

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
| | Day 1 | Month April | Year 2016 | | Day 31 | Month March | Year 2017 |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

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| 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 |
| 5 | Mr D Kinderman | | 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 |
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| N/A | N/A |

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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| 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 (FGEA) 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, grants are either through formally appointed representatives of the Association or they 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 another representative.

The FGEA Declaration of Faith and a revised membership declaration were formally approved at the October 2016 AGM, following the period of extensive consultation with senior ministers and the wider membership. This was implemented through the approval of revised Bye-Laws for the Association. This revision also incorporated the results of wider review by the Trustees to ensure that the Bye-Laws accurately reflect the current work of the Association.

Although the Association is legally governed by the subscribing members, from whom the Trustees are elected, much work has been done by the Trustees to encourage wider interest and support for the work of the Association. This has been done through the FGEA website, public meetings and the category of Sponsor; these are open to all regardless of their beliefs. This enables all to have the opportunity to support and follow the work of FGEA.

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).

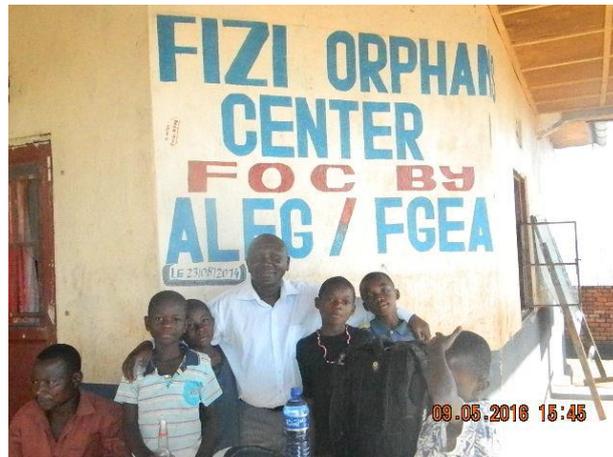
The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects were the provision of grants for the following purposes:

- 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 56 orphaned children in an orphanage in India, and 33 orphans in an orphanage at Fizi, Dem. Rep. Congo. Funding was also given for a basic school for very poor local children at the Fizi Orphan Centre and the construction of a proper school building.



- 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 trusted contacts in Africa and Asia.

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, following a detailed review, in October 2016.

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 has continued to support during the year the translation and paid for the printing costs for publication of books in Telugu (India). In 2015/16 translation work into French was reported, particularly for Congo. During 2016/17 funds have been used to assist in the distribution of these French books that were printed in Zambia.

The work in partnership with the Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS) has continued throughout the year on the revision of the Chichewa New Testament with primary reference to the Authorised (King James) Version. The final part of the New Testament was

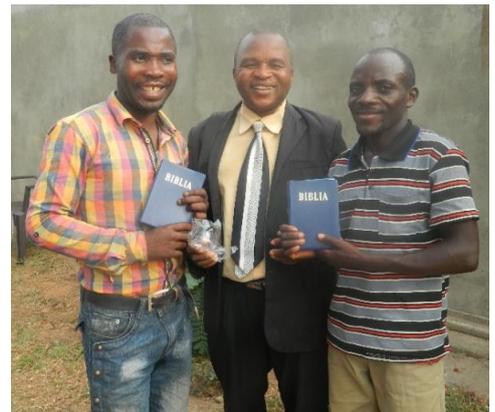


reviewed in detail at a four-day meeting in October 2016 in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. The work is being led by FGEA (Malawi) co-ordinator Elwyn Maliwa and supported by three local checkers (two from Malawi and one from eastern Zambia). The photo above shows the team at work in Lilongwe. The whole draft New Testament is now going through a detailed second level check in conjunction with TBS.

FGEA has also assisted TBS with analysis and research into the current status of Bible versions in Bemba (Zambia) and Burmese, and provision of linguistic comments on the TBS Shona New Testament from a range of Shona dialect speakers across Zimbabwe.

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, Tumbuka (Zambia/Malawi)
- Burmese (Myanmar)
- Ilocano (Philippines)



The Free Grace Evangelistic Association most gratefully acknowledges the grants provided by the Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS), Bible Spreading Union, and other smaller organisations totalling 1606 English Bibles (KJV), 8000 Ndebele Bibles, 1263 Portuguese Bibles, 2000 French Gospels, 610 English booklets and 80 English scripture calendars. These grants were sent to Africa and Asia 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 FGEA.

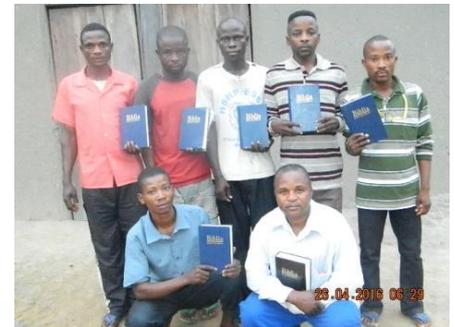
FGEA has used funds to help with local costs of receiving and distributing these large grants of Bibles. The photo below was taken during a visit by Pastor Duwen Musaka (FGEA Regional Director for Central/Southern Africa, based in Zambia) in October 2016 to Zimbabwe to witness part of the distribution of TBS Ndebele Bibles granted to FGEA (Zimbabwe). It is the practice of FGEA to give teaching on the Word of God and the need of faithfulness before God when making distribution of Bibles.



With funding from the UK, local FGEA representatives also made visits for teaching and distribution of the scriptures and literature within Zambia, Malawi and Congo (Dem Rep). These visits are not only difficult and arduous, but they can also be quite dangerous.



Our deep appreciation is expressed for the self-sacrifice and faithfulness of our local Coordinators and representatives, without which the work of the Association could not continue. May the Lord bless their labours abundantly!



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 the charity has been hard pressed by the many genuine and urgent needs before us. We have continued to face many challenging and trying needs during the period 2016/17, not only with the ongoing needs of the orphanage/school at Fizi, Dem Rep Congo, and the orphanage at Ponnur, India; but also from the very great need and thirst for the pure Word of God and sound Christian literature. Yet we have proved the Lord's goodness manifested by the means of many generous donations and grants.

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 2017, 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. It is our prayer that the Lord would bless the word distributed.

A total of 4244 Bibles (2016: 3003 Bibles)

2177 English
1485 Telugu
290 Swahili
122 Bemba
92 Burmese
33 French
25 Ilocano
20 Tumbuka

A total of 2526 New Testaments (2016: 734 NTs)

2325 Telugu
150 Ilocano
21 English
20 French
9 Chichewa (NT, Psalms and Proverbs)
1 Greek/English Interlinear

57 Gospels (English, French) (2016: 21 Gospels)

300 Scripture Calendars (English, French) (2016: 448 calendars)

A total of 2577 books (2016: 5464 books)

2500 Telugu
70 English
7 French

A total of 3395 booklets (2016: 10265 booklets)

2000 Telugu
1354 English
41 French

149 kg of second hand literature shipped. (2016: 197 kg)

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

A substantial proportion of the charity's funds have been expended on orphanage work. A combination of increased food prices and weakness in the value of Sterling has resulted in a significant increase in the costs of grants to fund this work. As in previous years, regular grants have continued to support 56 orphans at Ponnur in India, typically amounting to £1400 per month. We are very thankful to the work of Pastor Sudhakar, his wife, family and many other brethren for the work done in India. The photos shows the Indian orphans taken in June 2016, when they received cases for their school work.



The work of caring for the 33 orphans at Fizi in the eastern part of the Dem. Rep. Congo continues. The challenges in terms of cost and logistics to this remote and previously war-torn location continue to be a great, especially given the lack of even basic facilities. Grants of typically



£1600 per month are necessary for the orphanage in Congo. We are very grateful to Pastor Fred Wakula (FGEA co-ordinator in Eastern Congo), Pastor Alembo (orphanage supervisor at Fizi) and many other Congolese brethren for all their work. The photo shows orphans being taught to use a sewing machine with cloth purchased with FGEA funds to

make new clothes for themselves. Other expenses included replacement of some of the mattresses and purchase of new shoes.

As reported last year, a basic school had been opened at the orphanage site for the many very poor local children who had no means of obtaining any education (schooling is not free in Dem Rep Congo), yet there were local trained teachers available who could meet the local curriculum requirements and provide Christian instruction.



Early in the period, funds were provided to lay the foundations for a proper school building. Then in August 2016, the local authorities ordered the school closure unless a better structure/building could be provided by early 2017, due to the temporary structures used for the schooling not being rainproof.

In answer to prayer and through the kindness of a number of supporters, enough funds were provided to complete the building of a basic school building, a toilet (latrine) block and buy benches. The total cost of the school building project was approximately £31000 and the work was completed in February 2017. The actual cost was only marginally higher than that estimated in advance, which is an achievement given the challenges of executing such a project in Eastern Congo. This was helped through experience gained from the orphanage construction in 2013-2014. The photo shows the school in February 2017 just prior to the final brickwork being laid around the roof structure.



Given the terrible history of war and use of child-soldiers, it is most vital to teach the young a better way. The on-going costs of the school are funded by the small fees paid by parents and a regular grant of about £500 from the FGEA in the UK. The work of FGEA at Fizi has also had the secondary benefit of providing paid work in a very poor area.

During the period the Chairman made three visits to see the work of FGEA in Zambia, Dem Rep Congo (Katanga and Sud Kivu) and India.



During his visit to India he was shown the sad case of a church at Munipalle associated with the ministry of the FGEA (India) Co-ordinator. Due to monsoon flooding damage last year, there was now no all-season access to the church and some form of bridge was needed across a canal. In response, a generous donation was received through FGEA to address this. Funds have been sent and materials purchased, but construction is awaiting the planned imminent dredging of the canal by the local authorities.

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 Asia. These meetings have helped to increase membership and support generally. The Chairman has also spoken about the work of FGEA at two churches.

Further details on the work of FGEA are given on the charity's website www.freegrace-qa.org, which has recently been upgraded for compatibility with a wider range of modern mobile devices.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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 would give our profound thanks to the officers and members of the overseas' FGEA branches for all their labours.

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

A summary of the Association's income and expenditure is presented in the Receipts and Payments Accounts. This shows an increase compared to 2015/16, largely due to the one-off major school building project at Fizi in the Dem Rep Congo.

The charity's income has been directed towards supporting the key objectives; namely free distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, teaching sound Christian doctrine, and support for orphans and poor children. Regular testimonies have been received from Africa and Asia expressing appreciation from many beneficiaries. In particular testimonies have been received from pastors and churches who have been given Bibles and books, that otherwise they could not have obtained, which by God's grace are helping them much in the ministry and churches. Testimonies have also been received from the orphanages and school supported by FGEA, that the assistance has greatly helped these poor children to be fed, clothed, and cared for in a loving environment and to be prepared for adult life in their communities.

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, with a significant increase in income in 2016/17 compared to 2015/16. The facility for making on-line donations through the UK charity "Stewardship" has continued to provide a significant source of donations.

However, it must be stressed that the funds received are largely through one-off donations and grants, rather than regular income, and the funds currently held by the charity are almost entirely allocated for forthcoming expenditure on Bibles, literature, or orphans. Therefore, the Trustees' current policy is not to extend the work of supporting orphans and poor children beyond the Fizi Orphan Centre in Congo and the Ponnur orphanage in India.

In light of this funding situation the Trustees took the decision to implement a target buffer of £1000 for the two orphanages, so that if donations were lower during a given month spare funds would still be available; the target buffer would then be re-established in subsequent months. This policy has been followed throughout the period.

Section F

Other optional information

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).

Some of the variation from one year to another in the accounts is due to major expenditure (e.g. monthly orphan grants) that falls either just before or just after the end of the financial year.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) | | |
| Full name(s) | Dr Ian Anthony Sadler | Miss Myrtle Robinson |
| Position | Chairman | Secretary |

Date

14 August 2017