Trustees Annual Report
My Child
Year to 31st December 2025

Charity Number	1137445
Address	52 Ashley Street, Sible Hedingham, Essex, CO9 3EH
Trustees	Matt Savage (Chair) Cheryl Reid Ruth Savage (Treasurer)

Governance
The governing document is the trust deed and the charity is constituted as a trust. Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

Objects of the Charity
A) Prevention or Relief of Poverty
1. The prevention of poverty in African countries by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
2. The relief of financial hardship in African countries by providing or assisting in provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

B) Advancement of Religion
1. To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public through holding prayer meetings, retreats, mentoring programmes that will enable people to realise their identity, gifts and purpose, producing and/or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others about the Christian faith.
2. To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the My Child statement of faith.

C) Advancement of Education
1. For the public benefit to promote the education of people in African countries in such a way as the trustees think fit and by such other charitable means as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

Main Activities
My Child UK raises funds to support the work of My Child Uganda. The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The funds raised support the following work.

Charity Shop – The charity shop enables those without monetary resources to meet their needs through trade. Anyone can go to the shop and swap something that they have in exchange for something that they need. Surplus food generated by the swap shop is given to needy people in the area. The charity shop fulfils objects A and B.

Child Sponsorship in Uganda – Through this programme we are fulfilling objects A and C. Money given for child sponsorship from UK sponsors is used for school fees, books, uniforms and feeding while at school.

Library - My Child Uganda has set up a library and fitted it out with books and computers. Education projects are also run from the library. This fulfils object C.

Conferences – The charity supports Christian conferences in Uganda to help people in their spiritual development. This fulfils object B.

Providing Aid in Uganda – Where My Child sees a need it can help to meet, we will provide aid in those situations. My Child currently raises funds for a Christmas Hamper appeal that provides food for needy families for 3 weeks over the Christmas period. This fulfils object A.

Mission Trips to Uganda – The mission trips fulfil object B by providing opportunities for those on the trip to share their Christian faith with both individuals and larger groups. For those taking part in the mission trips it is not only a time to serve through short-term work but also an opportunity to visit the projects run by My Child and see the work that My Child is doing in Uganda. Attendees often go back to the UK inspired and encouraged to promote the work of My Child. The fulfils object A and B.

School in Uganda – One of the long term goals of My Child is to build a school in Uganda. This will fulfil objects A and C. In 2011 the land for the school was purchased and plans for the building were drawn up. Building work has not yet begun on the land as funds are still being raised. This fulfils object A.

Achievements & Performance

My Child sent grants of £17,800 to My Child Uganda during 2025. Below we have detailed what My Child Uganda have achieved with the money provided.

During 2025, My Child Uganda continued to fulfil its charitable objectives by supporting vulnerable children, families, elderly people, and communities through education, community development, discipleship, and practical care programmes as well as sharing the Gospel where possible.

Through the dedication of staff, trustees, volunteers, supporters, and partners, we have continued to see lives transformed and communities strengthened across Uganda.

<u>Bukomelo Charity Swap Shop</u>

In November 2024, we opened the Bukomelo Charity Swap Shop with the aim of supporting vulnerable members of the community by providing access to essential items and practical support. One year on, the shop continues to make a significant impact, particularly among elderly members of the community. The project currently provides essential food and care support for 11 elderly people. Sadly, one of those we supported passed away during the year.

Since opening, the shop has welcomed 134 customers from five different villages, with some travelling up to six miles to access the service. The shop has become a valuable resource within the community, providing both practical assistance and a place where people can receive encouragement and support. The shop is now known as “House of Joy Bukomero”.

<u>Sponsored Children Programme</u>

Our child sponsorship programme continues to transform the lives of children and their families by enabling access to education and creating opportunities for a better future. During 2025, 36 students were supported through the programme. We are encouraged to see the progress and achievements of many of our sponsored children:

- One of our older students graduated as a chef and is now employed in a bakery.

- Two other students are working as trainee teachers while continuing their studies during school holidays to gain their teaching qualifications.
- Another student joined us without having received any nursery education. Through support and encouragement, he has excelled academically and is now among the top ten students in his school. He is expected to complete his primary education in the 2026 academic year.

These achievements demonstrate the long-term impact of investing in children's education and development.

Community Library and Digital Learning Centre

Our community library continues to serve as an important hub for learning, support, and community engagement. During 2025, the library recorded 901 individual visits from community members accessing educational resources. In addition to providing books and learning materials, the library continues to support the wider community through:

- Weekly prayer meetings for parents and local ministers.
- Adult English language classes.
- Computer literacy classes for adults.
- Digital literacy training.
- Computer lessons for young people and adults.

The library has become a place where people can gain knowledge, develop skills, and build stronger community connections.

Celebrating the Girl Child

Our annual "Celebrating the Girl Child" event continues to address the challenges faced by young girls and provide encouragement, mentoring, and practical support. The 2025 theme was based on Romans 1:16: "I AM NOT ASHAMED." The one-day event was attended by 170 girls aged between 12 and 19 years. Alongside activities, food, and fellowship, the programme included contributions from professionals who addressed important issues affecting young people today, including identity, confidence, and life challenges. The response from the community has highlighted the significant need for this type of programme. We have received requests to expand the initiative to run at least twice a year and to include boys.

Christmas Food Hamper Outreach

Our Christmas Food Hamper initiative continued to provide practical support to families facing hardship during the festive season. In 2025, 111 families from 16 different villages received food hampers containing essential items including sugar, beans, rice, maize flour, and soap. Through this outreach, approximately 1,005 individuals received food support during the Christmas period. The impact extended beyond meeting physical needs:

- Of the 50 non-Christian families reached, 30 people made commitments to follow Jesus Christ.
- One team member was reunited with their father after many years apart. When the team delivered a food hamper to him in his village, he was deeply moved and committed his life to Jesus Christ.
- Another lady had gone four days without food in her home. On the morning the team arrived, she and her daughter were preparing to go to the local market to beg for food. The support provided brought immediate relief and hope.

We are grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate compassion and share hope with families across our communities.

Missions and Outreach

In 2025, we welcomed a mission team of four people from the United Kingdom for a two-week mission experience in Uganda. The charity organised their programme, enabling them to participate in ministry and outreach activities across different regions, including Gulu, Lira, Soroti, and Bukomero. The visit strengthened relationships with our partners and provided opportunities for shared learning, encouragement, and community ministry.

Other Activities and Achievements

Men's Conferences - We hosted two men's conferences during the year, with a combined attendance of approximately 156 men from various villages. These events focused on spiritual growth, encouragement, and strengthening families and communities.

Trustee meeting and retreat - The trustees continued to meet monthly to provide oversight, accountability, and strategic direction for the charity. A trustee retreat was also held during the year to review progress, strengthen governance, and ensure continued alignment with the charity's vision and mission.

Mama's Kitchen Café - Mama's Kitchen Café operates as a self-sustaining initiative supporting single parents by providing opportunities for income generation and skills development.

Prison Ministry - During 2025, we carried out three prison visits, providing encouragement, practical support, and spiritual ministry. Through these visits, 35 inmates made commitments to become Christians.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, My Child Uganda remains committed to serving vulnerable children, families, and communities through education, practical support, community development, and sharing the love of Christ. We are thankful to all our supporters, partners, trustees, volunteers, and staff whose commitment makes this work possible.

Financial Review

At the end of 2025 the charity held £16,249 in cash funds, of which £1,214 were for restricted purposes. No funds were in deficit. The target of the trustees of My Child is to hold up to 6 month's expenditure (£11,000 based on 2025 figures) in reserves.

Trustees Matt and Ruth Savage received refunds of charity related expenses totalling £759.12 during 2025. Of this £710.58 was for Ruth Lovell's flights to the UK; £19.74 was postage and stationery; and £28.80 was for My Child website domain costs.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:





Matt Savage Cheryl Reid

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

My Child	1137445

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1 Jan 2025	To	31 Dec 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	19,883	105	-	19,988	22,014
Partner Income	900	-	-	900	880
Child Sponsorship	-	736	-	736	280
Fundraising	-	3,762	-	3,762	2,788
Gift Aid	205	25	-	230	829
Bank Interest	89	-	-	89	103
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	21,077	4,628	-	25,705	26,894
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,077	4,628	-	25,705	26,894
A3 Payments					
Grant to My Child Uganda	13,978	3,821	-	17,799	15,783
Shipping	1,290	-	-	1,290	83
R Lovell Expenses	1,551	-	-	1,551	4,827
Flights	711	-	-	711	738
Legal & Professional	320	-	-	320	-
Insurance	184	-	-	184	176
IT Costs	29	-	-	29	22
Bank Charges	30	-	-	30	40
Printing, Postage & Stationery	20	-	-	20	83
Sub total	18,113	3,821	-	21,934	21,752
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Mobile Phone	-	-	-	-	679
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	679
Total payments	18,113	3,821	-	21,934	22,431
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,964	807	-	3,771	4,463
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,071	407	-	12,478	7,932
Cash funds this year end	15,035	1,214	-	16,249	12,395

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank Current Account	9,285	1,172	-
	Co-operative Bank Savings Account	4,750	-	-
	Unbanked Stewardship Donations		42	
	Unbanked Cheque	1,000	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,035	1,214	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid (May-Dec 25)	173	150	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Cheryl	Cheryl Reid	
		Matt Savage	

Details of Funds:

Christmas Appeal (restricted)	727
School (restricted)	249
Other (restricted)	238

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of My Child

Registered charity number: 1137445

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

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



Signed: Date: 30th July 2026

Stephen Hendy

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