



Annual Report 2017



Sovereign World Trust

Biblical teaching for Christian leaders in the poorest nations

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Good news for the poor

Chris Moffett

It's difficult for us to put ourselves in the position of leaders of churches in the poorest countries of the developing world unless we have visited them and seen how they live. Rural pastors, for example, work hard on their small plots of land to grow enough food to feed their families and perhaps to sell some to others to raise some cash. They rise early at sunrise and go to bed when it gets dark. Somehow in between they find time and a quiet place to pray and read their Bibles, and to increase their understanding by reading books.



In some communities there is no mains electricity, although some have solar panels to generate some power. Families live in cramped conditions because their dwellings are small. Frequently an elderly relative will live with a family and often a couple will take in a younger brother or sister. You'd be likely to see a chicken or two strutting around pecking at the parched earth and there would be a wooden fire outside for cooking.

Erratic climates make these communities very vulnerable. When it rains crops will grow. When it doesn't they can't. There's no welfare system or state pension. For the elderly, their pension-pot in old age is their children. So with mortality rates high and so little contraception there are more children per family than in the developing world.

The church building would, in many cases, be a "work in progress" (similar to the middle photograph on our front cover). Once walls, built from locally made bricks are in place, the building can be used for worship gatherings. A roof comes later, either constructed from branches or, if they are very fortunate, corrugated iron sheets.

Worship is vibrant and based on traditional music. No song books or projectors: someone strikes up a refrain, echoed by the rest of the gathering and accompanied by clapping and dancing. Older children join in; infants are strapped to their mothers; and those in between play quietly absorbing the atmosphere.

Living in such world makes the gift of books very precious and much appreciated. To write a letter in response takes a great deal of effort, especially where English is not the first language spoken in the home. English is the language of secondary education, which is generally not free and therefore not open to all. We ask for photographs from recipients wherever possible. Typically they are taken using mobile phones, but of course the quality may not be what we are used to in the northern hemisphere.

In this annual report (page 13) there is a brief feature and tribute to Jan Mungeam, our founder, who passed away in December. Her motivation, in establishing the Trust was to provide spiritual nourishment for the poor in other nations where God's kingdom is growing. That was the passion that God put into her heart. She passed the baton to others some time ago, but her concern for the nations remained with her and in her prayers until her final breath.

Another section in this report is a conversation with Richard Smart (page 7) who has been taking many thousands of books to rural Uganda over several years. During our conversation he told me of the impact that visiting rural pastors made on him. He found their poverty quite shocking and in response his conviction - that God hates poverty and can provide a way of escape through the gospel - began to grow and mature. It provided the incentive to respond by taking good quality Christian literature and distributing it, in person, to pastors in poor communities. Richard believes that such people need God's wisdom to move from insufficiency to sufficiency and to become financially prudent by taking intentional and appropriate responsibility. Such transformation is very counter-cultural but, with God's help is possible.

No annual report would be complete without providing plenty of opportunity for recipients to speak for themselves and these are grouped by continent.

Changes in legislation taking effect in May this year will mean that we can only retain the communication details of those who have indicated their desire to stay in touch by giving us written permission to do so. A blue form was sent with the 2017 newsletter and another will be included with this report. At the time of writing only about 25% of our current list have responded! If you haven't done so already and you would like to stay in touch please return the form or send me an email at: chrism@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk.

This year the financial section has been expanded to make it easier for you, our supporters, to see how we use the money you give us and where it comes from. We are thankful to God that 2016-17 saw a modest up-turn in our income and this is set to continue in the coming year.

Thank you to all who have partnered with us over the last year by praying, giving, offering practical help or telling others about us. I hope you will be inspired and encouraged by what you read in the following pages.

Chris Moffett



You may be wondering about the photo selections on our front page The first shows one of our volunteer packing teams (in this case, Eynsford Baptist Church in Kent) hard at work packing books for the nations. Meanwhile in Kenya, prayers are being said on the site of a new church for which some of the books are intended. Finally, our third photograph shows one of our Asia recipients with some of his younger church members. It is encouraging to see that with the provision of biblical teaching and preaching materials, we can help pastors to educate even the youngest members of families in their communities about God and his word.

News from the nations

Information from the nations arrives daily via the post and email. Some of the photographs are not the highest of quality but it is so heartening to hear how much the books we send, with your support, mean to our recipients.

Africa

Uganda empowerment

“We want to appreciate so very much the gifts of Christian literature that we keep receiving from you throughout the year.



We have found these books so empowering, informative, easy to master and at the same time full of the power of the Holy Spirit. They have helped us in church planting and training more of God’s ambassadors.”

**Steven Tendo, Eloi Ministries,
Kampala, Uganda**

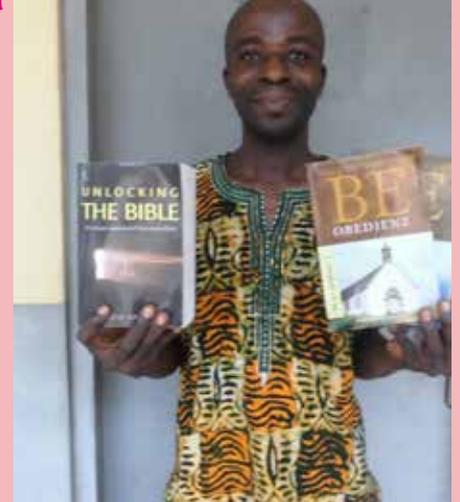
Grateful thanks from Ghana

“God bless you and your book ministries for your continuous mailing me of the Christian books I am much grateful to God and to you and especially to the donors God bless them.

Your books are very good for my spiritual development, growth... The Christian books have helped me to increase in Knowledge of God through Jesus Christ. Through reading and studying the books daily.

I am requesting for you to send me books on the teachings of the Holy Spirit, and others books and kindly send me 20 holy bibles for the nurses and the sick in a hospital and *those* who are thirsting for the word of God but do not have money to buy them for their spiritual growth.

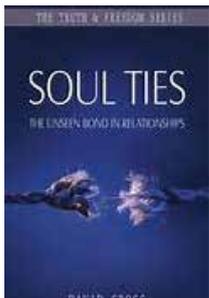
Thanks for the books you mailed to



me last year...God bless you and the donors for your hard work and your charity.”

**Emmanuel Agbetsi, St. Anthony
Catholic Church, Ghana**

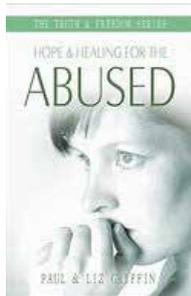
Life changing deliverance



Abused by David Cross and Paul and Liz Griffin. These two books have

“...thank you so much for reaching us with God’s word. I would like to give my testimony to The Ellet Ministries for their two books, *Soul Ties* and *Hope & Healing for the*

changed my life and given me much-needed deliverance from the power of darkness. Page 35 and the first paragraph of *Soul Ties* has helped me come out of the unseen yoke of the enemy on me.



Page 26 and the third and fourth paragraph of *Hope and Healing for the Abused* have helped me get delivered from words of accusation and condemnation.

I have picked on these for purposes of space and time otherwise the whole two books have given me freedom.”

Johnson Okello, Uganda

Project Timothy, Zimbabwe

“I cannot thank you enough for the books you have been sending me (us) over the years. These books have been very helpful to us as a Church and especially to me as a Pastor as I have been using them to train leaders equipping them for the work of the ministry. As a result of these books,

we started what we call “Project Timothy” a program in which I meet with leaders quarterly and train them using information I would have gathered from these books so that in turn they go teach others in their local Assemblies for the advancement of the Kingdom.

As a result, this has seen us having powerful leaders and saints in our ministry full of knowledge of the truth of the Word of God (you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free)!”

**Rev Edward Tswamuno, Hope Alive
Christian Assembly, Zimbabwe**

News from the nations

Asia

From the hills of North Pakistan

“We are always grateful for the Sovereign World Trust mailings and we add your books to our library.

We are a small Christian Community in the hills of North Pakistan and our main ministry is to run seminars on the Fatherhood of God and also Discipling Schools.



We have a library of over between 4000-5000 Christian books.

We moved from Abbottabad to Murree in 2015 and are getting established here, including establishing the library.

At the moment a few people use the books but we have recently advertised the library amongst the missionary community in Pakistan, so we are hoping the library will have greater use in the future.

In the past we have particularly



appreciated your books in the Explaining series and on inner healing...

Thank you again for your ministry which I believe is of great value to such countries as Pakistan.”

Nigel Hallett, Basis Community of Christ, Punjab, Pakistan

Life changing deliverance in India



widows’ ministry, Gospel ministry and my fellow pastors.

I live in a small village. I have no affiliation with any organisation and I have no support from anywhere. My vision is to reach every nook and corner and promote the Gospel to every

perishing soul. If God inspires you please have your kind involvement in my ministry for the extension of the Kingdom of God. I look forward to hear from you prayerfully.”

Praveen Babu, India

“...I am very happy and thankful to inform you that I have received the wonderful books that you sent to me...I am sure that the books are surely a treasure of knowledge. I am here sending my picture along with the books. I am also sending some pictures of our children ministry,

Greetings in Jesus’ name

“I write to thank you with all my heart for the wonderful study books you sent me which I received very safely. These books are not only greatly appreciated but also give us a deep insight into the scriptures and enable us to preach and teach in our Church and in our prayer group gatherings.

With all our Warm Christian Love”

Pastor Lynton Silva, Mawatha Welagedara Badulla, Sri Lanka

Study books for Sri Lanka

“I am writing to thank SWT for the book resources sent to me this week. I am grateful for the study tools that I have received over time that has helped me in my ministry and personal study as a student of God’s word.

I am one of the pastors at People’s Church in Colombo Sri Lanka. We are focused on training leaders for the church and kingdom both locally and in the Asian region. We are a missional church that had a membership of over 7,000 people.

May the Lord continue to bless your ministry as you serve the global body of Christ.

Dharshan Fernando, People’s Church in Colombo, Sri Lanka



Bible study in Bhutan

It is always heartening to get updates and photographs from our recipients across the world. One such update came from Rev Dr A Thomas of Emmanuel Ministries, West Bengal. Dr Thomas tells us how books from the Trust are used to make a real difference to young people across the region:

“Warm greetings to you from the boarder of Bhutan. Thank you very much for the books of 2017...We started our 6 months Bible class on the 1st of May, 2017. There are 25 students, 10 boys and 15 girls - out of which three boys and seven girls are from different parts of Bhutan; seven boys and eight girls are from different

parts of West Bengal.

Due to the on-going Gorkha land problem, students from Nepal could not come.

The classes of Old Testament Survey, History of Israel, Book of Acts, Christian Life and Spiritual Discipline are being taken by the respective teachers. The books we received from you are used as reference books for teaching which have been of great help for the students who read English who take them as a guide for their



assignment.

Thank you once again for the lovely and meaningful books. May The Lord bless you.”

Rev Dr A Thomas, Emmanuel Ministries, West Bengal

Rest of the world

Preaching and learning in Melanesia

“The books I received from the Sovereign World Trust help me a lot in my ministry. All the books I received are very helpful and supportive to prepare sermon, teaching and preaching the gospel to meaningful and simple understanding of gospel in our context of Solomon Islands.



The books are useful in my ministries as a religious man of the Society of St Francis here in the Anglican Church of Melanesia

I usually do my mission with other brothers on Easter week and on Christmas mission to our local people in dioceses around the Solomon Islands.

Next year, I will do my diploma on theology and I am lucky to have these books.

I really thank the members of the Sovereign World Trust and other supporters of the organisation.”

Hilton Togara, Melanesia

Studying in the Philippines



“Warm Christian greetings! I would like to inform you that early this morning, I received a parcel that contains a copy of your mailings for this year 2017. Thanks a lot! I know that it will greatly help me in studying and searching the Bible, which in turn I can use in teaching/preaching the Bible in our local church, as well as in ministering to others.

At present, I am doing expository studies...on the Epistle to the 2 Thessalonians. Aside from that, I continue my studies in ABCCOP Christian Theological School (ACTS) in Daet, Camarines Norte, Philippines to further equip me in the ministry (please see the attached picture of ACTS students).

Please extend my gratitude to the financial supporters and staff of Sovereign World Trust. Keep up the good work... because it will never be in vain (Hebrews 6:10). May God continue to bless and provide the needs of your ministry!”

Edgar V Villaflores, In Christ Grace Community Church, Philippines

Rest of the world (continued)

Luck and prayers for Bulgaria

In May 2017 we were visited by Kevin and Anne Luck who have sold up everything and gone to live in Bulgaria.

Here they distribute biblical teaching materials, particularly on wholeness and relationships. In partnership with locals they lead teaching conferences and publish translations. They left with one box of books in Bulgarian and one box of books in English.



With thanks from Poland

“Thank you again for sending the next portion of invaluable books, precious to any pastor and worker in God’s Kingdom. With warm greetings.”



Pastor Marek Wolkiewicz, Poland

From Macedonia

“Thank you very much for your help in Christian literature which is a great help and blessing to our new church plant Trinitas CF and the Bible School we have.”

Aleksandar Vuletic, Macedonia

Partnership focus

In conversation with - Richard Smart

Richard Smart regularly travels to Africa, and in particular Uganda, taking with him as many books as he can to bring biblical teaching to poor and remote areas of the country. Chris Moffett caught up with Richard to find out more about his life and his mission.

Chris: Thanks Richard for agreeing to talk about your experiences of taking books to Africa but before we talk about that I’d like to ask when and how you became a Christian?

Richard: When I was a child my parents took me to our local Baptist church in Hastings every week and I grew up in a Christian environment. I was eleven and we were going through a series called Journey into Life. The leader asked if there was anyone who wanted to make a commitment to Jesus and follow Him. I did and that was the beginning.

Chris: So when did you first get an understanding of God’s heart for the nations?

Richard: I was married in 1994 to Corrol but although I had been a Christian for some years I experienced a restlessness inside me. I read my Bible and saw that God is a God who acts powerfully in and through his

people, and I asked myself whether I couldn’t be doing more for God than I was. I started to seek God with a strong desire to know him better. I read the Bible more and also Christian books. I wanted to know him more deeply.

2001 was a turning point when I met two Africans. They were from Uganda and had been invited to teach on prayer and intercession in a ChurchesTogether event in Hastings. I’m still in touch with one of them, Andrew.

I expressed an interest in Africa, and Andrew and his wife Juliet invited me out there as their personal guests to stay in their home. We became friends. My first visit was in January 2002. I didn’t know what to expect but the poverty was very striking, - small houses, people living cramped

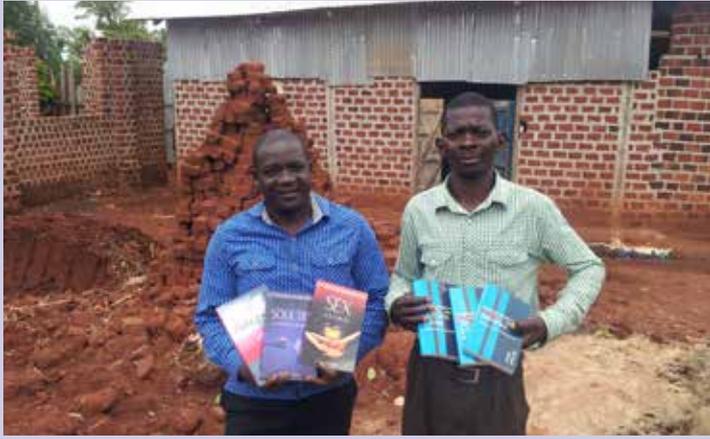


together in a small space with no electricity. I stayed there for a month while Corrol remained at home. There was a 10 day conference at which John Mulinde was teaching and the rest of the time I spent with Andrew and his wife.

Chris: What sort of conference was it?

Richard: There were about 1500 people, probably 200 or so Europeans and some Americans but the rest were

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African pastors and Christians; 1000 were from Uganda but there were many visitors from other African nations – Kenya, Tanzania, Central African Republic and the Congo who had travelled to Kampala specially. There were 7 days of teaching followed by 3 days at the prayer mountain. This strengthened my desire find and to do God's work and not to be lukewarm. I was challenged to take spiritual warfare seriously. Prayers are not just a two-minute thing you do before you go to bed. Jesus prayed all night on occasions and fasted for forty days! If we want to see darkness expelled you can't treat these things light-heartedly.

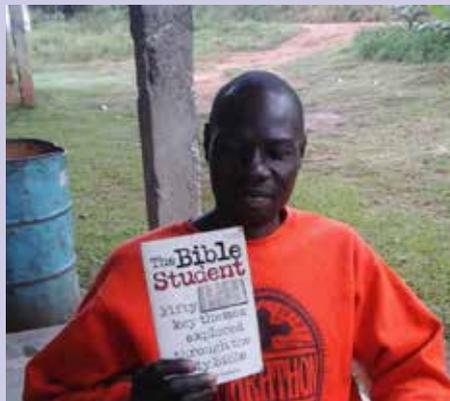
Chris: So when you came back to England what had changed?

Richard: I had been immensely struck by the poverty I had seen and I had a strong desire to see things change. I had previously worked in accountancy and had given up full-time work for part-time, and then became self-employed; so I had some flexibility with my time. I told the Lord that I was ready to live by faith if that's what he wanted me to do. I had something of a mental dilemma. I knew that the normal thing is for a man to work in order to eat. But on the other hand sometimes, when God has particular things for us to do, he wants us to get on with them and live by faith. That's really what has happened. I get on with what God gives me to do but I also help people with their tax returns and do some book-keeping. So God provides for me and for my family.

At the end of 2002 I was invited to go

to Kenya for three weeks. I taught in the village churches. With their background and experience of poverty, I taught on the importance of work and challenged them to live faithfully for God. I was really burdened

to see the culture of dependence on foreign aid and foreign agencies. If we want to see transformation in places like Uganda and Kenya, Africans need to become good stewards of what God has given them. They need to learn



to plan ahead for things like repairs to equipment needed for farming, otherwise everything just grinds to a halt. They need to cultivate new habits and disciplines. Business management is not one of their strengths and often money is used for immediate short-term crises, especially family matters, at the expense of longer-term planning.

I have taken books on this area of teaching and given them out. I still think there is a great need for more.

Chris: Maybe that is something you could do?

Richard: I'll certainly think about it and it fits with another project I am getting involved in to set up cage fish farms to create jobs. Certainly this is an important area and one which raises the issue of accountability. In my travels I have come across Christian leaders who are very unwilling to be

accountable. They believe wrongly, that it implies lack of trust. But it doesn't. We all need to be accountable because that's what builds confidence, trustworthiness and trust. But that's a story for another day.

But it really brings us back to the subject of books. Books which bring balanced Biblical teaching can be such a blessing because truth opens up the way for transformation. The parable of the talents, for example, has a great deal of relevant spiritual and practical truth in it. God wants us to receive his blessings, but he also wants us to become responsible people who are active and not passive in exercising our faith and live with Godly discipline.

Chris: What other themes have you found are important?

Richard: I think books that help people to understand what devotion to God really means are very important. Also books that explain what justice is and emphasise appropriate Godly responsibility. People need teaching on integrity, prudence and good governance. These things need to be taught and also modelled

Chris: You've been taking books to Africa for some 16 years now. Where did you initially get your books from? And how did you get connected with Sovereign World Trust?

Richard: People who knew I was going to Africa would give me books and sometimes Christian bookshops would



give me extra stock or books that were slightly damaged. Among them were some Sovereign World titles which

were proving very useful and relevant. So I got in touch with their managing director, Paul Stanier, who suggested that I contact Sovereign World Trust.

My first visit to the Trust was in 2011 when I met Marina and also Stewart who was working in the warehouse. Marina provided me with a stock list from which I was able to make some choices. Then she set me up with 3,600 books, among them: *Pursuing a Heavenly Vision* by Stuart Keller; books from Sovereign World: *Truth and Freedom*, series on *Anger and Abuse* and others, *Set Apart for God* by John Mulinde (who led the prayer conference in Uganda), also the *Explaining Series* and *What Every Christian Should Know About* series – short books on specific topics.

I took these books to Uganda and in a pastor's house divided them up into groups. I was able to set up 80 small libraries. Altogether I'm in contact with about 300 pastors in that part of Uganda.

Chris: I believe you have partnered with an organisation called Tools with a Mission to get books to Uganda?

Richard: Yes TWAM were sending large containers to Uganda and they sold me some space, typically 1-2 cubic metres for books. This was a real provision. I estimate that over the years I have taken around 50,000 books in total. Unfortunately, this arrangement is coming to an end this year because the Ugandan customs authorities are very suspicious of boxes and what might be in them. So,

I'm going to have to find another way.

Chris: Perhaps we can think about transparent boxes?

Richard: What I would really like to do in the long-term is to arrange printing in Africa. That would stimulate the local economy and save freight costs.

Chris: Well meanwhile we are really pleased to partner with you and provide books for your forthcoming trip. Thanks so much for sharing your story with us. I'm sure it will be of encouragement to those who support Sovereign World Trust that we are working with partners like you who understand the needs and commit the teaching to reliable people, who can in turn teach others.

News from HQ

A new team... ...and a new chapter for Sovereign World Trust

In May 2017 we said a fond farewell to our Mailings Manager, Bridget, who was moving out of the area. Bridget commented: "I would like to thank all our supporters and my colleagues here for a wonderful 3 years. Thanks to your support, during this time I have been able to pack and dispatch some 24,000 books to more than 1,500 pastors and libraries in over 115 countries. Thank you."



Bridget's departure meant a reorganisation of our team and the introduction of two new members of staff. Olga Moffett took over from Bridget as Mailings Manager and Natalie Holloway has joined us to help with our media work and promotion. Larisa Wood will continue as our Finance officer, which includes the key responsibility of processing all donations received. With Trust Director, Chris, the team (all of whom work part time) equate to just 1.25 full time people!

Pictured left to right: Chris, Natalie, Larisa and Olga.

Publishing and translation

Good translations take time and great skill and, unless translators are working full-time on their projects, tend to progress slowly. Currently we have two projects moving forward, one Swahili and the other Russian.

John Madinda, formerly Principal of St Philip's Theological College in Tanzania, who is now living in England and leading a church in Norfolk, is helping us with the translation into Swahili of The Bible Student Ed. Peter Sammons, a book

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Publishing and translation (continued)

of 50 guided Bible studies. This will be published in sections in a series of booklets so that it can be released without the need to wait for the complete work.

This is an important project. Secondary education in Tanzania is delivered in English whilst primary education, which is free, is delivered in Swahili. Unfortunately many people do not receive a secondary education or drop out before completion. So they are not fluent in English and consequently books in English are of limited value to them. This book will be especially useful for catechists who generally do not have a high level of education but who give valuable support to pastors, who typically look after as many as 6 churches. John completed the first section this year and we will be publishing and distributing it during 2018.

The English version is available for purchase on Amazon and also as a free download in individual chapters. It is a useful resource for home study groups and for young Christians: www.christian-publications-int.com/default.aspx?ID=88

Together with a Russian colleague, Olga [Moffett] is also working on Michael Eaton's Preaching Through the Bible: Mark.

Volunteer update

Rob and Marion Marshall

Although we are thrilled with our burgeoning collection of pre-loved books, the need to catalogue and store them has given us some extra challenges.



To our delight we have now secured the volunteering services of Rob and Marion Marshall. Marion has been cataloguing and categorising our second-hand book collection on a spreadsheet, while Rob has been packing the books safely away in numbered boxes within our warehouse. This has been a huge undertaking and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support.

Packing for the harvest

On Harvest Sunday 2017 a team of lightning packers from Eynsford Baptist Church spent a fun, but hard working couple of hours packing over 100 packets of books, part of



our latest mailing of Christian titles for pastors across the globe.

Following the hard work, the team took time for a well-earned rest and some lunch together in celebration of a job well done.

Huge thanks to the Eynsford Baptist Church team. As a result of their efforts, and that of our other dedicated packers, last week we were able to despatch over 500 packets of Christian teaching books to pastors worldwide.

Half term holiday?

It is great to have support for our work from all age groups. During the autumn half term we were blessed to have had a team from the youth group at St Nicholas Church in Sevenoaks, who gave up some of their half term holiday to help us pack for our latest mailing



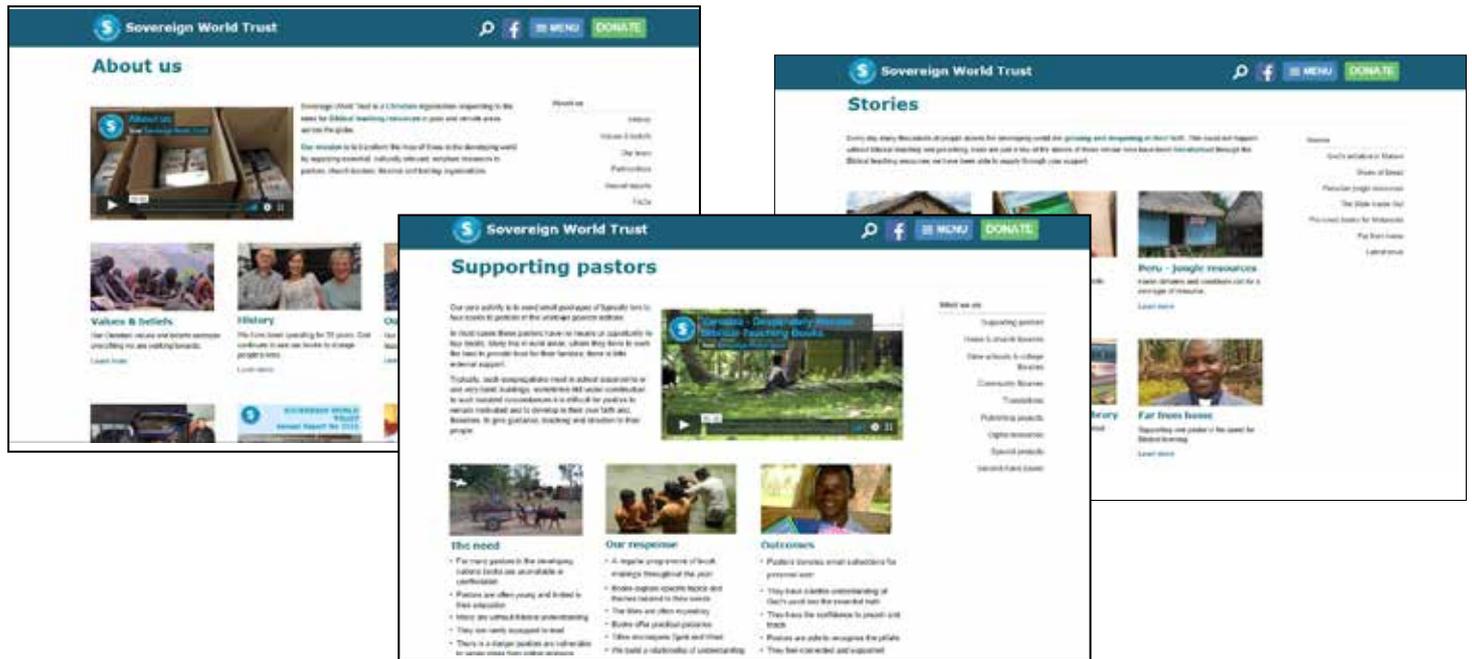
They definitely showed how many hands make light and lightning work as they joined us for a high-speed packing session. The team managed to pack around 300 items in just a couple of hours.

If you or a group within your church would like to join us for a packing session or support us on an ad hoc basis in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on mailings@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk.

Supporter website live

We are delighted to report that our new supporter website is now live. You can visit the site on: www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk. We would love to hear what you think and if there is anything new you would like to see on the site.

Over the coming months we will be adding new content as fresh news, images and video come through from our recipients and partners across the globe.



Pre-loved books

Thanks to the generosity of so many of our local supporters, we now have some 2,500 second-hand Christian books, many nearly new. They are in good condition and cover a range of subjects from theology through to biographies and autobiographies

Whilst many are sent to the nations, some are perhaps more relevant for a UK readership, so we have been holding a number of book sales, the funds from which cover the costs of mailing titles to our recipients across the world.

Book Fayre - 23 September 2017

On 23 September we held a pre-loved Christian Book Fayre in our warehouse in Hadlow. We raised a very useful £300 which will contribute to sending books to the nations.

This was our very first pre-loved Book Fayre and, given our slightly remote location, it was wonderful that so many were able to join us to learn more about our work, buy some pre-loved books and enjoy tea or coffee and homemade cakes with us.

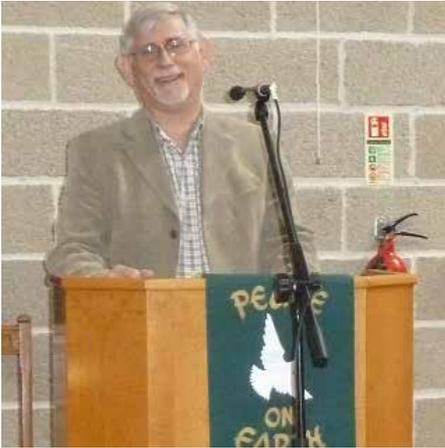
Please do look out for details of future fundraising book sales in the area; in the meantime, all our books are categorised by subject matter and author, so if you are looking for a specific book or author, please do get in touch: natalie@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk.



Local Church visits

Christ Church URC

On Sunday 17th September we were invited to Christ Church URC in Tonbridge, where Chris Moffett preached to church members on the subject of *World Mission – a low, medium or high priority?*



We also took along a selection of titles from our pre-loved book collection which were available for purchase by the church members after the service over coffee. The books ranged from autobiographies, biographies and testimonies through to titles on Christian living, mission and discipleship. Inspirational autobiographies and biographies were especially popular.

It was a wonderful morning full of

fun, fellowship and worship, and a great opportunity to get to know our friends at Christ Church better. We are very much looking forward to welcoming some of the church members to our offices in Hadlow in the not too distant future for a closer look at what we do and how we do it.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Christ Church URC for the warmth of their welcome and for supporting our visit and the work of the Trust in a number of ways.

This church does not have a large congregation, yet its members are truly “punching above their weight” in so many ways, not least in their support of mission worldwide.

Thank you Christ Church, Tonbridge.

St John’s Hildenborough

Last year, we received a kind invitation from Tim, Simon and the team at St John’s Church, Hildenborough, to visit them and talk to their congregation about the work of the Trust.

On Sunday 8 October we joined the church family for their Morning Worship and Chris Moffett spoke about the scarcity of Biblical teaching resources



for pastors in many of the poorer areas of the world. The good news is that the Church is growing, but this growth is particularly prolific in the southern hemisphere, where the population can face many challenges, and where their pastors are most in need of resources and support.

Following the service we were able to meet with the church family, over coffee, to discuss our work in greater detail. In addition, we held a small sale of some of our pre-loved book collection. Thanks to the generosity of those at St John’s we raised £100 which will contribute to the costs of mailing Biblical teaching and preaching titles to pastors most in need. Huge thanks to all at St John’s.

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Jan Mungeam

Many of you will already know the very sad news that Jan Mungeam, the founder of Sovereign World Trust, passed away on Saturday 9th December after suffering a severe stroke on October 17th. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her husband Chris and his family. A Thanksgiving Service was held on Saturday 6th January. A video recording of this occasion, which many have described as truly inspiring, can be viewed online at: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/111425140>.

There were four tributes highlighting different aspects her life. Her brother, Chris Harrison, spoke movingly of her childhood, and the difficulties and challenges of growing up with no mother in the home, perhaps formative experiences that shaped Jan's compassion for others. Graham Mungeam, her brother-in-law, spoke about the diversity of her influence; her working partnership with Chris, the Company and Trust sharing the Sovereign World name, together providing books for the nations. He also spoke about her role in the local church, with foreign students and her interest in singing, jigsaws and "The Archers". Nicky Mungeam spoke about how Jan married her father, giving to his four children something that she herself never had, a loving step-mother. Peter Horrobin, a lifelong friend, writer and publisher spoke about her as a truly remarkable person,

describing how she became a Christian as a girl, having been challenged at a carol service to give her life to Christ, remaining faithful to Him for the rest of her life.

Jan founded the Trust she led for 20 years in October 1986.

Around the same time her husband Chris established Sovereign World Ltd, the Christian publisher, to provide books which embraced the needs and insights of the charismatic renewal with books that offered a respectful approach to Scripture and the work of the Holy Spirit. God impressed on Jan the verse in 2 Timothy 2 verse 2. Her vision was to help in extending God's kingdom to pastors and leaders in the poorer nations, where Christian teaching books were either unavailable, unaffordable or both.

From humble beginnings in the family kitchen and garage, consignments of books were packed and despatched as financial support grew. Over the years of her leadership, many hundreds of thousands of books were supplied free to pastors, colleges and conference centres in approximately 160 nations. In addition books were also translated into many languages.

Although she handed over operational involvement some years ago, the Trust



remained in her heart. The photograph shows her at our Book Fayre on September 23rd, shortly before she was taken ill.

We thank God for her willingness to step out in faith and for her sensitive and obedient heart. The core values she established remain: prayer and dependence on God, and concern for the poorest nations - that they should receive the best and most relevant that we have to offer. We thank God for her thoughtfulness and her example. Her legacy is rich and continuing. She has run the race set before her and is now with the One she served so faithfully.

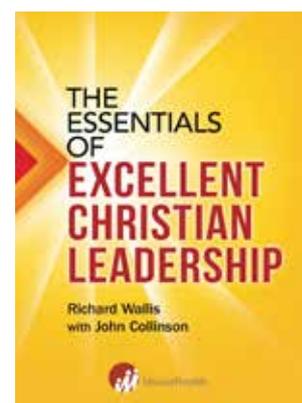
Chris Moffett

Thank you to all those who have sent donations to the Trust in Jan's memory. At the time of writing this amounts to £1700. As far as possible these have been acknowledged personally, but we do not have contact details for all.

Excellent Christian leadership

We are very grateful for the many donations received in memory of Jan Mungeam. In addition to monetary gifts, some authors and ministries have given us copies of their books. Among them was Mission Possible, led by Richard Wallis, which donated 100 copies of a soon-to-be-published book on leadership. This 72 page book was specially written with the needs of African leaders in mind. We have decided to purchase another 1800 copies so that all our pastors and libraries can have a copy. Each book will have a plate on the inside cover, explaining that it is given in memory of our late founder. The needs of the nations and particularly leaders was something close to Jan's heart until the very end of her life and this seems to us a very fitting way to use donations made in her memory.

Gifts received so far, totalling some £1,700 will cover the cost of the extra copies. Any further gifts received will be used to cover the associated freight costs which will require a similar amount.



In other news

Closer to home African church Maidenhead



At the beginning of August we received an email from a young lady living in Maidenhead, “Tola”, who had recently come to live in the UK from Nigeria. Tola takes up the story...

“I want to start by thanking God for the wonderful things you’re doing to get

the word of God out there to nations of the world.

My name is Omotola and I’m from Nigeria. However I currently live in the UK, Maidenhead in Berkshire to be precise. I’m a part of an African Church here but we have a multicultural audience; Asians, other African countries and some Europeans. Our Church is one of the parishes of the

Redeemed Christian Church of God, (RCCG Living Word Maidenhead) and pastored by a Nigerian.

I have a motivation to get the word of God out there to every member of the church. You will agree with me that to increase the knowledge of God in this land, men and women should be able to read books on spiritual growth during the week and not just by coming to church for a few hours on Sunday alone. Hence the initiative to start a church library. This is where I am soliciting for your support in way of a few books to get started with.”

A couple of weeks later Tola visited the SWT office with her husband Tai and collected a large plastic box containing a starter library: books on marriage and family life, some inspiring biographies and some Biblical expositions. We also gave Tola practical guidance on how to run a library based on the Malawi model. Many in her church have strong connections with their families and communities in other nations.

Michael Eaton

On 9th June 2017 Michael Eaton passed away in South Africa, aged 74, following a heart attack. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and congregations all over the world.

Michael’s connection with Sovereign World Publishing and the Trust was through his books. The *Preaching Through the Bible* series are amongst the most frequently requested by pastors worldwide. His passion and gift was preaching profound and relevant truth in a straightforward and understandable way. Everything he wrote was underpinned by rigorous study of the Biblical texts in their original languages. His words were always fresh, anointed, encouraging, motivating and full of grace and truth. In addition to his Biblical expositions he wrote books on systematic theology and several subject specific titles.

His output was prolific. He spent a third of his time with the Chrisco fellowship in Nairobi where he was a co-pastor, a third of his time writing and a third of his time travelling worldwide. In between all this, he corresponded by email with people all over the world who would write to him with their questions.

Among his most outstanding writings are his expositions of Romans and Galatians in which he encourages his readers and hearers to live a Godly life, free from destructive legalism that encourages criticism and guilt. His major work *No Condemnation* is a classic. A recurring and favourite theme was that of salvation by faith alone with reward and inheritance for faithful service.

He is now in the presence of the One whom he served faithfully since his conversion to Christ as a schoolboy. Having laboured for some sixty years he has entered his rest. We thank God for him. His rich legacy will bless many generations to come.

Michael’s son Calvin spent much time with his father during the last six months of his life and he will be taking the responsibility for seeing that his teaching lives on to bless the nations in the future. His works were published by a variety of people in a number of locations, the UK, South Africa and India among them; Calvin has been visiting and talking to the publishers with the aim of bringing everything together and making it accessible to all.

One project that is moving towards completion is his omnibus version of *Preaching Through the Bible* (known as *The Branch Commentary*). It may be that Calvin will incorporate the Slices teaching, prepared by Sovereign World Trust, into some teaching and training material. More information is available on the excellent new website, which has details of publications, audio resources and notes:

www.michaeleaton.org,



Journey of a book

People new to this ministry often ask us about the process of sending books. It may be an eye-opener to some to understand just how labour intensive and time consuming the process is. We live in a part of the world which offers next day deliveries. Not so in rural India or Africa. Most surprisingly, it remains true that the most reliable way to get books into the hands of pastors in remote places is to ship them from the UK. This is likely to remain true for the foreseeable future.

Generally pastors hear about us through the recommendation of current recipients. Perhaps they have seen or borrowed some of our books. Others find out about us on the Internet. Our previous website was really created with supporters and potential supporters in mind, but the most frequent visitors were, in fact, from overseas. For this reason our new website is split into two parts - one for recipients and one for friends and potential supporters.

Enquiries come in the form of letters, emails and website referrals. Our new website has a sign-up form asking for essential information including a reference request.

New recipients receive an introductory mailing and if we receive satisfactory feedback they are moved to our regular mailing list for an annual mailing. Sometimes people well known to us write with specific requests which are dealt with on an individual basis. Our annual mailing cycle is divided into books for libraries and books for pastors. Libraries in turn are divided into church libraries and college libraries. Pastors are asked to make selections from a menu of 10 books for the coming year which will therefore comprise some books selected by us and some chosen by them. In this way the books are tailored to their needs.

Our volunteer packing teams join us for a morning or

afternoon, and together they pack the books, label the packages and affix the necessary customs labels. These are bagged and collected, typically 300 - 400 at a time. Our courier has a hub near Gatwick airport and from there the books are sent far and wide.

Once in the country of destination, the packages find their way to local towns. Villages do not have postal deliveries

so many people have their own, or more often shared, Post Office boxes. Pastors will check for mail when they make their trips into town. It has been known for an excited pastor to open his package in the post office and spend the rest of the day reading until closing time!

It is at this stage that the books fulfil their purpose and the evidence we look for is what the pastors tell us in their response letters. Some pastors send us feedback by email. Very few have their own computers but they can access internet cafes, which they use to communicate with the wider world. Some have mobile phones with the capacity to take photographs, like those appearing in this annual report. We make

it clear to pastors that we do need to receive feedback if mailings are to continue. Sometimes pastors can drop off the list because they move, or are ill or experience a local difficulty, such as a flood - but they can be reinstated when we reconnect. With the packet of books we send an airmail addressed envelope; a simple touch like that makes it easier for them to reply, but it also helps us to separate current recipients from new requests.

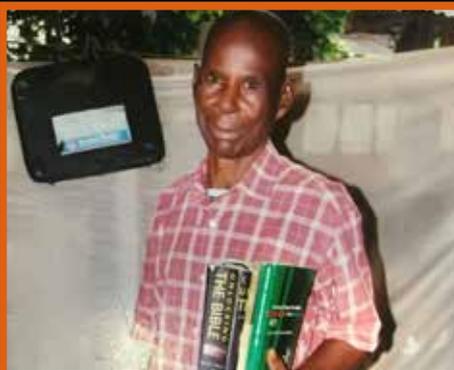
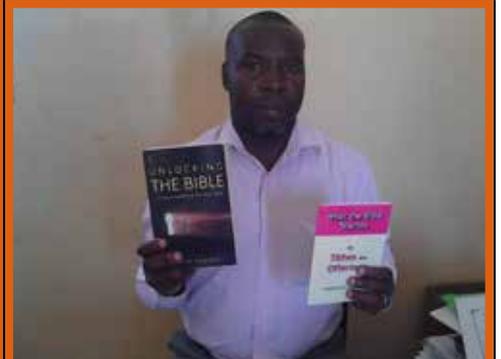
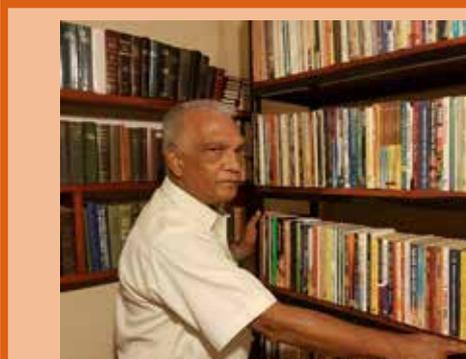
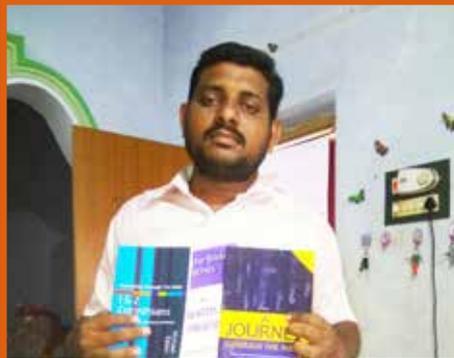
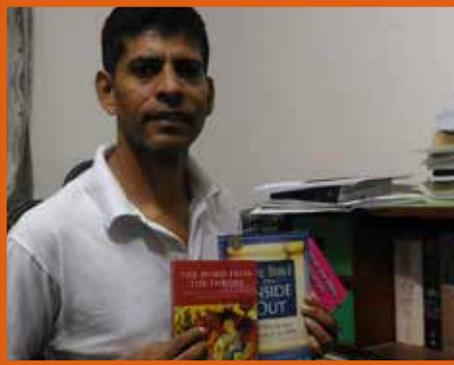
Our regular mailing cycle begins in March and ends in October. Between those months we deal with special and individual requests, and the all the background tasks necessary to keep the operation running smoothly.

We are especially thankful to those volunteers who give their time to help with some of the labour intensive aspects of the ministry.



Thanks to your support...

...we've been able to help provide Biblical teaching across the world



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.

Donate

There are many ways in which you can give to our work on a regular or one-off basis, with or without Gift Aid.



JustGiving

Using JustGiving offers a “no-fuss” means of giving a regular or one-off gift to us.



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.

Giving by text

A great way to give small amounts instantly. Simply text the number 70070 with the message SOVW07 £10 to give ten pounds. This works for any amount between £1 and £10 which appears on your phone bill.



EasyFundraising

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/



Online banking

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.



Leave a legacy



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.

Prayer

Prayer underpins our ministry and we regularly send out prayer information sheets to our prayer partners.



Volunteer



Help with packing sessions or offering more regular support in our office or warehouse really makes a difference to our work.

Donate books

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.



Event fundraising



Take part in or host an event to raise funds for our work. You or a group friends or colleagues could choose to raise funds for one of our specific projects.

Mailing list

By joining our mailing list, you can keep up to date with the progress of our work and see the impact of your support.



Spread the word



Telling friends, colleagues or church groups about our work and encouraging them to get involved can really make a difference.

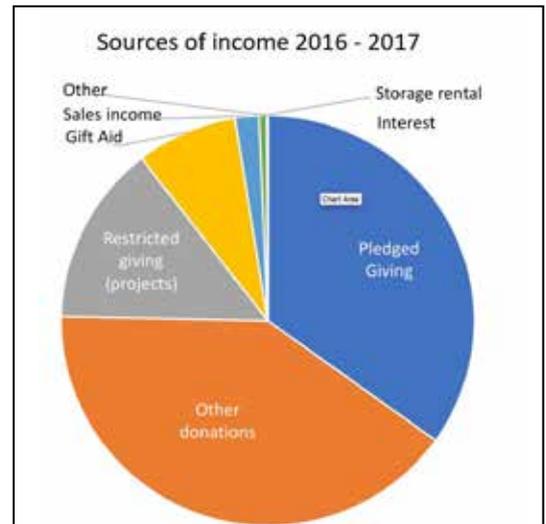
Financial summary 2017

In this report we have moved our financial page from the back cover and are presenting the information in a more user-friendly and clearer manner. 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 came 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 8% of our income. We also generate an additional income from books that we have published and sub-letting a little space in our warehouse. 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.

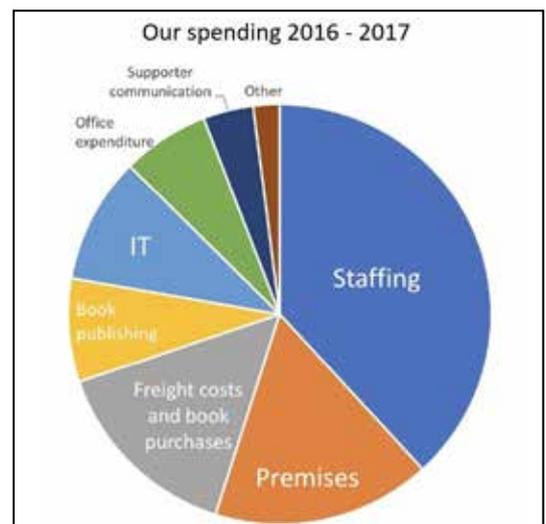
Category	£
Pledged giving by individuals	24,212
Other donations from individuals, churches and grant making trusts	28,042
Restricted giving towards particular projects	9,838
Gift Aid reclaimed from UK tax payers	5,477
Sales income from publications	1,311
Storage space rental	423
Other	31
Interest	15
	69,349



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. The exceptional spend this year was for IT. We replaced all our ageing computers and network with laptops and cloud storage. At the same time, we upgraded and changed our software. We also launched a new website.

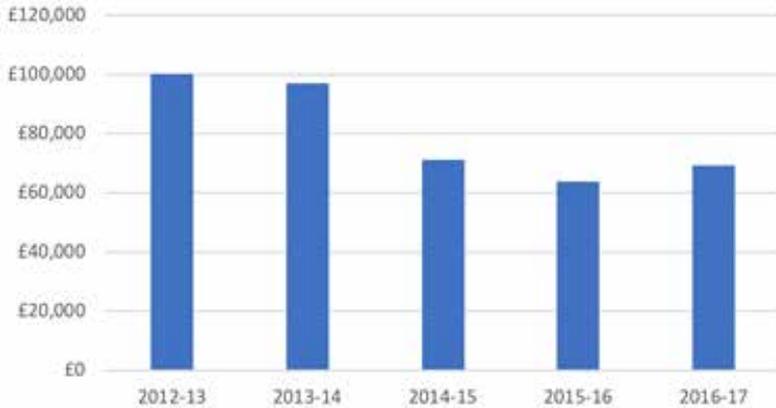
Category	£
Staffing costs - for 4 members of staff equivalent to 1.25 people, including pension contributions	26,774
Premises costs - for our 2 offices, warehouse and packing room rental, including council tax and utilities	11,712
Freight costs and book purchases - to support 500 libraries and 1000 pastors in 120 nations	10,430
Book publishing costs - we published two titles of our own this year	5,582
IT costs - we replaced our ageing and out-of-date computers with new laptops and software to take us forward and enable remote working. An exceptional but much needed spend. We also have a maintenance contract to help us with problems and protective maintenance. We also launched a new website this year	6,800
Office expenditure - office running costs and postage	4,687
Supporter communication - mailings of newsletters and annual report	2,691
Other expenses - various other costs e.g. accountant's fees, bank charges, staff training, subscriptions	1,412
	70,088



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

For a number of years, for a variety of reasons, there has been a decline in the Trust's income. During this time our focus has been on reshaping the ministry and adapting it to the needs and opportunities that exist today. This year saw a turn-around of around 9%. Indications are that 2017-18 will continue this upward trend. We shall also be making more applications to grant-making trusts. However, we would also like to see our pledged income increase as this will help us to plan ahead. Our stock of books is healthy, and we would like to support more pastors, particularly in India and Asia, and for this we will need to increase our freight budget..

Income 2012-2017



Income 5 Year History	
Year	£
2012-13	100,125
2013-14	97,250
2014-15	71,134
2015-16	63,855
2016-17	69,349

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 2017 will be available on request or may be downloaded from the Charity Commission Website.

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

Legal and Administrative details as at December 2017

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.

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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.

From HMRC for 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. HMRC have instructed us that they require some additional wording to be included in future declarations and going forward we will do so. For existing donors, who have completed a declaration recently we reproduce the additional wording below concerning the relevant taxes and draw your attention to it. We will assume that this applies but we will not ask you to complete a new declaration at this time.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I gave on or after 6 April 2008.

And finally...

A human chain...books to Lahore

Sovereign World Trust works in partnership with other ministries based overseas who have direct contact with pastors and leaders. This makes it possible to be very sure that the books that get into the hands of recipients are the books that are needed and that they will be well used. In many cases such partnerships bring our own particular contribution to the mix of practical support provided, most frequently education.

One such partnership is with Starfish Asia who work primarily with children and schools. They in turn partner with Talents Ministries (the name taken from Matthew 25:15) which has established a Christian bookshop in order to generate income to support a school and boys' home.



The Talents bookshop provides a range of titles for the Christian community in Lahore, where books are in short supply. In a recent visit to the Trust, Mike Wakely of Starfish Asia took 130 books in his luggage. A large proportion of these books were from our pre-loved collection and included among them a range of Tyndale Commentaries and volumes



from the Bible Speaks Today series, both published by Intervarsity Press.

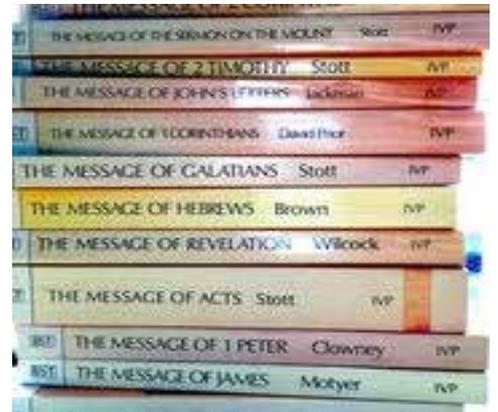
These books were given to us by a retiring minister and Mike described them as “like gold-dust” in Pakistan where they are generally impossible to obtain. Sanjit Masih, who runs the bookshop, writes:

“The books (commentaries) are really very useful... Most of the people who bought the books are the students of different bible colleges and seminaries, Church leaders and teachers, and also laymen and very educated people come and buy the books. Yes, we need more books of such kind...”

Sanjit sells them at affordable prices so that those in training and active ministry can afford them.



A chain of several individuals are involved in getting books into the right hands: the retiring minister – friend - SWT staff team and volunteers – Mike Wakely (with the help of British Airways baggage handlers) – Sanjit – Bible College student. Quite apart from the benefit to the student pastor and his congregation, this chain of events has other benefits. Valuable books no longer required are recycled and receive a new lease of life; and as a “spin-off” funds are generated to help young people receive an



education.

If you are aware of anyone who might have commentaries or biographies they might be willing to part with for a good cause and perhaps to free up space for some new reading, please do point the owner in our direction.

If you would like any further information on this story, there is a video clip you may like to watch about Starfish Asia, which Mike Wakely recorded in our warehouse on his most recent visit to the Trust:

<https://vimeo.com/233453454>

Alternatively, please contact us via the office (details below).

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