



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month April	Year 2013		Day 31	Month March	Year 2014

## 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
<b>Postcode</b> 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
5	Mr J P Salkeld		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. For work outside these areas, for example Myanmar or Philippines, grants are agreed on a case-by-case basis by the Trustees.

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 or a Trustee.

**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 Asia, 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, school materials, medical and other associated needs for 48 orphaned children in an orphanage in India; support for schooling of 32 orphans in Fizi, Dem. Rep. Congo. Construction of a new orphanage at Fizi has proceeded to the point that it is close to completion.



- Open meetings, placement of adverts, issuing of newsletters/updates has continued 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 revised in October 2013 based on experience gained, and amended in January 2014 to address the challenges posed by the orphanage work.

## 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). Work has also been undertaken to translate and publish in French, specifically where French is the official language (e.g. Congo). Further translation work has been undertaken in Myanmar, although printing and publication of the Burmese books was undertaken after 31 March 2014.

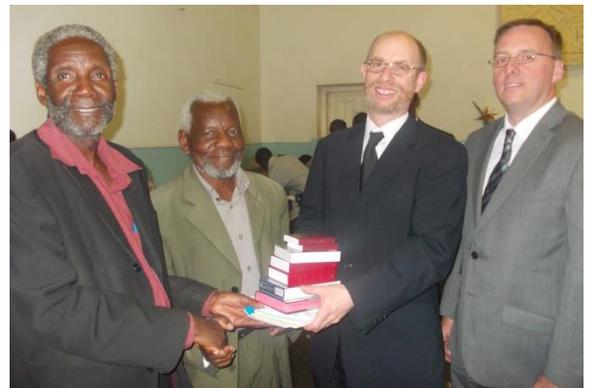
Significant purchases of Bibles and New Testaments in the following languages (other than English) have also been made for free distribution:

- Telugu (India)
- French, Swahili (Congo)
- Bemba, Chichewa (Zambia, Malawi)
- Shona, Xhosa (Zimbabwe)



The Free Grace Evangelistic Association most gratefully acknowledges the grants provided by the Bible Spreading Union, Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS) and Chippenham Bible Aid Fund totalling 2320 English Bibles (KJV), 300 Ndebele (TBS) Bibles, 1000 English New Testaments and Psalms, 13238 TBS Golden Thoughts Calendars (French, English, Portuguese, Shona, Ndebele and Xhosa), and 2120 English TBS Booklets on Bible versions. These grants were sent to Africa at the request of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association, and were distributed through FGEA representatives and contacts. Other numerous donations of literature, which were shipped to Africa using Free Grace Evangelistic Association funds, are gratefully acknowledged. These represent a very significant assistance to the work of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association.

The photos show the Chairman (Dr I A Sadler) distributing Xhosa Bibles in a rural area (above), and the Chairman and fellow Trustee (Mr J Salkeld) distributing Bibles and literature in Harare (right). This took place after meetings in Zimbabwe in September 2013 at which teaching was given on the Word of God and the need of faithfulness before God.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The Trustees must record that the Association is dependent upon the gracious hand of God to supply all our needs, both spiritual and material. The Lord has been gracious and merciful in answer to prayer, when at times when the charity has been hard pressed by the many genuine and urgent needs before us.

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 2014, 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 3177 Bibles (2013: 3274 Bibles)

780 English  
723 Chichewa  
693 Telugu  
321 French  
300 Shona  
180 Bemba  
100 Xhosa  
80 Swahili

420 English NTs and Gospel, 190 French NTs (2013: 1562 NTs)

A total of 4998 books (2013: 6260 books)

2400 English  
2000 Telugu  
598 French

A total of 3317 booklets (2013: 8364 booklets)

1741 English  
601 French  
575 Chichewa  
400 Ndebele

144 kg of second hand literature shipped. (2012: 112 kg)

A total of 612 Scripture Calendars (2013: 375 calendars)

537 English  
75 French

(Free Grace Evangelistic Association only distributes King James Version (KJV) Bibles in English; and in 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 is our prayer that the Lord would bless the word distributed. FGEA funds have also been used to assist in the transportation of the Bibles and literature to the remote locations where the needs are greatest.

A substantial proportion of the charity funds have been expended on the orphanage work. As in previous years regular grants have continued to support 48 orphans at Ponnur in India, typically amounting to £850 per month. God willing, the Chairman will make a visit to Ponnur in January 2015. The photo on page 3 (above) was taken at the orphanage.

As stated in last year's report, we ventured to commence the construction of an orphanage for 32 orphans at Fizi in the eastern part of the Dem. Rep. Congo. The challenges in terms of cost and logistics to this remote and previously war-torn location were underestimated. Yet the Lord has provided the resources such that the main orphanage building is complete, rain water collection tanks installed and the kitchen/toilet outbuildings well advanced. God willing the orphanage will be opened later in 2014, after which the charity will need to provide approximately £1000 per month in running costs. Photographs below show the progress with the orphanage construction. During 2013/2014 the charity has provided the funds for the education of the orphans, as well as money for new clothes and shoes.



A significant opening has arisen in the Dem. Rep. Congo for scripture and literature distribution, not only in eastern Congo, but also in the south in Katanga province (bordering Zambia) and in a UN Refugee Camp near the Tanzania/Burundi border. FGEA was given very substantial grants of French scripture calendars by the Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS) for distribution in these areas, and further literature and Bible distribution is planned for 2014/15.

The photos below show French scripture calendar distribution in the eastern Congo near Fizi.



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 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, Malawi and Zimbabwe, which has included support for travel and transport of literature for conferences or for distribution in rural areas. FGEA(Zimbabwe), FGEA(Malawi) and FGEA(Zambia) have been the recipients of major Bible grants from the Trinitarian Bible Society and the Bible Spreading Union.

Further details on the work of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association are given on the charity's website [www.freegrace-ea.org](http://www.freegrace-ea.org).

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 and Asia. This is most gratefully appreciated. We especially thank those who have freely engaged in translating literature. We would give our profound thanks to the officers and members of the overseas' FGEA branches for all their labours and sacrifice.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As a relatively 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

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. A sizeable income is received from Gift Aid tax rebates. We are greatly favoured by the Lord to see such generosity and provision for the needs of the poor.

The financial position in 2014 remains very similar to that in 2013, as in both years significant expenditure has been made on orphanage construction work, for which large one-off donations have been received. The funds currently held by the charity are almost entirely allocated for forthcoming expenditure on Bibles, literature, meetings or orphanage work. With the expansion of the orphanage work in Dem Rep Congo there will be additional regular support needed for the running of the Fizi orphanage, as well as that of the orphanage at Ponnur in India. In this we look to the Lord to provide in the coming years.

## Section F

## Other optional information

During the period it was necessary to make a report to the Charity Commission of what is classified as a "Serious Incident". This was because of the suspected theft of 160 Bibles from a Customs warehouse in Africa. Through the endeavours and persistence of the local officials, the FGEA co-ordinator and the clearing agent, the Bibles were eventually traced and recovered after a 3 month delay.

Whilst direct bank charges for international payments are identified in the Accounts, other charges are included within single international payments (e.g. exchange rates, foreign bank fees, transfer charges).

## 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)

Position

Dr Ian Anthony Sadler	Miss Myrtle Robinson

Chairman

Secretary

Date

2 June 2013