

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year/Year of Report: 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

NAME OF CHARITY:

Biblical Rural Evangelism and Development [B.R.E.A.D.]

NI CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER:

Charity number: NIC 100179

STRUCTURE:

BREAD operates as an unincorporated association and is governed by a Constitution dated 1st July 2014, which sets out the charity's purposes and details its powers.

PURPOSES:

BREAD exists to assist the people of Kenya spiritually and physically. These aims are carried out through our charitable purposes of the advancement of Christianity, the advancement of Education and the prevention or Relief of Poverty.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:

The principal address for the charity and contact for the Charity Commission is Mr Norman Kennedy, 12 Tullagh Brow, Ballymena, BT42 2LY.

TRUSTEES:

The Trustees serving BREAD at the time of approving this report are Mrs Linda Hanna, Mr Norman Kennedy, Mr David McGowan and Mrs Cherith Crymble.

BREAD's MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Evangelism /Church Planting

BREAD supports the work of two Kenyan Evangelists. Rev Amos Lwaya leads a ministry called 'Grace Mission Outreach' and Mr Eliphas Gitonga is based at his church in Tharaka which is called 'Gospel Across the Nations'. These two men and their teams of about twenty people usually preach the Gospel in remote locations. BREAD considers Evangelism and Church Planting of primary importance and of great public benefit.

2. Water Tank Project

River water is normally used in the homes of the Tharaka people who live in a very drought prone area of Central Eastern Kenya. Women and children can walk as far as five kilometres to the river to fetch water. Water is carried in a 20 litre plastic drum tied onto the back. This is exhausting work. The Water Tank Project involves the purchase of large round PVC tanks which are placed in the homes under a tin roof. When it rains the water is collected and directed by gutter into the tank. This gives 2,300 litres of clean water for household use. Families report that the incidence of water borne diseases such as amoebic dysentery are greatly reduced with use of the rainwater. In evaluating this project, we note that many Tharakans have requested a tank for their home. In 2023 one hundred and forty three water tanks were installed in Tharaka homes. This activity is clearly of public benefit as it results in a reduction in water-borne diseases among the Tharaka people.

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3. Education Project

Many poor children in Kenya do not have the opportunity to be educated at Secondary School. As a result they do not fulfil their God given potential. BREAD has been assisting some young people at Secondary School who have 'dropped out', not due to lack of intelligence, but because of poverty. This project assists city and rural children. BREAD funds three quarters of the fees parents pay at Secondary School and College level, equipping students for the job market when their education is complete. In the calendar year 2023 BREAD assisted fifty eight students with their education. The key public benefit of this Project is the improved education of individual beneficiaries, which allows individual students to progress to further studies or jobs. When employed this allows individual beneficiaries to better provide for the material needs of their families.

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Throughout the year, in carrying out the activities of BREAD, the Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit Requirement Statutory Guidance.

FINANCES:

In the calendar year of 2023 BREAD raised funds for Kenya by various means including church donations, individual donations, and gifts from charitable trusts. The total raised from donations and legacies was £33,007.91 and from other charitable activities was £7,751.91. This gave a total income for 2023 of £40,759.82.

The BREAD committee met six times in 2023. The purpose of these meetings was to plan various fundraising events to support the work in Kenya and to discuss and agree how the charity's resources should best be used to help people on the ground in Kenya.

BREAD's Coordinator in Kenya is Mrs Catherine Miriti and the Deputy Coordinator is Mrs Lucy Mutembei. These women have been handling funds for various projects in Kenya since BREAD's inception in 1998. In 2023 grants of £41,334.00 were sent to Kenya for Evangelism, Church Planting, the purchase of Water Tanks, and for the Education Project.

On examination of BREAD's finances in the calendar year of 2023 we note that there was a decrease in income from £49,228.42 in 2022 to £40,759.82 in 2023. Expenditure saw an increase from £42,088.62 in 2022 to £43,342.02 in 2023. Cash at the bank and in hand was £28,470.59 in 2022 and £25,888.39 at the end of December 2023.

BREAD's charitable work is dependent on private donations, small grants and sponsored events. Donations that are specified towards a particular Project are treated as Restricted Funds and are applied as designated by the donor.

FUTURE PLANS:

BREAD wishes to continue supporting our partners in Kenya in helping alleviate poverty, provision of water tanks, assisting poor students with education, supporting church planting and evangelism.

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Signed by Trustees:

Date:

Mrs Linda Hanna

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8/10/2024

Mrs Cherith Crymble

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08/10/2024

Dr David McGowan

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Mr Norman Kennedy

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