



Annual Report 2019



Sovereign World Trust

Biblical teaching for Christian leaders in the poorest nations

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Change and no change...

Chris Moffett

Greetings to all our annual report readers and thank you to those of you who have been praying for us and supporting us financially. Thanks to those who have quietly slipped a payment directly into our bank account without identifying yourself, or who have sent us a gift saying, "no acknowledgement needed." Special thanks too for those who have prayed for us in secret following God's prompting. We can truly say that we have experienced God's favour in unexpected ways over the past year.



This report takes us to the end of the second decade of the twenty-first century. We thank God that he has sustained and blessed Sovereign World Trust for some 34 years. This is a good opportunity to review what has changed and what has not over this time.

What has not changed?

The **need** for good quality Biblical teaching for churches in the developing world. This remains as great as ever because the church is growing and remains vulnerable to many pressures. The transition from convert to fruit-bearing disciple takes both teaching and time. Churches in these nations are vulnerable to syncretism; lack of teaching means that they are not equipped to discern where to draw the line between what is Christian and what is not. When Paul prayed for the Philippians one of the things that he prayed for was knowledge and depth of insight so that they would be able to exercise discernment.



The **mission of the Trust** is unchanged. To provide good quality teaching, free of charge, to faithful leaders who in turn will teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2 is the scripture upon which this ministry was founded and that will not change. The need to carefully select books that will build faith, wisdom and helpful knowledge in a way that is sensitive to cultural issues remains unchanged.

The need to work in **partnership** with others remains the same. We are so thankful for our faithful partners both in the UK and overseas. We particularly value those who travel to out-of-the way places to put books into the hands of hungry leaders who really appreciate them. We benefit from their insights and feedback.

Positive feedback. It's quite amazing how much difference a book can make. In the West we often take them for granted. We are so rich in resources. But those we serve have far less than we have and yet they do make use of the

little that they have. Pastors with little or no training tell us how much they appreciate the books. That is why so much of this annual report is given over to passing on their comments.

Our **link with Sovereign World Ltd**, now part of Ellel Ministries is unchanged. Although separate organisations, the Trust has always benefited from its close relationship with the publisher. As a Trust we aim to send books that will really make a difference to people's lives and we know that the books we receive from SWL do precisely that. Their titles in the Truth and Freedom series as well as other books on Christian living are right at the top of our list of life-changing books. We are very grateful for this special relationship and for their continued generosity.

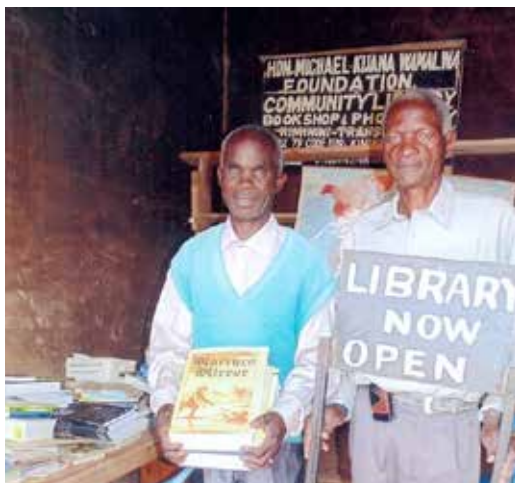
What has changed?

The world! For that reason, the Trust has also had to adapt and respond.

We now have the **Internet**, although its benefit is not quite as great as one might expect. For those recipients with access to it, it is certainly easier to communicate and let us know that their books have arrived. Some use Internet cafés but this is more expensive than the cost of posting a letter and composing a reply by hand is generally easier. Conversations with librarians about books are possible but apart from towns and cities or colleges with good Internet connections, the opportunity to search for material on-line is not as great as we enjoy in the West. Printing-out material is costly. Printers are expensive to maintain. Because we serve the poorest nations and those with limited resources, the complete benefits of the Internet have not yet reached them. Interestingly, many developing nations have skipped the 'land-line' generation of phones and are using mobiles. Some are able to communicate using WhatsApp. Smart phones are growing in popularity; many trade-in phones from the West find their way to pastors in the developing nations. One bonus for us in staying with postal mail, is that we can provide colour-coded response forms which are difficult to clone. As a ministry that gives away books free-of-charge it is important that we take measures to avoid being exploited.



Pre-loved books: In times past there were many requests that we were unable to meet for such books as Bible dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, study Bibles and books on particular topics. We are very thankful for the many high-quality used books we are being given by retiring ministers and those downsizing their collections. These are used for library 'top-ups' – which can be a box of twenty or a pallet of 500 depending on the situation. This year has seen the addition of an on-line ordering facility on our website and an Android app is nearly ready for launch. These make it possible for invited recipients to search on-line for books by title, theme or author. This aspect of the ministry is very much a God-initiative and we look forward to seeing it grow. One of the most frequent requests we receive is for study Bibles.



Community libraries: An encouraging development is the growth of libraries in communities that serve all the churches in a particular area. This is a very efficient way to spread the benefit of the books as a shared resource. It also enables us to provide a broader selection. But the benefit goes far beyond that of the information in the books themselves. They encourage cooperation and respect between churches - practical unity.

Supporting church partnerships: This is a development which we would like to see extended. Many churches in the UK have links with churches in other nations – sometimes on a denominational level and sometimes through a personal relationship. The Trust is able to supply books through such connections. We provide the books and the church

provides the finance for the books to be sent. The article on pages 4 to 5 illustrates this. Annie Makoni of Kings Hill Christian Fellowship (KHCF) is currently working in Zimbabwe in a church which has started a library for the community. She visited us personally to select books and the funds to send them were provided by KHCF. As a Trust we are really pleased to strengthen the effectiveness of these links and we're keen to hear from any churches that would like to enter into such an arrangement.

God continues to bless us and help us in so many ways. Thank you to all of you who are sharing the journey with us. Please read on and enjoy...

Chris Moffett

In conversation with...

Annie Makoni

In our 2018 Annual Report, we brought news from Annie Makoni in Harare. In this year's introduction to the Annual Report, Chris Moffett wrote about the partnership between One Church in Zimbabwe, Kings Hill Christian Fellowship and Sovereign World Trust. The catalyst for the partnership was Annie, whose love of Africa began many years ago. We caught up with her recently to find out more.

Annie, we would love to hear about how your love affair with Africa began?

I guess Africa got under my skin from an early age as my mum grew up in Kenya where my grandpa was a missionary doctor and my mum and dad were living in Kenya when they found out they were expecting me. So although I actually 'popped out' into the world in Kent, I have had a longing to get to Africa for as long as I can remember and I jumped at the first opportunity that came my way. This was at the age of 18, when I was able to go with a Crusoe team to Zimbabwe for a month on a work project to help renovate a school in Chimanimani in the Eastern Highlands.

How did you initially cope with such a very different environment and the challenges that this presented?

Weirdly enough, while the rest of my team are bemoaning the absence of electricity, and the lack of home comforts, I felt totally at home when I first came to Zimbabwe. I just knew that I would come back, and I did.

So how did your African calling grow?

Just six months after my visit with the Crusoe group, I returned to the same little village in the Eastern

Highlands to teach English in the local school for five months, before I went back to England to go to college to study art. During my time at college, my sense of calling to Africa got stronger.

And how did your faith develop at this time?

It was about halfway through my time at college that I got baptised. It was something that I wanted to do because even though I had grown up in a Christian family where I had known about Jesus for as long as I could remember, but I wanted to make it my own and for it to be my own decision. And it was from this time that I felt a new sense of strength and direction.

How did this translate into a heart for helping the poor in Zimbabwe?

During my time at university, I used to pick strawberries at the beginning of the long summer holiday so that I could earn enough money to buy a ticket to get back to Zimbabwe again. It was during one of these trips when I had just finished being a helper on a Scripture Union camp and I was waiting for a visa to visit Mozambique, I was hanging around in the town of Wartari???. During that time I got chatting to some of the children who lived on the street. They slept each night in a railway waiting room. From that point on I had a burning desire to help them and it never really went away. So it wasn't much of a surprise to anyone when, having finally got my degree, I was on the next plane out to Zimbabwe to start a new life trying to help the children who lived on the streets.

It would be wonderful to hear about One Church, your church in Zimbabwe

One Church is kind of a unique



Annie with daughter Promise in the One Church library.

place. Just about anyone can walk in at any time and just about anything can happen - and frequently does! You can be sitting in a Sunday Service with a kid on one side of you who is high on glue and who has stumbled in off the street, and on the other side there could be a smartly dressed business person who has just driven in from home. The heart of the church really does beat for the poor and those who are on the edge; and most people who come to the church know the deal.

What I like is that it isn't just that the poor are there as the charity bit of the church, but that they are as much part of the church as anyone else and they actually make it a richer place.

How does One Church bring hope to those in need?

There are a number of initiatives run at One Church to try to offer hope to those who are short of it; those on the street, the unemployed, people who are addicted, those who have run away from home, the broken and the hurting.

At the moment we have a recycling project, a herb project, a soup kitchen and an art project. We recently received a donation of some large shipping containers which are gradually being renovated



The One Church library is housed in donated shipping containers



Annie and the One Church team worked hard kitting out the inside



With their hard work, the community library dream has become a reality

into a café, a shop and importantly, a library.

What do you see as the challenges for the growth of the Christian faith in Africa?

My time in Africa has shown me that, although there is no shortage of churches and no lack of interest in spiritual things, there are few people who really read the Bible or have access to Christian books.

In a culture where there are many people claiming to be prophets and many churches popping up with their own concoctions of Christianity, mixed with traditional ancestral worship, there is little knowledge of truth and people are very vulnerable to being misled.

How did the relationship with Sovereign World Trust begin?

When we decided to start a church library we didn't have any books at all and books are so very expensive here. I had met Chris Moffett when he had come to our church to preach, so it was a natural connection, especially when I heard about the collection of pre-loved books that the Trust stocks. They were just the sort of books we were looking for.

How has Sovereign World Trust been able to help you and your community?

During a visit to England my daughter Promise and I visited Sovereign World Trust and spent several happy hours looking through the pre-loved books collection, selecting those we thought would be suitable for the library. We boxed them up by category, having selected 233 books to the value of around £700. The cost of freighting the books to Harare, however, would cost a further £300.

Happily, Kings Hill Christian Fellowship (KHCF), where I worship when visiting the UK, generously agreed to support the project and provided the £300 to cover freight costs from their mission budget.

To be able to offer Christian books to a community, which would never otherwise be able to access them, is a brilliant opportunity and we are so grateful to Sovereign World Trust for getting us started. Last year, six big boxes of Christian books from the Trust arrived in Harare and they are now able to help the local people - both those who are leaders and regular members of the church and those who just live in

the community and have a hunger to read.

Zimbabwe and England must feel worlds apart, and not just geographically. What do you miss most about England?

Naturally my family. I miss my mum, dad, sister and brother; I am also a little sad that my children cannot grow up with their cousins. I also miss hot baths and Christmas! I miss things working - like electricity and turning on taps that actually reliably run water. I miss the cleanliness and lack of dust. I am also nostalgic for the sea and I definitely miss the spring, especially bluebells!

And what do you miss about Zimbabwe when you come to England?

The laughter, the singing and the music; and the *live one day at a time* attitude. I miss One Church and the colour; and randomly I miss the mangos and avocados we have in Zimbabwe.

Thanks Annie, it was wonderful to hear your story and we look forward to catching up on the progress of One Church and your library in the months and years to come.



"My name is Tonde and I am helping out in the One Hope Library. Thank you for these books which are lifting up our community. God bless you."
Tonde



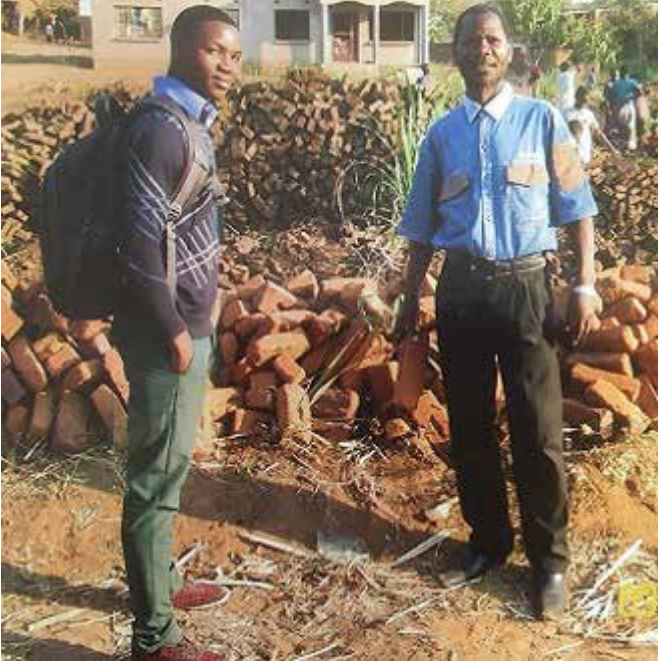
"Thank guys for donating books to us. I have benefited a lot from them and I've also learned much about what God is doing around the world."
Time

News from the nations

Information from the nations arrives daily via post and email. Sharing news from our recipients shows the impact of your support on those who really need it.

Africa

Education and Church Growth, Malawi



Last year we had some heartening news from Bishop James in Malawi, together with grateful thanks for support.

Bishop James brought tales of progress in education and church growth in his area. The Bishop particularly acknowledged the importance of adult education: "I have a dream for adult literacy. May God help us," he prays.

"The books you send us are transforming us spiritually and physically. There is a change for the better every time. These books are empowering us, motivating and encouraging.

Our ways of understanding spiritual issues and matters are also changing. They are eye and mind openers. Thank you for the gift of books you send us. May God bless this ministry. Again our thanks go to sponsors and friends and supporters of this ministry.

Life Crusade Missions Church is a growing church – not big. The one great mission is to go there and preach Jesus for

someone to come to the Lord. With our little resources we try as much as we can to do this task and go to different districts to open up churches. We are very limited in this work because of a lack of resources. We want the church to be within a wall. We have done one part and the other part is to be completed when we get resources.

We also need a junior primary school, a nursery and reception for little ones. The last project which we are working on is church musical instruments. Please help us with prayers that the Lord will make all these possible."

'Sound' Teaching, Uganda

Community radio is helping to spread the word of God in Kampala.

Using our books to help formulate radio programmes is just one of the more unusual and innovative uses of the titles we send.

Elder Emmanuel from Uganda recently wrote to us to tell us about his ministry's community radio programme which encourages local people to come to God.

The programme, which broadcasts mainly in the evening, aims to bring a sense of community to the surrounding area.

"Thank you so much for supporting us with these divine books. You have enriched us indeed with knowledge", writes Elder Emmanuel. "*Forgiveness – God's Master Key* by Peter Horrobin has blessed me so much. We, all Christians, are a product of the God's master key (forgiveness). Because we are his disciples, we ought to use the same master key as we go along in life. One with a master key has access to enjoy all the benefits in every room.



Thank you partners of Sovereign who enable us receive the free books! You are such a blessing to us."

“The Books Are So Powerful...Wow!”

Benin could perhaps be viewed as one of the forgotten African countries. Bordered by Togo to the west and Nigeria to the east, the majority of its population lives on the small southern coastline of the Bight of Benin. Here, there is heavy

reliance on the often precarious livelihood of subsistence farming.

One of our first-time recipients, Pastor Erick, ministers from Porto Novo, Benin’s capital. He recently received a number of new books

from the Trust:

Practicing the Principles of Prayer, The Essentials of Christian Leadership, What the Bible Teaches on Prayer and Fasting and Preaching Through the Bible 1, 2, 3 John and Jude. Pastor Erick wrote to us in a letter full of enthusiasm, vision and hope:

“The books are so powerful...

my prayer life has changed and concerning leadership ‘wow’! Integrity is the core message for me and also strategy,” explains Pastor Erick. “The Lord gave us a vision – my wife and I since 2014 – to win souls and equip our people for the Kingdom of Heaven. This is where our church began; today, the church has been registered officially in our country and we are free to now work for God without limit.

We have house calls in different areas of our city and we are also involved in evangelism and hospital ministry every week. We also have various projects; we hope to open a bilingual school, English and French, a language centre, where we can teach English and the Bible. We also want to support orphans, widows and the poor in rural areas of our communities.”



Asia

“Sowing the word of God in the hearts of men”

Pastor Vasa is a regular contributor of news and colourful photos from his church mission in Andhra Pradesh, India

Pastor Vasa’s church has about 45 current worshippers, but the church is active in evangelical work and pastoral care for local villagers.

Pastor Vasa and his church are so grateful for the “precious and valuable” books we are able to send to them with your support.

The church certainly makes full use of the materials we send by using them in open-air gospel meetings, youth groups, pastors’ conferences, in church services and at thanksgiving prayer meetings. It is the goal of the ministry to “continue to sow the word of God in the hearts of men”.

Pastor Vasa has also used the books we send in his theological studies. He has just attained the qualification of BD or Bachelor of Divinity.



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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

Matthew 28:19-20

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“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

These inspirational words, from Psalm 119:105, form part of the letterhead of one of our library recipients, the Evangelical Library of Colombo, Sri Lanka.



Following our recent worldwide mailing, we are receiving so many inspirational stories of those coming to God and growing closer to Him.

One such story and photographs came from Roheen, from the Evangelical Library, Colombo. The Evangelical Library is a real success story, and in its service of the people of Colombo it has gone from strength to strength.

“We are so grateful for this gift of books which are of tremendous value to our library and a

great blessing to all who read them.” Roheen writes. “...so many people read these books which you sent and get close to the Lord...and thereafter start reading the Bible.”

In her letter to the Trust, Roheen also included a testimony from one of the library members, Malika, now also a member of staff at the library:

“I was working in a medical book library when a friend of mine introduced me to the Evangelical Library. I thank God that I have now worked here for 17 years. It has kept me busy and I enjoy the work very much. The books are absolutely good and lead to changing lives through reading the books. This library is a store of knowledge regarding the word of God. May God enlarge Sovereign World Trust’s ministry and bless all who work there....may God touch the hearts of the people who will read these books and change their lives.”

News of Hardship, But Hope...

Last year we received a letter from Mrs Vaddi Ross, founder of Living Waters Rural Evangelism. Mrs Ross was able to give us an update on her ministry and brought news from India.

Flooding had been particularly severe in Mrs Ross’ district and in neighbouring Kerala. The area Living Waters Rural Evangelism is based in is a low-lying one, and so is particularly vulnerable to the flood waters. She asked for our continued prayers for the victims and prayers that food, clothing and medicines will continue to find their way to those in need.

Despite the hardships, Mrs Ross still found time to thank us for our parcel of books which were safely received following the flooding and brought messages of hope and healing. *The Essentials of Excellent Christian Leadership* by Richard Wallis was once again singled out for particular praise and has been used by Mrs Ross in both her teaching and preaching.

It is impossible to imagine how hard life has been for the ministry and the people it serves, but we pray that the books will offer comfort and hope as the people affected rebuild their lives.



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Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.

Proverbs 1:5

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The rest of the world

While many of our recipients come from African and Asian countries, we also receive numerous requests from pastors and libraries from other diverse and far-flung nations.

Helping Isolated Pastors in the Pacific

Vanuatu is an island country located in the southern Pacific Ocean approximately 1,090 miles east of northern Australia. It is an archipelago made up of 83 small islands, of which around 65 are inhabited. Its closest neighbours are New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, and Tuvalu.

Pastor Situ is a pastor from one of the more remote areas of Vanuatu. Last year, he wrote to us to describe his ministry, and to thank the Trust and our supporters for the books he receives as part of our regular mailings. His words demonstrate how important it is that we continue to reach out to those pastors in isolated locations.

"I praise God and am thankful to the Lord for allowing me to know this ministry. It has been a great blessing to me as I am a pastor living on an isolated island. No one is close by to help, so your assistance in this way encourages me in my ministry and helps me to gain Biblical knowledge so I can teach and preach to the church members.

Because of the good study materials church members are being helped and taught; so much so that one of the youth is now willing to go to another island in the South Pacific as a missionary. This is the first time that the church has decided to send a young man to another island. This is because of the help of the materials sent to us."

Pastor Situ is pictured inside the church he has been pastor of for 25 years.



Graduation success Philippines

Last year Edgar Villaflores wrote to us from the Philippines to tell us about his ministry at his local Christ Grace Community Church.

Edgar was not just taking on more ministry responsibilities at church,

he was also working tirelessly in his studies at the ABCCOP Christian Theological School (ACTS) in Camarines Norte. He was determined that his studies would further equip him to serve God.



Recently Edgar gave us an update on his life and mission:

"Dear Brethren at SWT UK. Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I'd like to inform you that last May 1, 2019, I finished my theological studies at the ABCCOP Christian

Theological School and I was granted a degree of Diploma in Holistic (Christian) Ministry. I was also ordained as a pastor in our local church together with the other pastors in our area of ministry.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your help and concern in continually sending such valuable Christian literature through all these years. The reference and Bible study books that I've received really helped me, not only in my theological studies, but in my teaching and preaching ministry in our local church. Thank you so much and may God richly bless your ministry!"

Congratulations to Edgar and, as ever, grateful thanks to our supporters for continuing to make such achievements possible across the world.

Edgar is pictured second left at his graduation ceremony.

Mission News Fiji

Levuka is a town on the eastern coast of the Fijian island of Ovalau. Levuka is very much a trip back in time to a Fiji still seemingly unaffected by the effects of large-scale tourism and commerce.

Pastor Niko wrote to the Trust to give us an update on his ministry on this beautiful island:

"I give thanks of prayer to our Lord Jesus when I receive your gifts of books that you have sent to me and thanks from all my friends who receive books from Sovereign World Trust.

One of the books you sent me, *Surviving the Storm* (by Wendy Foxhall), is a very good and helpful book. My great thanks to the Lord, to the author, the publisher, the donors and all at SWT for this book. *Surviving the Storm* arrived here in good time. It has already saved two marriages and two families, one that has four children!

We still have a small library in my office on this small island. My prayers and great hope is that you will keep on sending me the gift of books because they have been so helpful to our ministry here.



To end this letter, I would like to send my prayers and good wishes to you all. May the good Lord bless you all."

Pastor Niko

From the Four Corners of the World

"Your books are a great treasure for us ... we appreciate your faithfulness in sending books and helping us in ministry. It is so good to know that we are not alone, but have brothers and sisters who help us and who are co-workers with us. Thank you that you are faithful in supporting us and we are praying that God will bless you in order that you can continue to be a blessing for many..."

Pastor Marcel, Romania



"I want to thank you for all the books that you have donated to us. Nearly every book you have sent in the last 14 years we read and pass on to other members of our church to read. These in turn are handed out to the

visitors that come to our church. They come from many nations as Malta has become cosmopolitan and many Eastern European and African visitors come. We give them the books to keep on the condition they will pass them on to others in need when they have finished reading them."

Pastor Vincent, Malta

"The books you sent me have helped so much to pray, to preach and to teach. Thank you so very much. God bless you."

Pastor Almon, Indonesia

"The books have been a blessing to us and we have used them for home and Bible study, and also given some to a pastor who is unable to purchase books. I am praying for the sponsors that the Lord will continue to bless them and I thank God that I can get books to help me with my studies as I cannot afford to purchase them myself."

Pastor Aston, Jamaica

"Many thanks for your help. May the Lord continue to prosper your ministry...I am very happy to receive the books. Christian Greetings and I hope to continue receiving many more books."

Pastor Jorge, Argentina

"Thank you very much for blessing our ministry centre... with wonderful books. Our growing library, thanks to you, is now accessed by approximately 1,000 people per year. We encourage less technology and more reading and most people love it."

Pastor Borislav, Bulgaria

The growth of the faithful church in our hands...

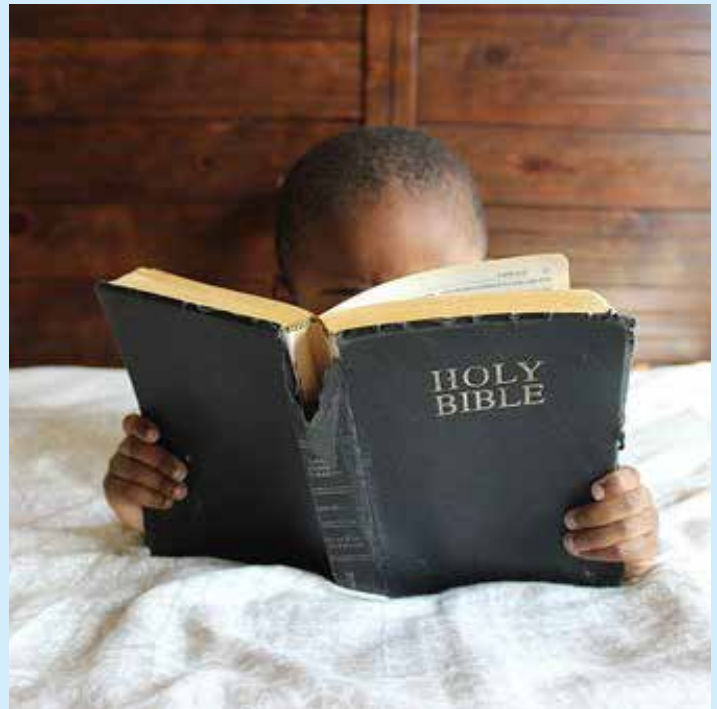
Just how important and necessary is it to send Biblical teaching books to distant lands? With so many worthy causes and such great need, is this really a priority? Rightly, people want to support those activities that make a difference.

In the last 20 years the Church has seen dramatic and explosive growth in Asia, Africa and South America. The growth of the African Church is especially staggering. In 1900 there were fewer than 9 million Christians in Africa. Now there are more than 540 million. In the last 15 years alone, the Church in Africa has seen a 51% increase - an average of around 33,000 people either becoming Christians or being born into Christian families each day - in Africa alone.*

So how does the church ensure that Christians in such far-flung lands grow in their faith? In so many areas of the third world, pastors have only the Bible itself to refer to in their preaching. How can they be protected from wrongful interpretation and extreme teachings? Without support, such Christian leaders and teachers can, unsurprisingly, feel isolated and lose motivation.

The church in the west has been able to study the word of God for hundreds of years and enjoyed a wealth of teaching over the centuries. Is it not entirely appropriate, therefore, that we should share some of this knowledge where it is most needed and where it will have a sizeable impact?

Biblical teaching books which faithfully explain issues of character, righteousness and Godly leadership can and do make all the difference. Without them, that's hundreds of millions of Christians who are at risk of misunderstanding and misinterpreting God's word. And this will only be perpetuated without our support. The potential implications are jaw-dropping.



For those who may perhaps be reading about Sovereign World Trust for the first time, we supply Biblical teaching resources to Christian leaders in 97 of the world's poorest nations, where the church is growing rapidly but where they lack trained leaders and resources. Based in Hadlow, near Tonbridge, Kent, the Trust has been in operation since 1986 and since its inception has sent hundreds of thousands of books to those in need across the globe.

Here are just a few more stories of the power of the written word placed in the right hands

God's libraries

Since 2011 we have worked in partnership with Starfish Malawi to provide books for pastor resource centres in the area of Salima. The rapid growth and high use of the initial resource centre further stimulated demand as

*Source: www.christiantoday.com

isolated pastors came from miles around to visit, taking back lessons learned to their remote locations. It was not unusual for pastors to spend a couple of hours cycling into Salima and of course another two hours to return home. With such great need, the project has blossomed, and we now support 11 resource libraries in the area. Access to such material is bringing spiritual and moral transformation as witnessed by Starfish Malawi on the ground. Many pastors have also been inspired to go on to train at theological college.

Sowing the Word of God

Pastor Zen is leader of the MOR Church and Ministries in Myanmar. He wrote to tell us how the books we sent to him have had an impact in helping the church to bring God to the local community and beyond.

In a handwritten letter, Pastor Zen was able to tell us about some of the very different ways in which his church is spreading the word of God, not least through the church's new ministry, the Life Changing Training School. Through this ministry, Pastor Zen has seen more and more new church members come to services; others have additionally participated in the Healing Retreat that the church runs. Meanwhile, Pastor Zen also teaches Bible study at the School of Evangelism in Yangon. Here there are 23 students who recently graduated and received their certificates.

Pastor Zen doesn't just minister to his flock in Yangon; he regularly travels further afield bringing Bible teaching and preaching to distant areas. He will shortly be teaching in Chin State, where he has some 50 students waiting for him.



Peruvian Jungle Resources

At Sovereign World Trust, we have an ongoing translation programme of material in simplified Spanish for use in the remote jungle regions of the Andes in Peru.

Climate conditions and remote locations can hamper supply and the storage of resources. But by sending materials in the form of laminated sheets, materials and teaching can be shared and loaned putting God's message directly into the hands of those who most need it in these remote village communities.

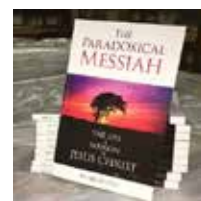
The work we do across the globe is rewarding but challenging. The problem is not the availability of the books - we have plenty of relevant and impactful books - our biggest challenge is the funds to pay for the mailing of these books.

We have a real opportunity to make an impact on the growth of the faithful church but it is imperative that we act now, in whatever way possible. To do so could make a world of difference to the world.

Publishing update

The Paradoxical Messiah, Hugh Hill

This year we published *The Paradoxical Messiah*, by Hugh Hill. This was sent to regular and new recipients as part of our 2019 mailing programme. Hugh's generous support provided £5000 to finance this project.















The book is 360 pages long, but was printed on special lightweight paper to keep mailing costs to a minimum. The purpose of this book is to tell the story of Jesus' life and mission in chronological order from the four Gospels, to explain the deeper meaning behind places and events, to ask why Jesus was the Paradoxical Christ and why he was considered to be so radically different from what the Jews expected. Most importantly, it explains what this all means for us today.

Get involved

There are many ways to get involved in our work and to make a real difference to the lives of church leaders, pastors and their communities in poor and remote areas across the globe.

Some of our supporters give a regular donation to the work of the Trust, while others are generous with their time or in prayer. *No gift or offer of help is too small.*

<p>Donate</p> <p>There are many ways in which you can give to our work on a regular or one-off basis, with or without Gift Aid.</p> 	<p>Credit / Debit Card</p>  <p>You can donate to the work of the Trust using your Credit or Debit Card now. Alternatively you can use your PayPal account if you have one:</p> <p>www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk/donate</p>	<p>JustGiving</p> <p>Using JustGiving offers a “no-fuss” means of giving a regular or one-off gift to us.</p>  <p>You can choose to Gift Aid your donation. For first time users there is a simple set-up procedure. Please visit: www.justgiving.com/sovereignworldtrust.</p>	<p>EasyFundraising</p> <p>Join EasyFundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds. Depending on the store this can be as much as 15%. Simply visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sovereignworldtrust/</p> 
<p>Online banking</p> <p>With online banking, it is easy to set up a regular donation to the Trust. Regular donations are very welcome as they help us to plan. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please ask us for a form so that we can make a claim. Contact us for our bank details.</p> 	<p>Leave a legacy</p>  <p>Leaving a gift in your will or giving in a loved one's memory ensures a long-lasting impact. Such gifts are much appreciated. They often come unexpectedly out of the blue and can be the key to unlocking projects that we cannot fund from regular giving.</p>	<p>Prayer</p> <p>Prayer underpins our ministry and we regularly send out prayer information sheets to our prayer partners.</p> 	<p>Volunteer</p>  <p>Helping with packing sessions or offering more regular support in our office or warehouse really makes a difference to our work.</p>
<p>Donate books</p> <p>Donating your second-hand Christian books to us can offer them a new lease of life in the grateful hands of our recipients or as part of our fundraising pre-loved book sales.</p> 	<p>Event fundraising</p>  <p>Take part in or host an event to raise funds for our work. You or a group of friends or colleagues could choose to raise funds for one of our specific projects.</p>	<p>Mailing list</p> <p>By joining our mailing list, you can keep up to date with the progress of our work and see the impact of your support.</p> 	<p>Spread the word</p>  <p>Telling friends, colleagues or church groups about our work and encouraging them to get involved can really make a difference.</p>

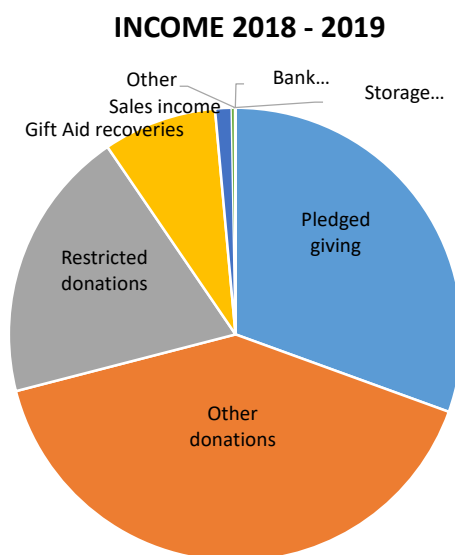
Financial summary

The information below is based on our draft accounts. Our fully examined accounts, which include a Trustees' Report, will be posted on the Charity Commission website for those who wish to see them.

1. What are our sources of income?

We are hugely grateful for the financial support we receive from a variety of sources. The table below gives a breakdown of our income. Roughly a third was pledged giving by individuals, some of which is restricted to particular projects. We received slightly more from other regular donors including a number of churches and grant-making trusts. The Gift Aid scheme provided 7% of our income. We do not employ a fundraiser as such, but one of our team is responsible for promoting awareness of the Trust through our website, Facebook, annual report and newsletters.

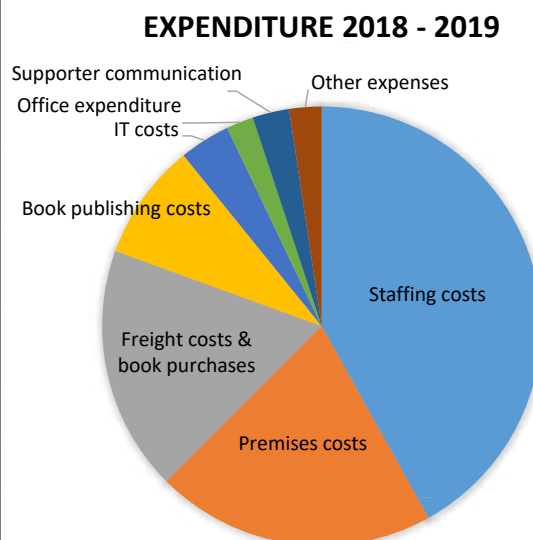
Category	£
Pledged giving by individuals	19,269
Other donations from individuals, churches and grant-making trusts	24,383
Restricted giving towards particular projects specified by the donors	9,459
Gift Aid reclaimed from UK tax payers	4,102
Sales income from publications. We sell books which we have published ourselves – in particular, a series entitled <i>Preaching Through the Bible</i> by Michael Eaton.	958
Storage space rental - another small charity rents a small area of storage space from us.	90
Other	5
Interest	55
TOTAL	58,321



2. How do we spend the money you give us?

A breakdown of our spending is set out below with a pie chart to show the relative proportions.

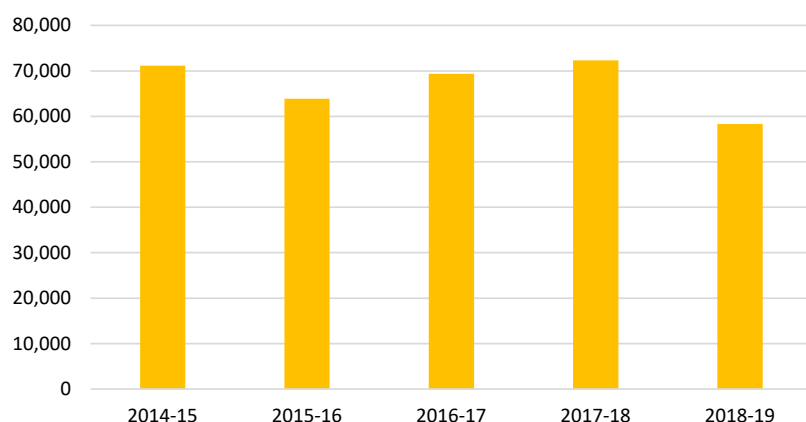
Category	£
Staffing costs - for 4 members of staff equivalent to 1.25 people, including pension contributions. We also benefit from the generous help of volunteers who give their time so freely.	24,427
Premises costs - for our office space and warehouse rental, including council tax and utilities	12,002
Freight costs and book purchases - to support 1100 libraries and pastors in 120 nations	10,518
Book publishing costs - we published one title of our own this year: <i>The Paradoxical Messiah</i> by Hugh Hill	5,022
IT costs	2,181
Office expenditure - office running costs and postage	1,167
Supporter communication - mailings of newsletters and annual report	1,578
Other expenses - various other costs e.g. accountant's fees, bank charges, staff training, subscriptions	1,386
TOTAL	58,281



3. Income trend

Last year's income was boosted by a generous legacy. Next year's income will be similarly enhanced. This year's income therefore shows a significant dip. We especially appreciate our volunteers who donate their time to pick and pack. We are aware that in many instances your giving is sacrificial and is motivated by a deep concern for God's world mission agenda. We, for our part, continue to look for ways to improve what we do and to ensure as far as possible that our books go to trustworthy recipients who will be good stewards and faithful teachers of others. (2 Tim 2:2).

INCOME 2014 - 2019



Income 5 Year History	
Year	£
2014-15	71,134
2015-16	63,855
2016-17	69,349
2017-18	72,308
2018-19	58,321

This summary is based on the draft accounts which, at the time of printing, are with our independent examiner. A full copy of the final financial report for the year ended September 2019 will be available on request or may be downloaded from the Charity Commission Website.

For information

Sovereign World Trust's accounts are independently examined by Trevor Lane, as a director of M N Jenks & Co, 72 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 6DP.

Our bank account details are:
CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West
Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Sort Code 40-52-40 Account Number 00016733

Thank you

Very special thanks to all anonymous donors and to those who say "no acknowledgement needed" and also to those who have raised their regular monthly donation. We much appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Gift-aid donors

Sovereign World trust is very grateful for the Gift Aid scheme. Those who give under this scheme have completed a declaration which we hold on file. Every 6 years we ask donors to update their declaration.

If your position has changed and your giving no longer qualifies for Gift Aid, please let us know. Similarly, if you now pay tax and wish Sovereign World Trust to benefit please do tell us so we can send you a Gift Aid Declaration form and begin claiming.

Legal and Administrative details as at December 2019

The charity was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated 03 10 1986. The objective of the Charity is to promote the advancement of the Christian Faith, which we do primarily by distributing Christian literature.

Trustees as at December 2019

Tony Miles-Prouten (Chair), Zillah Harrod, Andrew Howe, Paul Caneparo

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