

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021

CHARITY REG. NO. 1162807

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER

1162807

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR

1 December 2020

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

30 November 2021

TRUSTEES

S Jarrett – Chair (to 11 March 2021)

J Cunnington - Chair (from 11 March 2021)

DJG Buchan - Treasurer

S J Robson D J Landin N W Rees J Bullock C Graves

The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT

Constitution of MissionAssist, a Charitable Incorporated

Organisation, dated 1 July 2015

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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BANKERS

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (continued)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Paul Knight

Horseshoe Cottage Carew Farm Cottages

Bosherston Pembroke SA71 5DS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2021 which are set out on pages 13 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for an independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

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 trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- · accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Paul Knight Horseshoe Cottage Carew Farm Cottages Bosherston PEMBROKE SA71 5DS

Dated:

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MissionAssist

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021

MissionAssist is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), charity No.1162807, registered on 23 July 2015.

The objects of the CIO are:

. . . .

- (a) To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Statement of Belief; and
- (b) Consistent with and not contrary to object (a):
- (i) To relieve sickness and poor health by providing or assisting in the provision and development of equipment, facilities and services and support charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poor health; and
- (ii) To relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, by making grants or providing items, services or facilities and/or development and support charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve financial hardship; and
- (iii) To promote and provide for the education of people in such ways as the charity trustees see fit and support charities and other organisations working to promote or provide education.

MissionAssist seeks to address these objectives by organising Christian volunteers to undertake support tasks for missions and missionaries in order to speed the advancement of the kingdom of God generally and Bible translation and literacy in particular. To achieve this we seek to listen to the needs of those we serve and identify areas where we may assist.

Public Benefit

In pursuing these objectives, MissionAssist provides public benefit in the following ways:

MissionAssist seeks to support those in Christian mission in all areas of the world, in the proclamation, outworking and furtherance of the Christian faith.

A wide variety of types of support are given to WBT and SIL and other charities to enable people in many parts of the world to have access to the Christian Bible and other Christian and educational materials in their own first language.

Services are provided to capture and archive the Christian scriptures in digital form for future translation work and dissemination to Christians worldwide.

MissionAssist promotes the Christian scriptures by providing Bible translations and study guides in EasyEnglish. These are made available to a large audience by publishing agreements with Bible Societies and Christian publishers.

MissionAssist also provides small grants to pursue Jesus Christ's teaching to provide for those in need.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021 (continued)

Public Benefit (continued)

MissionAssist is working with others to provide knowledge about and access to Bible translations and other Bible resources via the internet.

Through its annual conference and regular news and prayer communications, MissionAssist promotes praise and prayer for the work being undertaken and those being helped.

The public benefit from MissionAssist's work is mainly received by beneficiaries overseas, though recent work on EasyEnglish also has beneficiaries in the UK who can access the scriptures and learning material in a simpler form. The aim of Bible translation work is to extend the number of people who can benefit from reading the scriptures and no-one is excluded from being a potential beneficiary.

We believe that no harm or detriment arises as a result of the charity's work.

MissionAssist has no employees and volunteers claim no more than very basic expenses for doing the work. No personal benefit accrues to volunteers other than reimbursement for travel and other bona fide expenses necessarily incurred to enable work to proceed.

The Trustees of MissionAssist are aware of the general guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission and this is taken into account in planning and operating the charity's activities.

Management

MissionAssist is an autonomous charity and is controlled by a Board of Trustees and managed by a Leadership Team comprising the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Directors.

Trustees prayerfully set strategy by monitoring, research and consultation with all relevant parties, to determine new initiatives and provide direction for the charity. The Trustees receive reports from the Treasurer, the Leadership Team and from the various Project Coordinators, as necessary, and receive the input and advice of the Leadership Team through the CEO. Their decisions are conveyed to the Leadership Team for implementation. They appoint the CEO. They also appoint new Trustees after due diligence and following nominations from existing Trustees or supporters.

The CEO is supported by Directors and Project Co-ordinators who in turn co-ordinate the activities of volunteers. They also act as a communications, administration and advice resource for each area of work, appointing new and replacement Directors and Project Co-ordinators as necessary and providing support and direction.

Both the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Team meet at least three times annually.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021 (continued)

Management (continued)

Volunteers undertake the work of the charity based in their own homes under the direction of Directors and Project Coordinators.

The charity does not own or occupy property for the execution of its objects.

Activities

The Charity works to serve Christians in mission, non-Governmental Organisations and Christian missionary organisations (principally SIL and WBT) providing services without on-charging any labour costs.

MissionAssist operates through unpaid volunteers who supply support services to missions and missionaries such as:

- Accounting, Information Technology and Administrative support;
- Keyboarding, typesetting and archiving of scriptures, dictionaries and other materials for publication and preservation;
- Publications to assist literacy and education;
- Publications to assist the availability, understanding and accessibility of scriptures, study, support and explanatory materials;
- Library research, shopping, airport transfers and accommodation for missionaries;
- Translation and language support services;
- General information and encouragement, prayer and prayer bulletin distributions;
- Specialist advice and bespoke services;
- Financing translation, literacy, relief and development projects;
- Networking and partnering with individuals and groups with similar objectives.

A more detailed annual summary of all our projects and services, written by the Director of Services, is available on request from PO Box 257, Evesham, WR11 9AW.

Achievements this year

Achievements during the year in relation to the charity's objects include the following: MissionAssist's 659 volunteers have continued to give freely of their time and expertise in the provision of 31 services. As most of the services are met by people working from home Covid-19 has not curtailed these but in some cases there has been an increase in activity. However, there has been no overseas travel and little demand for hospitality. Assistance has been provided for clients from around 45 countries situated on six continents.

The EasyEnglish Bible and commentaries continue to be widely accessed with 2.7 million users, from 252 countries, on website, apps and YouVersion. Commendations received include:

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021 (continued)

Achievements this year (continued)

From Ireland: Easy English Bible is an 'Oasis' in Bible Translations.

From Liberia: Your materials and examples of how to write simple English are very helpful. I live in the interior of Liberia and serve mostly illiterate people.

From Nigeria: This is Heaven Class presentation. The sincerity, warmth, and unambiguous content

of this project is second to none.

There are several translation services: French, Spanish, German, Russian, Urdu, Portuguese and Polish. The most popular is Spanish with 42 assignments.

Other popular services include Document Formatting, TEFL, Digitisation, English Language Edit and Functional Literacy, responsible for producing Shell Books (75,020 downloads).

213 members have volunteered for the Digitisation Service. The team continue to work on more complex and challenging assignments, 39 projects with help from the Cambridge University Library in giving access to their scanning facilities.

The World Bibles Website had 101,687 visits.

The Remote Accounting team has undertaken extensive work in four countries. One client remarked, 'Thank you so much for your early submission for the FY21 year-end. Your team should get some kind of prize for beating the deadline by almost a month'.

MA continues to provide technical oversight and assistance for websites especially in Africa.

MA made grants totalling £8,270 (2020: £9,525) to support 14 (2020: 16) overseas projects whose aims are consistent with MA's objectives.

Finances

The work is chiefly funded by supporters' voluntary donations. Funds are expended to reimburse the expenses of the Trustees, Directors and volunteers incurred in the course of their duties for the charity. The charity employs no paid staff, and significant amounts of time are freely donated by the Directors and by many supporters in providing the organisation's services.

The accounts show an excess of receipts over payments (excluding restricted funds) of £3,921 (2020: excess of receipts over payments of £5,898). This surplus arose despite the trustees having set a deficit budget. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions on travel which applied for most of the year, there was an underspend against many areas of budgeted expenditure, particularly travel to leadership and trustees' meetings (which were held online instead of inperson), and international travel and representation. Meanwhile, donated general fund income of £17,295 before Gift Aid exceeded the budget but was less than the 2020 donations of £17,573.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021 (continued)

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have stated a preference to maintain approximately a year's expenditure (excluding discretionary grants, such as small projects, and activities intended to cover their own costs, such as the annual conference and reimbursable purchases on behalf of missionaries) as a Reserve to meet unexpected demands and to ensure continuity of the work. The general fund reserve as at 30 November 2021 was £28,378, and remains substantially above the level required by the reserves policy. The trustees will review the use of the excess reserves when more normal levels of activity are again possible.

Overall, the trustees consider the charity's financial position to be sound.

Risks

A rolling program of Risk Assessment is in progress and the Trustees are confident that adequate controls are in place to ensure all areas of risk (including financial) are monitored and, wherever possible, mitigated. As the charity is volunteer led and funded we consider the risks associated with the highly diversified work to be low and we are not reliant upon regular large donations or particular income sources.

Conclusions

We continue to support Missions, including those that have a declared goal of ensuring that a Bible translation project will be started for every people group that needs one by 2025. This is proving to be a humanly impossible task. However, we serve a supernatural God and, as we seek to support translation work in new and creative ways, we trust that He will continue to grow the effects of our work.

The charity has again enhanced and supported the work of many missions and missionaries and worked with these, our partners, to extend God's hand of love to others in all parts of the world.

Many have expressed their gratitude for our support and we are confident that we are of continuing benefit to our many missionary clients, and the many others who benefit from the services we offer.

Thanks

We are indebted to our CEO, Leadership Team, Project Coordinators and supporting volunteers who give unstintingly of their time, skills, resourcefulness and energy in order to maintain and grow the work. To all these, the Trustees extend their profound thanks.

The greater portion of the resources of MissionAssist is not (and could not be) quantified within this report: such are the 'gifts in kind' of time, expertise and loving attention given in worship of God Almighty.

We continually thank God for such a gifted and dedicated team, without whom the work of MissionAssist would not happen, and the promotion of the Gospel of Jesus and the work of His Church would be the poorer throughout the world.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021 (continued)

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' Report as set out on pages 7 to 12.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature(s):

Full Name(s):

Positions(s):

Positions(s): Date: Jonathan Cunnington

Chair of Trustees

3 (March 2022

David Buchan

Treasurer

28 March 2022

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS:	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Year ended 30/11/2021 £	Total Year ended 30/11/2020 £
Voluntary Receipts for general purposes	2a	19,915	0	19,915	19,950
Receipts from Charitable Activities and Restricted Gifts	2b	197	5,991	6,188	17,865
Investment Income	2c	5	0	5	29
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>20,117</u>	<u>5,991</u>	<u>26,108</u>	37,844
PAYMENTS:					
Cost of Raising funds	3a	4	0	4	6
Costs of Charitable Activities	3b	<u>16,192</u>	6,327	22,519	31,104
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>16,196</u>	<u>6,327</u>	<u>22,523</u>	<u>31,110</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCE	:S	3,921	(336)	3,585	6,734
Balances Brought Forward		<u>24,457</u>	<u>3,990</u>	28,447	21,713
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		<u>28,378</u>	<u>3,654</u>	<u>32,032</u>	<u>28,447</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 18 form part of these accounts. All operations are continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2021

ASSETS	Notes	30/11/2021 £	30/11/2020 £
Cash Funds CAF Bank Current Account CAF Bank Deposit Account		9,013 23,019	5,430 <u>23,017</u>
CALL Bullik Deposit Account		32,032	<u>28,447</u>
Represented By: General Funds (Unrestricted) Restricted Funds	4	28,378 _3,654	24,457 <u>3,990</u>
Non-cash Assets		<u>32,032</u>	<u>28,447</u>
Prepaid 2022 Conference Venue Fees Prepaid 2023 Conference Venue Fees		2,290 <u>1,300</u>	2,290 <u>1,300</u>
		<u>3,590</u>	<u>3,590</u>

Deposits paid to conference venues for cancelled conferences in 2020 and 2021 were transferred to 2022 and 2023 respectively.

LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

The CIO had no guarantees or debts at 30 November 2021 (2020: £Nil).

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 13 to 14.

The Trustees declare they have approved the financial statements above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature(s)

Full Name(s): Position(s):

Date:

Johnathan Cunnington

Chair of Trustees

~3 March 2022

David Buchan

Treasurer

2 € March 2022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2. RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Year ended 30/11/2021	Total Year ended 30/11/2020
(a) Voluntary Receipts for general purposes	£	£	£	£
General Donations Gift Aid Income Tax Recovered	17,295 _2,620 <u>19,915</u>	0 _0 _ <u>0</u>	17,295 2,620 19,915	17,573 _2,377 19,950
(b) Receipts from Charitable Activities and Restricted Gifts				
Services to Missionaries reimbursed Annual Conference Donations (including Gift Aid recovered)(Note 4) Other sales	110 0 0 <u>87</u> 197	0 0 5,991 <u>0</u> 5,991	110 0 5,991 <u>87</u> 6,188	11,982 0 5,651 232 17,865
(c) Investment Income Interest	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u> <u>5</u>	<u>29</u> <u>29</u>
3. PAYMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Year ended 30/11/2021 £	Total Year ended 30/11/2020 £
(a) Cost of Raising Funds	r	L	L	L
Bank charges (Paypal)	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021 (continued)

3. PAYMENTS (continued)				Total	Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Year Ended	Year Ended
		Funds	Funds	30/11/2021	30/11/2020
					£
(b) Costs of Charitable Activities	Notes	£	£	£	r
Administration:					
Postage: PO Box		283	0	283	277
Bank Charges		95	0	95	40
Treasurer/Bookkeeping		201	0	201	194
Trustees - meetings/training		716	0	716	175
Insurance		347	0	347	347
Publicity		625	0	625	1,030
Membership communication (inc. Help					
Magazine)		967	0	967	1,027
Wycliffe Global Alliance membership		317	0	317	300
Leadership:					
Leadership Team meetings		158	0	158	331
Chief Executive's expenses		36	0	36	0
Directors' Expenses:					
Administration		0	0	0	0
Comms/Marketing		0	0	0	288
IT		14	0	14	0
Data Registration Fee		35	0	35	40
EasyEnglish	4	1,360	112	1,472	494
SimpleEnglish		31	0	31	31
Grant Funds:					
Simple French (DRC)	4	301	2,750	3,051	3,535
Marakwet Bible Translation	4	0	843	843	12
Myanmar Food Aid	4	0	2,129	2,129	0
Small Projects	4	8,027	243	8,270	9,525
International Travel and conferences		0	0	0	0
Keyboarding and Checking (WEBBS)	4	1,499	250	1,749	585
Annual Conference		100	0	100	185
Prayer Bulletin		333	0	333	390
Scanning - travel and other costs		0	0	0	171
Scanning - Equipment		215	0	215	0
Services to Missionaries		304	0	304	11,988
Software purchased for resale		37	0	37	0
Functional literacy		191	0	<u>191</u>	<u>139</u>
		<u>16,192</u>	<u>6,327</u>	<u>22,519</u>	31,104

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021 (continued)

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 30/11/2020	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30/11/2021
	£	£	£	£
Scanning Equipment Scanning Project - travel costs	2,274 509	0	0	2,274 509
Marakwet Bible Translation	843	580	(843)	580
Myanmar Food Aid Simple French (DRC)	0 0	2,129 2,750	(2,129) (2,750)	0
WEBBS EasyEnglish	0 0	250 112	(250) (112)	0 0
Annual conference subsidy fund Small Projects	364 0	(73) <u>243</u>	0 (243)	291 0
•	<u>3,990</u>	<u>5,991</u>	(6,327)	<u>3,654</u>

The restricted funds are explained in note 6 to the accounts.

The restricted funds are wholly represented by cash reserves of the charity.

5. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND DONATIONS BY TRUSTEES

£327 was reimbursed to 4 trustees in relation to expenses incurred (2020: £75 reimbursed to 2 trustees). Expenses waived by trustees were immaterial. Total donations by trustees were £170 (2020: £230).

6. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

All money given by donors to a Restricted Fund is used for that purpose. Where there are expenses incurred in the delivery of goods or services in an area covered by a Restricted Fund, money is drawn from this Restricted Fund to cover the relevant expenses in delivery of the service covered by that Fund. An explanation of the different Funds follows.

Description of Restricted Funds

Scanning Project - £4,500 grant awarded in 2014/15 by the Stuart Hine Trust to purchase equipment for scanning printed copies of the Bible in languages where the Bible is not yet available in any digital form, and a further grant of £2,000 awarded in both 2015/16 and 2016/17 for related travel and training costs. This is a first step to making Bibles in these languages publicly available either by reprinting or on the internet. Relevant expenditure continues to be charged against these funds. Continuing restrictions on travel in 2020/21 meant that there was no expenditure from the fund this year.

<u>Marakwet Bible Translation Project</u> - This fund was set up by the Trustees to enable funds to be sent to support the Marakwet Bible Translation project in Kenya administered by "Bible Translation and Literacy" (BTL) in Nairobi. MissionAssist has passed on specific gifts made in support of this project.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021 (continued)

6. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS (continued)

Description of Restricted Funds (continued)

Myanmar Food Aid -

MissionAssist has a presence in Myanmar and a member is working in the slums within the rural areas. People have been suffering from the results of the pandemic and also civil unrest. Rice (120 kg) and oil has been widely distributed besides repairing some of the fragile homes many live in.

Simple French - The Stuart Hine Trust made a further grant of £2,750 to support the printing of gospels in Simple French, which has been passed to the project in DR Congo.

WEBBS - amount donated by a MissionAssist member to support the scanning of Bibles at Cambridge University Library.

EasyEnglish - amount donated to MissionAssist following closure of the EasyBibles charity.

Annual Conference Subsidy Fund - Members planning to attend the 2020 annual conference were invited to make an additional donation to support members who would otherwise have been unable to attend. In the event the conference was cancelled as an 'in person' event and held online instead. Donated amounts have been held over to provide a subsidy for future years' conferences. A small reduction in the balance this year has arisen from correcting the allocation of a previous Gift Aid claim.

Small Project Grants - This fund was set up by the Trustees and is administered by a sub-committee to enable small grants of no more than £600 to any one beneficiary per annum to be made to deserving causes, in accordance with the charity's objectives. Restricted donations are received and are supplemented by general funds designated by the Trustees and administered in exactly the same way.