,582
- Designated pension reserve	(68)	-	-	12	(56)
	12,886	135,097	(112,419)	(38)	35,526
Total Funds	40,721	170,365	(158,016)	-	53,070

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Transfers to restricted funds relate to spending on projects from general funds where project funding was insufficient.

Projects have been grouped under the Charity's key activity headings and specific funds are for the purpose described below:

eVitabu

eVitabu devices – eVitabu is an Android app placing an entire library of text, audio, and video resources into the hands of African church and community leaders. The app contains text, audio and video resources from academic institutions, development agencies, publishers, and prominent Christian leaders in a range of languages. Funding is allocated for development, maintenance, production, and delivery of eVitabu. This project is now such a fundamental part of the Charity's core work that income raised to support this activity, which comes from individuals, trusts and organisations is treated as general income unless a more specific restriction is applied. Income restricted for eVitabu devices is used to purchase smartphones that enable partners in Africa to access the eVitabu app.

African Training Partners

African Training Partners (ATPs) unspecified – ATPs is a generic term used to describe key personnel and partners in Africa who are either commissioned to work on a contracted basis in the delivery of charity objectives and/or apply to the charity for funding to deliver training programmes, eVitabu workshops, academic scholarships and pastoral grants for personal need or seed funding community-based projects. ATPs include each of the partners listed below as well as many other trusted individuals, organisations and networks.

Somalia – CLF is a network of churches and pastors from various nations working with the United Nations in the Mogadishu International Airport Green Zone. APF supports an outreach to the hospital within the Green Zone, which is popular with local Somalis, as well as eVitabu use among leaders. With the International Association of Evangelical Chaplains, a conference was organised during 2023 in Uganda for civilians and service personnel to reflect on chaplaincy in conflict zones, especially in majority Muslim locations.

Wisdom Bible School – Wisdom Bible School provides training for rural pastors in Gakenke and Rulindo Districts of northern Rwanda. Recent Rwandan government regulations require pastors to have a basic accredited theological qualification and the Wisdom Bible School is supporting the formal training of rural pastors who cannot continue to lead their churches without it.

Atirir Bible School – Funding supports theology students attending Atirir Bible School in rural north-eastern Uganda and other training opportunities, including extension training workshops in other remote areas of Uganda, provided by the bible school's team.

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Church of Uganda – This restricted fund covers APF's partnerships with the Anglican provinces and dioceses in Africa, especially but not exclusively, its partnership the Church of Uganda's National Secretariat. For example, APF is helping the CofU in its vision to provide ministry and academic resources to its Tier 2 clergy. Part of this involves supported access to eVitabu as a platform for CofU clergy to publish papers and resources while also cascading the app nationally to an estimated 4,000 leaders within the denomination.

St Paul's TC (Kapsabet) – APF receives funds from St Barbara's Church in Coventry and manages their transfer and delivery to St Paul's Theological College in Kapsabet, Kenya. The support is allocated for infrastructure improvements at St John's Theological College and to make good theological education more accessible across the region.

NLCC – APF receives funding from a donor to support the leadership of New Life Christian Church, a network of churches across Malawi and Mozambique and based in Blantyre.

EfDM – Equipped for Digital Ministry is a comprehensive online course originally developed and offered by Spurgeon's College in London. Recognising the need to equip Christian leaders in Africa with the skills to navigate and minister effectively in an increasingly digital world, Spurgeon's College has partnered with APF allowing the course to be made available to Africa Christian leaders at a highly subsidised rate. This significantly reduces the financial barrier, enabling more leaders to gain the knowledge and practical tools needed for ministry and theological reflection in the digital age.

Church & Community Projects

Local Language Bibles – Across rural Africa, church leaders have very limited access to Bibles, especially in their own languages. The local language Bible fund issued to purchase and distribute Bibles and Bible study guides to church leaders serving in remote areas through APF partners. During 2024, local language Bible grants were distributed by APF partners End Bible Poverty Now and Africans Teaching Africans in Uganda, Saints Revival Committee in South Sudan and Project Mozambique.

Bicycles – The Bicycles restricted fund provides grants for bicycles to church leaders living in rural communities in Africa. The bicycles are purchased locally and a small contribution by the beneficiary towards the cost of the bike ensures a sense of ownership. During 2024, bike grants were provided following applications from Malawi in partnership with Christian online retailer 10ofThose. The charity's Bicycles fund was nominated as 10ofThose's charity of the year for 2025.

Growing Greener – The Growing Greener fund is used to run sustainable agriculture training to help rural communities reduce poverty and adapt to climate change impacts. The training is delivered by church leaders from New Life Christian Church in Malawi and Word of God Ministries in Zambia.

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Children's Ministries – The Children's Ministry fund is used to support children's and youth leader programmes in Uganda. During 2024, this was achieved through grants to APF children's ministries partners including Faith Bables Home and Love and Care for the Child Ministries both working with vulnerable children in central Uganda.

Rugby project - From time to time, APF receives funding from individuals or sports clubs for sports related community outreach combining coaching with citizenship, academic scholarships and/or Christian teaching. Most commonly this is for rugby related CBOs in Uganda such as The Winnie Atyang Foundation or Rugby Talent Connect Africa.

Bulogo School Project – This fund covers several community projects that are associated with one of our most active ATPs, Walubo Jude, in Uganda. Jude provides management support to the Bulogo Women's Group, Bulogo Vocational School, Bulogo Primary School and tree-planting initiatives across Uganda, especially in partnership with the National Forestry Agency and Diamond Trust Bank.

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10. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current assets	27,217	8,044	35,261
Current liabilities	(4,099)	-	(4,099)
Long term liabilities	(37)	-	(37)
Total	23,081	8,044	31,125

Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current assets	40,090	17,544	57,634
Current liabilities	(4,508)	-	(4,508)
Long term liabilities	(56)	-	(56)
Total	35,526	17,544	53,070

11. Transactions with related parties

There were the following transactions with related parties during the year:

Donations and gifts, without conditions, from six Trustees - £6,020 (2023: £6,504).

12. Controlling Interests

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees.

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13. Prior Year Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for 2023

	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:			
Donations and legacies	131,269	35,268	166,537
Other trading activities	3,444	-	3,444
Investments	384	-	384
TOTAL INCOME	135,097	35,268	170,365
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising Funds	(24,217)	-	(24,217)
Charitable activities	(88,202)	(45,597)	(133,799)
Other expenditure	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(112,419)	(45,597)	(158,016)
Net expenditure	22,678	(10,329)	12,349
Transfers between funds	(38)	38	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	22,640	(10,291)	12,349
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	12,886	27,835	40,721
Total funds carried forward	35,526	17,544	53,070