

# The African, Indian and Slavlands Christian Fellowship

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Financial Statements and Trustees' Annual Report

for the 12 months ending 30 April 2025

Registered Charity No. 1037023

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Charity Information

**Charity Trustees:** All the following individuals acted as trustees for the Charity during the 12 months to 30 April 2025.

Richard Evans  
Vernon Soare (appointed 23 September 2024)  
Cheryl Summers  
Roger Weil (retired 30 November 2025)

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# THE AFRICAN, INDIAN AND SLAVLANDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## Report of the Trustees for the period 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025

The trustees of The African, Indian and Slavlands Christian Fellowship ("the charity") present the trustee annual report and independently examined financial statements for the 12 months ending 30 April 2025.

### **Object**

The object of The African, Indian and Slavlands Christian Fellowship is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in Africa, the Indian Subcontinent and Slavlands countries.

In particular, the charity seeks to support pastors and others working in Christian ministry by making grants to enable them to proclaim and teach the gospel, and share Christ's love in assisting with the relief of poverty.

### **Activities and Achievements**

Over the course of the last financial year, the charity has been able to support pastors and Christian workers in Ukraine, India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, as summarised below.

#### *Ukraine*

- Funding for van loads of aid that are taken to the needy who suffer from the invasion and bombardment by Russia, including medical supplies, warm clothing and food, as well as preaching, distributing Christian literature, and counselling.
- Personal monthly support for the pastor (and his family), based in Odessa, who organises and leads the relief work.

#### *India*

- Ongoing support for a range of Christian workers and charities in India, including support for widows and orphans, children at risk in slum areas, needy pastors and their children, and pastors' training seminars.
- A grant to help equip a new Training Centre that has been constructed in West Bengal.

#### *Bangladesh*

- Support for Christian families who have suffered increased persecution and discrimination.

#### *Zimbabwe*

- Continued support of the work of some of the pastors working for the church denomination United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe (UCCZ), including funding for UCCZ training conferences as well as the support of a few individual pastors.
- A grant to finance a new two year leadership training course run by UCCZ to train up new leaders for the growing number of churches, most of which are currently without a pastor.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The African, Indian and Slavlands Christian Fellowship operates as a trust. It has been registered with the Charities Commission since 1994 with charity reference number 1037023. The charity's governing document is its trust deed.

New trustees are nominated by the current trustees. Mr Vernon Soare was appointed to be a new trustee on 23 September 2024, increasing the number of trustees to four.

The charity has no employees. Correspondence with the charity's beneficiaries, banking activities, record keeping and accounting is managed on a voluntary basis by the trustees.

## **Financial Review**

During the 12 months to 30 April 2025, there has been an underlying net surplus of receipts relative to payments of £25.0k [2024: £14.5k].

A large part of the gifts received have been restricted for Ukraine or India. The charity is not currently operating in other Slavlands countries.

## **Reserves Policy**

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

At 30 April 2025, the charity held reserves of £115.8k (2024: £90.9k), with £12.1k (2024: £19.1k) restricted for ministry in Ukraine and £9.9k restricted for ministry in India (2024: nil). The general practice of the charity is to pass on restricted donations soon after the inwards donation has been received. However, for Ukraine, the charity currently supports only one pastor and there is a limit to the amount of pastoral visiting and aid provision he can oversee. The trustees have agreed to seek other opportunities to support Christian work in Ukraine in furtherance of the aims and objects of the trust, and this has begun in the following financial year. For this reason, the trustees are not uncomfortable with the level of reserves currently being held.

## **Investment Policy**

The charity's investment policy is to hold liquid assets with low risk. During the financial year, a new bank account with CAF Bank was opened in order to facilitate easier online banking and better investment options. The Santander account was still in operation at 30 April 2024, but after most of the supporters had moved their regular gifts across to CAF, the Santander bank account was closed in August 2024.

A Charity Deposit account with CCLA was opened in December 2023 to make use of the better interest rates available, given the higher reserves the charity is now carrying. Funds can be withdrawn within a few days with no penalties.

## Key Risks and Uncertainties

There may be challenges to transfer money overseas to the various organisations and individuals that we support financially. Therefore the risks are largely associated with the restrictions that banking systems may impose. We mitigate these as much as possible by using regulated bank accounts and SWIFT transfers that can be tracked. Sometimes, we have to use trusted individuals known to one or more of the Trustees to act as cash couriers to transfer money to known recipients, with documented receipts for all transactions.

The war in Ukraine poses both personal risk and uncertainties for our partner pastor and his team operating out of Odessa.

Approved by the Trustees on 9 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature of Trustee 1:

Trustee 1 name and date: Richard Evans, 9 February 2026

Signature of Trustee 2:

Trustee 2 name and date: Cheryl Summers, 9 February 2026

Charity Number 1037023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Charity") for the 12 months ending 30 April 2025 These are set out on pages 8 and 9 following this report.

### **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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



9 February 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary income					
Gifts & donations		26,250	72,331	98,581	111,917
Gift Aid tax reclaim		0	0	0	6,571
Investment income - interest		4,542	0	4,542	1,645
		<u>30,792</u>	<u>72,331</u>	<u>103,123</u>	<u>120,134</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Grants and donations	3	7,844	69,175	77,019	104,367
Activities for charitable objectives - Slavlands newsletter		351	0	351	625
Management and administration - Bank charges		206	304	510	25
Postage		112	0	112	196
Governance costs - Examiner's fee		165	0	165	401
		<u>8,679</u>	<u>69,479</u>	<u>78,158</u>	<u>105,615</u>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>		22,113	2,852	24,965	14,519
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>		71,757	19,105	90,862	76,343
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<u>93,870</u>	<u>21,957</u>	<u>115,827</u>	<u>90,862</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

**1 Cash Funds**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>
	£	£
Santander	0	693
CAF CAFCash	207	19
CAF Gold	2,210	
CCLA Charity Deposit Fund	113,402	90,150
Wise	8	0
	<u>115,827</u>	<u>90,862</u>

**2 Liabilities**

	£	£
Independent Examiner's fee	<u>165</u>	<u>165</u>

**3 Grants and donations - expended**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Zimbabwe	9,455	9,585
Bangladesh	910	0
India	45,601	55,082
Ukraine	21,052	39,700
Slavlands Other	0	0
	<u>77,019</u>	<u>104,367</u>

Approved by the trustees on *9th February 2026*

Cheryl Summers  
Trustee

Trustee