

THE AFRICAN, INDIAN & SLAVLANDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

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**CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:	1037023
GOVERNING DOCUMENT:	Trust deed dated 19 March 1994 as amended by resolution dated 6 November 2020
ADDRESS:	Mr R J Weil 28 Hayesford Park Drive Bromley Kent BR2 9DB
TRUSTEES:	Mr R C S Evans Mrs C Summers Mr R J Weil
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Hakeem Adeleye BA (Hon) ACCA Grugeron Reynolds Limited Adams & Moore House Instone Road Dartford Kent DA1 2AG
BANKERS:	Santander Market Square Bromley Kent BR1 1DN

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The fellowship is established to advance the Christian faith in Africa, the Indian Subcontinent and Slavlands.

PUBLIC BENEFIT AND ACTIVITIES

During 2022-23 we maintained a regular correspondence by email, WhatsApp and telephone with our friends in Ukraine, India and Zimbabwe, in furtherance of the aims and objects of the trust. The correspondence with, and reports from, a pastor based in Odessa have been particularly frequent.

Funds were transmitted to our partner organisations and workers mainly by normal (SWIFT) bank transfers and occasionally via Western Union (and small cash transfers have also been made when a Trustee visited India).

Donations were sent to the same countries in 2022-23 as in 2021-22.

UKRAINE – The pastor that we support in Odessa has continued and grown an active ministry within Ukraine among many who are so adversely affected by the ongoing war. He continues to take van loads of aid to the needy, including medical supplies, warm clothing and food, as well as providing Christian literature and counsel.

SIBERIA – Given the closure of banking links to Russia in early 2022, we only support one church at this time, in Siberia. Just two financial transfers were made, both paid outside the country and taken back to the pastor and church (who are not 'prohibited persons') by a local contact. Ongoing regular support may not be possible for some time.

AFRICA - Throughout the year we continued our support of the work of some of the pastors working for the church denomination United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe (UCCZ). This year the support included funding for UCCZ training conferences, as well as the support of individual pastors.

INDIA - We continue to support a range of Christian workers and charities in India, including support for widows and orphans, needy pastors and their children, and pastors training seminars.

RESERVE POLICY

The charity has no fixed costs and therefore has a policy to retain unrestricted reserves of £2,500 to cover its low annual administrative costs, which mainly relate to communication with supporters.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Annual income has grown again from £137,883 in 2021-22 (which included a substantial legacy of £62,781) to £153,490 in 2022-23 (with no legacies). There has been a large increase in gifts restricted for Ukraine in particular. Almost all of the income has been distributed this past year, with grants made totalling £146,745 (compared to £75,528 last year).

There are no restricted funds carried over to 2023-24, as they were all distributed to the designated countries over the past year.

DECLARATION

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

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CHARITY'S TRUSTEES

Signed:R J Weil
Trustee

Date: ...1 November 2023.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE AFRICAN, INDIAN & SLAVLANDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (CHARITY NUMBER 1037023)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The African, Indian & Slavlands Christian Fellowship for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which your attention should be drawn in this respect in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Hakeem Adeleye BA (Hon) ACCA
Grugeon Reynolds Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adams & Moore House
Instone Road
Dartford
Kent
DA1 2AG

Date: 1 November 2023

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Voluntary income					
Gifts and donations		23,803	122,209	146,012	133,243
Gift Aid tax reclaim		7,064	375	7,439	4,639
Investment income - interest		39	0	39	1
		<u>30,906</u>	<u>122,584</u>	<u>153,490</u>	<u>137,883</u>
Payments					
Grants and donations	2	24,161	122,584	146,745	75,528
Activities for charitable objectives - Slavonia newsletter		1,392	0	1,392	1,465
Management and administration - Postage		330	0	330	386
Governance costs - Examiner's fee		401	0	401	401
		<u>26,284</u>	<u>122,584</u>	<u>148,868</u>	<u>77,780</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		4,622	0	4,622	60,103
Cash funds last year end		71,721	0	71,721	11,618
Cash funds this year end		<u><u>76,343</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>76,343</u></u>	<u><u>71,721</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1. Cash Funds

	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2022 Unrestricted Funds
Santander bank balance	£76,343	£71,721

2. Liabilities

	£
Independent Examiner's fee	401

3. Grants and donations – expended

	2023 £	2022 £
Africa	7,470	25,195
India	48,225	20,527
Ukraine	72,275	7,680
Slavlands Other	18,775	22,126
	146,745	75,528

4. Use of legacy funds

In the 2021/22 financial year a sum of £31,200 from a legacy was designated by the Trustees to support a pastor in Siberia and a building expansion project for up to the next 8 years. £20,235 has been paid over the last two years from this designated amount. However, due to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, the Trustees have agreed to redesignate the remaining amount back to general purposes.

Approved by the trustees on 1 November 2023.....

..... R J Weil
Trustee

..... Mrs C Summers
Trustee