



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2011		31	March	2012

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Free Grace Evangelistic Association
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1139084
Charity's principal address	1 Payne Close
	Chippenham
	Wiltshire
Postcode	SN15 3FX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr I A Sadler	Chairman	Full year	N/A
2	Miss M Robinson	Secretary	Full year	N/A
3	Mrs M E L K Sadler	Treasurer	Full year	N/A
4	Mr J Saunders		Full year	N/A

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by members

Additional governance issues

The working arrangements for the management of the work of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association are set out in bye-laws approved under the Constitution. These bye-laws set out the policy for furthering the charity's objects, roles and responsibilities of the officers, criteria for giving grants, rules governing membership and record keeping.

The agreed policy for meeting the objects of free distribution of Bibles and Christian literature and provision of humanitarian assistance is to make grants to locally based Associations in Africa and India that are linked to the UK charity. The Chairman acts as the focal point with the representatives of these overseas linked Associations.

The Trustees have agreed a policy for verifying the correct use of the grants, which includes detailed record keeping, receipt of photographs and reports, and foreign visits by the Chairman.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of the Christian religion worldwide for the honour and glory of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, in obedience to the great commission (Mark 16. 15, 2 Timothy 2. 2), showing compassion and providing assistance to the poor, orphans, widows and the sick (James 1. 27).

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects were the provision of grants for the following purposes:

- Free distribution of Bibles and Christian literature to churches and individuals in poor communities in Africa and India, where otherwise they were either unaffordable or unobtainable.



Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- Provision of food, clothing, blankets, school materials, medical and other associated needs for 46 orphaned children in an orphanage in India. The work with orphans has now extended to Dem. Rep. Congo.



- Open meetings, placement of adverts, issuing of newsletters/updates and development of a website have been pursued in the UK to increase awareness and to raise money. Grants have also been requested from other charities to send Bibles and literature directly to our linked Associations in Africa and India.

The Trustees have due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. This and other guidance (especially that for charities working overseas) were used in drafting the bye-laws of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association. The Bye-Laws were reviewed and updated in October 2011 based on experience after the first full year of operation as a charity.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Whilst in many parts of Africa and India, the official language is English and the more educated people can read this, the Free Grace Evangelistic Association knows the necessity of providing sound and reliable versions of the Bible and Christian literature in the native languages. The poorest people often can only read in their native language. Therefore, the Free Grace Evangelistic Association continued to support during the year the translation and paid the printing costs for publication of books in Telugu (India) and Chichewa (Malawi/Zambia). The support from the Gospel Standard Trust is gratefully acknowledged in the translation and printing of a book into Portuguese for eventual distribution in Mozambique.

Significant purchases of Bibles in the following languages (other than English) have also been made for distribution:

- Telugu (India)
- Shona (Mozambique)
- Kiswahili (Congo, Tanzania)
- Bemba, Kaonde, Kiluba, Chichewa (Zambia)



The Free Grace Evangelistic Association most gratefully acknowledges the grants provided by the Bible Spreading Union, Trinitarian Bible Society, Chippenham Bible Aid Fund and the Gospel Standard Trust totalling 3816 English Bibles (KJV), 1600 New Testaments (KJV), 3640 booklets and 150 Ndebele (Zimbabwe) New Testaments. These grants were sent to India and Africa at the request of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association. The donation of 410 books by the Bible League and many other numerous donations of literature, which were shipped to Africa using Free Grace Evangelistic Association funds, are gratefully acknowledged.

The above contributions represent a very significant assistance to the work of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association.

The photos show the Chairman (Dr I A Sadler) distributing Bibles and literature in Zambia (May 2011) and India (December 2011), and orphans in Eastern Congo (DRC) wearing new clothing supplied by Free Grace Evangelistic Association.



Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

None of the work of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association could have been done without the gracious and merciful help of the Lord God in answer to prayer. To Him be the honour and glory. The setting up, establishment, registration and expansion of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association since its formation on 24 April 2010 is a testimony to the faithfulness of God. This second year of the Association has seen the good hand of God in sustaining and extending the work.

The following is a summary of the quantity of Bibles and literature that has been provided for free distribution during the reporting period through the charity's income. This includes Bibles and books that are either in transit or being printed at 31 March 2012, but have been fully paid for (as per the financial accounts). The figures in brackets give the numbers in the previous year. The totals are then categorised according to language.

A total of 2396 Bibles (2011: 1621 Bibles)

814 Telugu
526 English (King James Version)
317 Kiswahili
246 Chichewa
160 Kaonde
116 Bemba
74 Kiluba
65 Tonga
60 Shona
10 Lenje
5 French (Martin version)
3 Luvale

200 Ndebele New Testaments (2011: 290 New Testaments)

A total of 5930 books (2011: 7485 books)

3000 Telugu
1501 Chichewa
1000 Portuguese
428 English
1 French

(Free Grace Evangelistic Association has supported the local costs of translating and typing the foreign language books, but much time has been given freely by the translators and this is most gratefully acknowledged)

3184 booklets in English and 20 booklets in Portuguese.
(2011: 5122 booklets)

169 kg of second hand literature shipped to Africa. (2011: 51 kg)

(Free Grace Evangelistic Association only distributes King James Version (KJV) Bibles in English, and in the other languages those available versions that are closest to the principles upon which the KJV was translated. Christian literature must also be consistent with the doctrinal position adopted by the Association, namely the Gospel Standard Articles of Faith.)

It should be explained that the Telugu books printed included 1000 copies of a 350 page book, which meant that fewer numbers of books were printed for a given expenditure compared to last year. Until this point, books have typically been 80 - 100 pages in length. Shipping of larger books has also been undertaken this year.

Regular grants to support the 46 orphans in India have continued to be made on a monthly basis, typically amounting to £750 per month. It is humbling to see how provision has been made throughout the period to provide proper support to their needs. The Chairman's visit to the orphanage in December 2011 established the pressing need for an extension to relieve the overcrowded living conditions. Preparations were made such that (God willing) the extension will be completed in the next reporting period.

Three Open Meetings have been held in the UK during the period to publicise the work of the Charity, and to bring a greater concern and awareness of the great need in Africa and India. These Open Meetings have helped to increase membership and support generally.

Free Grace Evangelistic Association in the UK has provided grants to help the work of its branches in Zambia, Zimbabwe and E Congo. This has included support for travel and transport of literature for conferences or for distribution in rural areas. The photograph below was taken in a poor area of Mozambique in March 2012 at a conference organised by the Zimbabwe branch and funded jointly by a grant from the UK and by local contributions in Mozambique. At this meeting Bibles and literature in Shona were distributed following teaching on the scriptures. Further work is planned in the coming year in Mozambique with a much larger scale distribution of Portuguese Bibles and books.



The year has also seen expenditure to register the branch in Eastern Congo with Sud Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of Congo as "Association Libre Evangelique de Grace". Work has also taken place in Malawi to form a branch, for which grants have been given to assist with travel and registration costs (which of necessity in Malawi require the appointment of a lawyer to process the application).

Further details on the work of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association are given on the charity's website www.freegrace-ea.org. During the year the website has been expanded to include visit reports, updates and books written by the Chairman (translated into a number of languages) which are available for free download world-wide.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As a new charity with requests for assistance that greatly exceed income, the policy is not to build up long-term reserves at this time, but to use incoming funds within a period of a few months. This position will be reviewed by the Trustees should a very large donation be received in the future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are in deficit.

Further financial review details

Based on the Annual Accounts it can be seen that the majority of the charity's income is from individuals and other organisations (principally churches) giving donations or taking collections on behalf of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association.

As noted in the 2011 Annual Report, the large surplus at the end of the period 31 March 2011 was due to receipt of a large donation of £5000 near the end of the period. These funds were expended during the period of this Annual Report, hence the reason why expenditure exceeded income by a significant amount.

The first Gift Aid tax rebates were received during the year. None were received in the previous reporting period, because registration with HMRC was only achieved towards the end of 2010.

Section F Other optional information

Many individuals have kindly given of their time and resources freely in support of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association; others have donated second hand literature for shipping to Africa. This is most gratefully appreciated.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Ian Anthony Sadler	Miss Myrtle Robinson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary
Date	28 May 2012	