Chairman's Report Christian Relief Uganda AGM 16th June 2020

As we look forward to celebrating, next year, 25 years of Maria's Care, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, the supporters, whether you have been with us for all of that time or have joined us recently; the support that you give to Christian Relief Uganda enables Maria's Care to continue to give disadvantaged children the chance of a good education and hope for their future. We greatly value your prayers, financial donations and the time given by those who have travelled with us to Uganda. I know that many have been richly blessed by the experiences they have had. Indeed, one person who came with us twice has now convinced her company to become involved and we hope in the future they may support some building projects.

There have been a number of events organized over the last year:

- Garden parties
- Concerts
- Quizzes

CRU has also been represented at:

The Students Fresher weekend at Manchester Metropolitan University

Last year, Rhona and I went to Uganda with four other people. We were very pleased to seen how the vocational workshops were developing. These include, tailoring, carpentry and computer studies. Originally, the idea had been to give the deaf children a skill, but the hearing children were also keen to learn, so these skills are learnt by all the older children. At the same time that we were there, we were able to facilitate the visit of 'Hear Their Roar', a charity which helps disadvantaged children with emotional and well-being issues. This proved very helpful for Maria's Care as the 'Hear Their Roar' team were able to pass on to the leadership of the school, issues which had arisen from the work they did with the children. The local church are now working with the school by visiting the villages where the affected children are from and giving teaching and training to the adult villagers.

This year we were delighted to form a partnership with St Luke's CE School in Salford. From the meetings that we had, it was evident that the leadership of the school want this to become a long term partnership and they are keen that every area of the school and even the local community would become involved. Next year, we hope that two or three of their teachers will be joining us on our visit.

Due to the lockdown in Uganda, a number of projects have not yet been

completed. One of these projects which was very urgent was the instability of part of the boundary wall, which has now been partially taken down to prevent it collapsing. We did not know how this was to be funded so, many prayers were said. As you can imagine, we were very grateful when funding was given to CRU to attend to this wall, and we look forward to it being rebuilt when their lockdown is over.

The lockdown situation in Uganda meant that all schools and places of work were closed. No transport was allowed. So people couldn't travel from one town to the next. The only shops allowed to open were food stores; and many people had to walk a great distance to get food. A lot of people were greatly affected by lockdown in that they couldn't work. For example, people who were growing crops like sugar cane were affected because of the transport ban. Even smaller crop growers suffered. This meant that a lot of people began to go without food for lack of means. At Maria's Care, because the children were not attending, Fred, the Deputy Head Teacher was able to use some of the money for food when he heard of needy cases.

At the beginning of lockdown, Fred moved his family to the school so that there was someone occupying the compound and deterring looters. He also retained the services of three gatemen, who guard the compound on a rota.

When we visited last August, an unexpected event was presented to Maria's Care. There is a playground at the back of the school which the children have used for the last 24 years, although it belonged to the local council. We were paid a visit by some members of the local council who said that they wanted to sell the land. This was a big problem for the school, because schools cannot operate unless they have a playground. The council did, however, offer Maria's Care first refusal to buy the land. As you can imagine, this was a huge, unexpected cost. Our experience over the past has been to live by faith and God has always been faithful and provided for the school's needs through our supporters. We still had an amount of money which had been raised to take with us for projects which arose and this was about half the amount needed. They agreed to take this as a deposit. We did have a kind offer of a loan, but we weren't sure what God's will was in this situation. So, again, we turned to the Lord in prayer and waited.... And would you believe it... on our last day, Rhona received a call with a donation which covered the outstanding balance! Now we need to raise the money to by the land title and then the playground will be secured for the school.

At the beginning of May, the Ugandan government produced some educational resources for every school. So some of the teachers of Maria's Care returned to the school to copy all the booklets for every child and make up packs for them.

Then, as the transport ban was lifted, they travelled to all the villages where Maria's Care children live and distributed the packs. Some of the villages are in quite remote areas. On a certain date, the children had to return their completed work to school and collect another pack. As the boda boda riders (motorbike taxis) are not yet allowed to operate, this would mean that some children would walk many miles to reach school and then return home in the same day! As many people have experienced, CRU and Maria's Care have found the Zoom facility to be a great break-through in communication. As well as holding meetings with the NGO Trust in Uganda, we were delighted to be able to take some of our sponsors to Maria's Care via a Zoom link. They were able to meet Dan Muyiira (Head Teacher), Fred Gumasi and Fred Kotosi (our two Deputy Head Teachers) and have a tour around the school. This worked very well. I recorded the visit and will be forwarding this to the sponsors of the children. We are hoping to do this again when the first class returns, and next time we will offer the opportunity to visit to all our supporters. The purpose of that visit will be to show a class in progress and then follow the children to the dining room for lunch.

The NGO Trustees of Maria's Care have developed a five year plan for the school. We have brought back a number of copies, so if you would like to see one, please let me know by email and I'll get one sent out to you.

Here are a few photos from our last visit:

[Presentation]

As the school is being prepared for the children to return in (hopefully) the near future, we would value your prayers for the following:

- The completion of the boundary wall ensuring the security of the compound
- That we can purchase the title deeds for the playground
- That all of our children will return safely
- That the teachers will be able to help them to catch up with their studies
- That no child will suffer because of this lockdown
- That Dan, Fred and Fred will be given wisdom to manage the school and nurture this lovely environment.
- That the NGO Trustees will continue to be guided by God and to follow the vision they have been given for the school

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2019	As at 31/12/2018
Current assets			
	7001: Cash at Bank	2,442.44	1,933.68
	7002: Petty Cash balance	14.02	4.21
	Total Current assets	2,456.46	1,937.89
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	_	_
	Z04: Accounts Payable	_	_
	Total Liabilities	_	_
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	2,456.46	1,937.89
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	518.57	(321.37)
	Z01: Starting balances	1,937.89	2,259.26
	Total Reserves	2,456.46	1,937.89

Total	2,456.46	1,937.89
Endowment	_	_
Restricted	_	_
Designated	_	(190.39)
Unrestricted	2,456.46	2,128.28
	Represented by Funds	

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	68,073.80	_	_	68,073.80	74,085.32
Activities for generating funds	7,669.58	_	_	7,669.58	16,840.01
Other incoming resources	18,323.99	_	_	18,323.99	43,380.63
Total income	94,067.37	_	_	94,067.37	134,305.96
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	7,125.01	_	_	7,125.01	7,665.21
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other	1,838.30	_	_	1,838.30	1,877.87
Charitable activities	76,105.27	_	_	76,105.27	91,163.00
Other resources used	8,480.22	_	_	8,480.22	33,921.25
Total expenditure	93,548.80	_	_	93,548.80	134,627.33
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	518.57	_	_	518.57	(321.37)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	570.39	_	_	570.39	113.73
Gross transfers between funds - out	(570.39)	_	_	(570.39)	(113.73)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	518.57	_	_	518.57	(321.37)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	1,937.89	_	_	1,937.89	2,259.26
Total funds carried forward	2,456.46	_	_	2,456.46	1,937.89
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Represented by Unrestricted					
General fund	2,456.46			2,456.46	2,128.28
Designated	2,400.40	_	_	2,400.40	۷,۱۷۵.۷۵
Student Judith	_	_			(190.39)
Olddon Sdalli	_	_	_	_	(130.39)

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

					-	Γotal
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated	funds					
1101 - Gift Aid Gifts by St/Ord	36,985.77	1,460.00	_	_	38,445.77	39,624.71
1102 - Donations by St/Order	8,393.29	_	_	_	8,393.29	9,313.01
1103 - Gift Aid not by St/Ord	7,670.00	300.00	_	_	7,970.00	5,315.81
1104 - Donations not by St/Ord	11,377.49	_	_	_	11,377.49	15,398.03
1105 - Collecting Boxes	_	_	_	_	_	110.00
1106 - Justgiving Fundraising	1,327.25	_	_	_	1,327.25	4,161.26
1109 - Charities Trust Donations	560.00	_	_	_	560.00	162.50
1403 - Crafts Sales	1,489.48	_	_	_	1,489.48	611.30
1406 - Charity Ball	3,365.10	_	_	_	3,365.10	_
1408 - Quiz Night Income	1,576.00	_	_	_	1,576.00	810.00
1410 - Cowbridge Choir Event	_	_	_	_	_	3,304.98
1418 - Fundraising one-off events	1,234.00	_	_	_	1,234.00	12,088.33
1419 - Fundraising one-off methods	5.00	_	_	_	5.00	25.40
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Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	73,983.38	1,760.00	_	_	75,743.38	90,925.33
Other incoming resources						
1201 - Tax Recovered on Gifts	11,216.21	_	_	_	11,216.21	11,569.17
1601 - Miscellaneous and Refunds Income	123.80	_	_	_	123.80	_
1602 - Uganda Trip Income	6,983.98	_	_	_	6,983.98	31,811.46
Other incoming resources Totals	18,323.99	_	_	_	18,323.99	43,380.63
Incoming resources Grand totals	92,307.37	1,760.00	_	_	94,067.37	134,305.96
Resources used						
Costs of generating funds						
2500 - Travel Exps - UK	133.95	_	_	_	133.95	611.17
2502 - Insurance	347.59	_	_	_	347.59	310.97
2504 - Postage	14.94	_	_	_	14.94	34.05
2505 - Telephone	222.75	_	_	_	222.75	238.18
2506 - Stationery	348.99	_	_	_	348.99	195.68
2513 - R. Marshall - Salary	5,281.60	_	_	_	5,281.60	5,552.40
2515 - IT Equipment and Software Support	355.00	_	_	_	355.00	404.77
2517 - Bank charges	130.20	_	_	_	130.20	_
2518 - Uganda Networks Membership	_	_	_	_	_	30.00
2520 - Website costs	73.99	_	_	_	73.99	53.99
2521 - Justgiving Charges	216.00	_	_	_	216.00	234.00
2203 - Cost of Crafts	431.76	_	_	_	431.76	515.00
2208 - Quiz Night Costs	357.77	_	_	_	357.77	156.58
2209 - Cowbridge Choir - Costs	_	_	_	_	_	1,106.29
2215 - Charity Ball Costs	1,048.77	_	_	_	1,048.77	100.00
Costs of generating funds Totals	8,963.31	_	_	_	8,963.31	9,543.08

					-	Γotal
_	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Charitable activities						
Charitable activities						
2001 - Maria's Care Grant	73,965.27	_	_	_	73,965.27	86,163.00
2005 - Supported Student Costs	_	2,140.00	_	_	2,140.00	3,462.00
2101 - Projects	_	_	_	_	_	1,538.00
Charitable activities Totals	73,965.27	2,140.00	_	_	76,105.27	91,163.00
Other resources used						
2501 - Uganda Trip Costs	8,480.22	_	_	_	8,480.22	33,921.25
Other resources used Totals	8,480.22	_	_	_	8,480.22	33,921.25
Resources used Grand totals	91,408.80	2,140.00	_	_	93,548.80	134,627.33

Fund movement summary Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
STJudith - Student Judith	(190.39)	1,760.00	2,140.00	570.39	_	_
General - General fund	2,128.28	92,307.37	91,408.80	(570.39)	_	2,456.46
Totals	1,937.89	94,067.37	93,548.80	_	_	2,456.46



Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019

1. Accounting Policies

General

These Accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practise on Accounting by Charities. The charity accounting packages, MyGiving.online and Myfundaccounting.online, supplied by Data Developments of Wolverhampton, have been used to maintain the accounts, and to produce the statements of accounts shown in the previous 5 pages.

Policy on Reserve Funds

It is the policy of the charity to employ funds for the purpose given as quickly as possible. The general policy on unrestricted funds is only to hold in reserve sufficient funds to cover up to the next month's known expenditure.

2. Fixed Assets

As at 31st December 2019 the Charity is not in possession of any Fixed Assets

3. Restricted Funds

The **Funds Analysis** for the Year Ended 31st December 2019 is shown on Page 5.

4. Fundraising Activities

Most of the income of the charity is derived from donations for the work being carried out in Uganda. However, the trustees launch fundraising activities and initiatives. These vary from year to year and this year, in addition to the funds that were raised from the sale of local crafts brought back from Uganda, funds were raised from a Quiz Night, and Charity Ball Event. The Fundraising one-off events were events put on by individuals who went on the trip to Uganda this year.

Fundraising Income	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Crafts	1489.48	611.30
Events		
- Charity Ball	3365.10	0.00
- Quiz Night	1576.00	801.01
- Cowbridge Choir Event	0.00	3304.98
- Fundraising one-off events	1234.00	12088.33
- Fundraising one-off methods	5.00	25.40
Total Fundraising Income	7669.58	16831.01

5. Maria's Care

Money is transferred each month by electronic bank transfer for use by Maria's Care. A company called VFX Financial PLC is used to do the transfer free of charge. This money is used for the day to day running of Maria's Care and also for specific projects that we are informed of by the NGO trustees and Head Teacher. How this money is used is recorded so that the CRU trustees see in detail how the transferred funds are used.

6. Projects

- The financing of the main ongoing projects of Sponsorship for the education of pupils and students at Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Vocational Training Schools, and the support of the Primary, Pre-School and Deaf Unit at Maria's Care continued.
- Supporters continued to support students who had the ability to continue their education beyond the secondary education stage. This type of sponsorship is coming to an end as CRU will focus entirely of funding the work of Maria's Care in the future.

7. Charitable Activities

		<u>2019</u>	<u> 2018</u>
Maria's Care Grants		73965.27	86163.00
Supported Students' Costs		2140.00	3462.00
Projects		0.00	1538.00
	Total	76105 27	91163 00

8. Cost of Generating Funds

The expenditure of £7,125.01, incurred as a result of general fund raising and administration of the charity for the year, was made up as detailed in the table below. The expenditure on the purchase of materials for direct fundraising activities has been separated from general fund raising and administrative expenditure.

Costs of generating Voluntary Income Travel Expenses - UK Insurance Postage Telephone Stationery& Photocopying Mrs. R. Marshall – Salary IT Equipment and Software Support	2019 133.95 347.59 14.94 222.75 348.99 5281.60 355.00	2018 611.17 310.97 34.05 238.18 195.68 5552.40 404.77
Bank Charges Uganda Networks Membership Website costs JustGiving Charge	130.20 0.00 73.99 216.00	00.0 30.00 53.99 234.00
Sub-total	7125.01	7665.21
Fundraising Trading Local Crafts Quiz Night Cowbridge Choir Costs Charity Ball	7125.01 431.76 355.77 0.00 1048.77	515.00 156.58 1106.29 100.00
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9. Trustees' Expenses

Some out of pocket expenses, which were incurred as a result of fund raising activities and/or managing the charity, were reimbursed to trustees. These are included in the breakdown of expenses under note 8.

Independent Examiners Report on the Accounts of Christian Relief Uganda

I report on the accounts of Christian Relief Uganda for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

Have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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