

Summary Information Return 2009 (Online)



Summary Information Return 2009 Of Aims, Activities and Achievements

This return is intended to comprise a Summary of key information contained in the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts and in other documents.

BIBLE AND GOSPEL TRUST

Charity Number: 1110085

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This Summary Information Return was submitted online by MR WILLIAM HUGH GEORGE HATHORN on 23 April 2010. You do not need to send us a signed copy.

Question 1 - The Charity's Aims

What are your charity's aims?

To provide for the increase and improvement of Christian knowledge and the spread of the gospel both within the UK and overseas, by the printing, publication and distribution of Christian literature.

Question 2 - Who benefits?

Who benefits from the charities work?

- a) The general public
- b) Mankind as a whole

How do you respond to their needs and how do they influence the charity's developments?

By the printing and publishing of Christian literature, including the Holy Bible, gospel cards and booklets. Voluntary feedback would indicate the importance of making more Christian literature available due to the increasing moral and spiritual decline amongst mankind, and having gospel booklets available in a variety of languages to convey a Christian message to help arrest and prevent this decline.

Question 3 - The Charity's Strategy

What are the key elements of your charity's medium to long term strategy?

- a) The distribution of Bibles, and other Christian literature entirely in accord with the Holy Scriptures for the furtherance of Christian knowledge amongst mankind.
- b) The promotion of Christian values through the spread of the gospel.
- c) To make literature available at or below cost to disadvantaged persons.
- d) To provide literature suitable for use by those engaged in street preaching activities.
- e) Improved marketing material and the provision of a website.
- f) Setting up stockists of Christian literature in different parts of the world for free distribution.

How does your charity measure the success of the strategy?

- a) Positive feedback from individuals who have received Christian literature and gospel cards or booklets.
- b) By requests for gospel cards and booklets to be made available in more languages
- c) The level of demand for publications, which is regularly monitored.

Question 4 - The Charity's Objectives and Achievements

What were your charity's main annual objectives and were they achieved?

Objective	Achievement
Distribution of Bibles and other Christian literature entirely in accord with the Holy Scriptures for the furtherance of Christian knowledge	Bibles and other Christian literature were supplied worldwide, and the policy of supplying Bibles and gospel booklets free of charge to disadvantaged persons was continued.
To provide our customers with a product of superior quality at exceptionally advantageous prices together with a high standard of service, care and reliability.	A continual review was carried out on binding methods on Bibles, and production of other literature, to ensure right balance is maintained between quality and affordability of products. This has meant prices could be held.
To promote Christian values through the spread of the gospel	Gospel cards conveying a brief gospel message were launched and these were distributed worldwide along with gospel booklets. A further twenty-three foreign titles were added to the range of gospel booklets.

Question 5 - The Charity's Income and Expenditure

What were your charity's most significant activities during the year and how much did you spend on them?

Charitable Activities	£ 000s
Production of Bibles and Christian literature	2,929
Grants	50

What were your charity's three main fundraising activities in the year and how much did each generate and cost?

Fundraising Activity	Income generated	Cost of Activity £ 000s
Not applicable	0	0
Explanatory Comments		
No fundraising activities were carried out in the year. During the year the Charity raised £3,021,819 through its charitable objects. This comprises of £319,173 of voluntary income, and £2,702,646 from subscriptions and the sale of Bibles and other Christian literature. In addition to this a further sum of £66,329 was earned on bank deposits.		

Question 6 - The Charity's Financial Health

How would you describe your charity's financial health at the end of the period?

Sufficient funds are held to enable the Charity to continue to meet its aims and objectives. Reserves are held on the Trust Fund equivalent to seven months' expenditure. Quarterly management accounts are prepared allowing regular review of the financial situation. The Charity continues to maintain a low risk investment policy, and has its funds spread between the main High Street banks.

Question 7 - The Next Year

How will the overall performance last year affect your charity's medium to long term strategy?

The Charity's performance over the past year has meant it can continue to meet its aims and objectives. Whilst the current economic situation has resulted in reduced investment income, there has been no overall reduction in income, and therefore no change to the Charity's medium to long-term strategy is envisaged.

What are your charity's main objectives for next year?

To further increase the range of publications, and make Christian literature more available thereby reducing the decline in Christian values and principles.

To set up a bookstore where the general public can review and purchase Christian literature.

To launch a website which will allow persons worldwide to access free downloadable Christian gospel literature.

Question 8 - The Charity's Governance

How does the charity ensure that its governance arrangements are appropriate and effective?

The Charity recognises the needs for a variety of skills and experience to be held by its Trustees. Regular meetings are held by the Trustees to monitor and review all aspects of the Charity. Areas of responsibility are shared amongst the Trustees and a reporting mechanism is in place to ensure all Trustees are kept full informed of any matter. The Trust manager undertakes the day-to-day organisation and management of the Charity and would report to the Trustees and normally attend the Trust meetings.

Further details on all the answers given in the Summary Information Return can be obtained from:

Annual Report of the Trustees

DECLARATION

Your Summary Information Return was submitted online by MR WILLIAM HUGH GEORGE HATHORN on 23 April 2010, telephone number 01689 883490.

MR WILLIAM HUGH GEORGE HATHORN certified online that:

- the information provided was correct
- it had been or would be brought to the attention of all the trustees

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