

Chairman's Report – Christian Relief Uganda

For the Year September 2024 – August 2025

It gives me great pleasure to present this report on behalf of the Trustees of **Christian Relief Uganda (CRU)**, reflecting on what has been another busy and fruitful year in our partnership with **Maria's Care School** in Uganda.

Throughout the year, we have seen continued growth — not only in the practical support offered to the school, but also in the sense of shared purpose between our supporters in the UK and our friends and colleagues in Uganda.

Fundraising and Community Events

In **September 2024**, two wonderful concerts were held in both Macclesfield and Salford, featuring *Phil Shotton and his Big Band*. These lively evenings were well attended and raised sufficient funds for Christian Relief Uganda to purchase for Maria's Care **33 new mattresses** and **83 mattress protectors** — providing comfort and dignity to children in their dormitories.

The following month, in **October 2024**, a group of **12 hikers**, aged between **12 and 74**, climbed **Mount Snowdon** in North Wales. Their efforts raised funds for **50 new desks** and **600 school books**, resources that have already made a tangible difference to classroom life at the school.

In **March 2025**, four of our Trustees visited Uganda to spend time at the school. The visit was both joyful and productive. They were warmly welcomed by staff and pupils and were able to see first-hand the impact of the support provided through CRU. The Trustees also took part in practical projects and discussions about future development.

During that same period, the children and staff at Maria's Care undertook their own **sponsored challenge** — **climbing Kagulu Rock**. CRU helped to find sponsors for those taking part, and the event raised money towards the purchase of a **mini-bus for the school**. The sense of excitement and achievement among the children was inspiring.

Julie and Helen represented CRU at '**Uganda Day**' at St Luke's Primary School, which is now a partner school with Maria's Care. This partnership continues to build mutual understanding and friendship between children and teachers in both countries.

It was especially encouraging that **four former pupils of Maria's Care** have now become **Trustees of the school** in Uganda. Their involvement is helping to shape the next generation of leadership and to inspire the children currently in education there.

Communications and Sponsorship

This year has also seen the strengthening of our internal team.

- **Meriel Carboni** has taken on the role of **Newsletter Coordinator**, ensuring that a monthly update now goes out to all donors and supporters. These newsletters have helped people to stay connected with the life of the school and to see how their giving is changing lives.
- **Helen Whitehead** has become our **Child Sponsorship Coordinator**, overseeing correspondence between sponsors and children, and helping to ensure that information and letters are shared regularly.

We are delighted that the **number of children now receiving sponsorship has begun to increase**, offering stability and opportunity to many families.

Training and Capacity Building

One of our Trustees has provided valuable training and support to the school's **Administrator and Bursar**, helping them to set up and use **QuickBooks** for financial record keeping. This is a significant step towards developing transparent and sustainable systems within the school's administration.

We have also continued to raise awareness locally through events such as a **Quiz Night in Macclesfield** and visits to speak to **churches and community groups**, which not only raise funds but also spread understanding of our mission and the needs of Maria's Care.

Life at Maria's Care

We are pleased to report that the **children are happy and making good progress** in their learning. The teachers and staff at Maria's Care continue to provide a nurturing and encouraging environment, supported by the dedication of our donors and the CRU team.

Conclusion

This has been a year of growth, connection, and encouragement. From concerts and climbs to newsletters and new systems, each activity has contributed to the same goal: to bring hope, opportunity, and love to the children and community of Maria's Care.

On behalf of the Trustees, I want to thank everyone who has given, prayed, organised, sponsored, or travelled. Your generosity and faith continue to transform lives.

Together, we look forward with gratitude — confident that the seeds sown this year will bear fruit in the years to come.

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Financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

Balance Sheet Detailed

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand		
7001: Cash at Bank	23,527.40	11,104.71
7002: Petty Cash	-	-
Total Current assets	23,527.40	11,104.71
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	12,422.69	7,383.62
Z01: Starting balances	11,104.71	3,721.09
	23,527.40	11,104.71

There are no Restricted Funds.

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	71,075.22	-	71,075.22	77,250.99
Income from charitable activities	9,351.21	-	9,351.21	4,995.08
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	80,426.43	-	80,426.43	82,246.07
Expenditure from:				
Raising funds	2,305.14	-	2,305.14	1,976.49
Expenditure on charitable activities	65,548.60	-	65,548.60	71,958.35
Other expenditure	150.00	-	150.00	927.61
Total Expenditure	68,003.74	-	68,003.74	74,862.45
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	12,422.69	-	12,422.69	7,383.62
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains / losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	12,422.69	-	12,422.69	7,383.62
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	11,104.71	-	11,104.71	3,721.09
Total funds carried forward	23,527.40	-	23,527.40	11,104.71
Unrestricted				
General Fund	23,527.40	-	23,527.40	11,104.71

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Analysis of Income

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Receipts Account

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Donations and legacies				
1101 - Gift Aid Gifts by SO	28,875.08	-	28,875.08	28,558.08
1102 - Donations by SO	6,831.68	-	6,831.68	7,772.47
1103 - Gift Aid Gifts NOT by SO	13,617.13	-	13,617.13	7,373.15
1104 - Donations NOT by SO	7,802.83	-	7,802.83	12,163.08
1106 - Justgiving Fundraising	2,032.94	-	2,032.94	541.50
1107 - Charities Trust Donations	202.5	-	202.5	805.12
1201 - Tax Recovered on Gifts	11,713.06	-	11,713.06	10,037.59
1301 - Legacies/Bequests	-	-	-	10,000.00
Donations and legacies Totals	71,075.22	-	71,075.22	77,250.99
Income from charitable activities				
1402 - Charity Ball	2,713.10	-	2,713.10	-
1403 - Quiz Night Income	1,367.02	-	1,367.02	1,158.00
1410 - Fundraising one-off events	5,271.09	-	5,271.09	3,837.08
Income from charitable activities Totals	9,351.21	-	9,351.21	4,995.08
Total Receipts	80,426.43	-	80,426.43	82,246.07

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Analysis of Expenditure

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Raising Funds				
2102 - Charity Ball Costs	1,149.00	-	1,149.00	150.00
2105 - Insurance	384.26	-	384.26	367.45
2110 - IT and Software Support	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
2111 - Website Costs	64.79	-	64.79	64.79
2112 - Justgiving Charges	216.00	-	216.00	216.00
2114 - Fundraising one-off events Costs	191.09	-	191.09	158.25
2115 - Fundraising Fees	-	-	-	720.00
Raising funds Totals	2,305.14	-	2,305.14	1,976.49
Expenditure on charitable activities				
2001 - Maria's Care Grant	55,554.07	-	55,554.07	71,958.35
2002 - Students Further Education	9,994.53	-	9,994.53	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	65,548.60	-	65,548.60	71,958.35
Other Expenditure				
2601 - Uganda Trip Costs	150	-	150	927.61
Other Expenditure Totals	150	-	150	927.61
Expenditure Grand Totals	68,003.74	-	68,003.74	74,862.45

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Fund Movement summary

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
General - General Fund	11,104.71	80,426.43	68,003.74	-	-	-	23,527.40
Totals	11,104.71	80,426.43	68,003.74	-	-	-	23,527.40



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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

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 Practice 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 2024 the Charity is not in possession of any Fixed Assets

3. Restricted Funds

Christian Relief Uganda no longer has any restricted funds.

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. A Quiz night was held in December. The Fundraising one-off events were events put on by individuals who have done a variety of things to raise funds.

<u>Fundraising Income</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Events		
- Charity Ball	2713.10	0.00
- Quiz Night	1367.02	1158.00
- Fundraising one-off events	5271.09	3837.08
Total Fundraising Income	9351.21	4995.08

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. Occasionally, where a better exchange rate has been available, even with bank charges, Barclays or NALA have been used. 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. This year we have recorded financial support for students further education separately from Maria's Care grant and financed directly rather than through Maria's Care.

7. Charitable Activities

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Maria's Care Grants	55554.07	71958.35
Students Further Education	9994.53	0.00
Total	65548.60	71958.35

8. Cost of Generating Funds

The expenditure of £2305.14, incurred as a result of general fundraising 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 fundraising and administrative expenditure.

<u>Costs of generating Voluntary Income</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Insurance	384.26	367.45
IT Equipment and Software Support	300.00	300.00
Website costs	64.79	64.79
JustGiving Charge	216.00	216.00
Bank charges	191.09	0.00
Sub-total	1156.14	948.24
<u>Fundraising Trading</u>		
Charity Ball Costs	1149.00	150.00
Fundraising one-off events	0.00	158.25
Fundraising Fees	0.00	720.00
Sub-total	1149.00	1028.25
<u>Total Admin. & Fundraising Expenditure</u>	2305.14	1976.49

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 2024.

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.

Signed:



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