Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	April	2025	To	31	March	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Free Grace Evangelistic Association
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1139084
Charity's principal address	1 Payne Close
	Chippenham
	Wiltshire
	Postcode **SN15 3FX**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted as Trustee	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
1	Dr I A Sadler	Chairman	Full year	N/A
2	Mr P T Austen	Secretary	Full year	N/A
3	Mr J W De Vogel	Treasurer	Full year	N/A
4	Mr D Kinderman	International Co-ordinator	Full year	N/A
5	Mrs C L Kent	Safeguarding Officer	Full year	N/A
6	Mr J Saunders		Full year	N/A
7	Mr J B Hart		Full year	N/A
8	Mr M J Aston		Full year	N/A
9	Mrs J C Krol		Full year	N/A
10	Mrs K J Pocock		Full year	N/A

(Note: Mr T C Warboys was appointed as a trustee on 27 April 2026.)

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Association
Trustee selection methods	Election by members

Additional governance issues

The working arrangements for the management of the work of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association (FGEA) are set out in bye-laws approved under the Constitution. These bye-laws set out the policy for furthering the charity's objects, roles and responsibilities of the officers, criteria for giving grants, rules governing membership and record keeping. These have been kept under review during the year but have not been revised. However, the subsidiary policies covering Safeguarding, Financial Protocol and Financial Crime Risk Assessment (arrangements for checking compliance with sanctions and anti-money laundering legislation) were updated in September 2025.

The agreed policy for meeting the charitable objects is to make grants to locally based Partner Associations in Africa and Asia, that are linked via partnership agreements and a common Declaration of Faith to the UK charity. Grants are also made to appointed FGEA Representatives, trusted contacts or other partner organisations as approved by the Trustees. The International Co-ordinator acts as the focal point for the Bible and literature distribution, and for literature translation. The Chairman takes the lead with the Bible translation projects that are done in partnership with the Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS) and with the interface with TBS on scripture grants. The routine decisions on grant giving and priorities are taken by an Overseas Operations Sub-Group that is chaired by the Chairman and consists of the International Co-ordinator, Treasurer and another Trustee (Mrs K Pocock) who assists the Treasurer; Mr T Warboys has also recently joined the Sub-Group. The Sub-Group decisions and discussions are reported back to the Management Committee. The arrangement was first set up in 2020, and throughout this reporting period it has continued to be effective.

Arrangements and protocols with overseas partner associations were also reviewed and updated during the reporting year, including the formation of a new partner association in Cameroon. However, contacts have not as yet developed in the Netherlands, as had been hoped in the 2025 Annual Report. In this we see the Lord's sovereignty in opening those doors that He will open in His way and time.

The Trustees have agreed a policy for verifying the correct use of grants, which includes detailed record keeping, receipt of photographs and reports, and visits by a representative of the Association. During the reporting year foreign visits were made by Trustees in either official or personal capacity to Cameroon, Zambia, Philippines and India. *(Note: A further visit to Zimbabwe took place in May 2026)*

Regular contact is maintained by use of remote communication (messaging, audio/video calls) via the internet, which is now generally available to the Association's representatives abroad.

Although the Association is legally governed by the subscribing members, from whom the Trustees are elected, the Trustees continue to encourage wider interest and support for the work of the Association. The Trustees have sought to arrange in-person meetings and visits to churches in addition to the use of the FGEA website and a Facebook page. Meetings have been held in England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, USA and Canada. The category of Sponsor is also open to all regardless of their beliefs. This enables all to have the opportunity to support and follow the work of FGEA.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of the Christian religion worldwide for the honour and glory of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, in obedience to the great commission (Mark 16. 15, 2 Timothy 2. 2), showing compassion and providing assistance to the poor, orphans, widows and the sick (James 1. 27).

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects were the provision of grants for the following purposes:

- Free distribution of Bibles and Christian literature to churches and individuals in poor communities in Africa and Asia, where otherwise they were either unaffordable or unobtainable. Wherever possible, distribution is accompanied by teaching on the Word of God.



- Provision of food, clothing, school materials, medical and other associated needs for orphaned children in an orphanage in India. As of July 2026, the number cared for is 59 orphans (32 boys and 27 girls). Following the government inspection in March 2025 and the mandate that boys and girls must be housed in separate buildings by October 2026, a project was started to construct a second orphanage building
- Meetings and seminars for teaching and distribution of the scriptures, mostly led by overseas Co-ordinators and Representatives.



- Issuing of newsletters and updates has continued in the UK to increase awareness and to raise funds. This now includes a printed colour newsletter issued every 6 months. The Website and Facebook page continue to advertise more widely the Association's work. In-person Open Meetings and deputation style meetings have taken place in multiple parts of England. A series of meetings was held in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in March 2026.
- Grants have been requested from other charities to send Bibles and literature directly to trusted contacts in Africa and Asia.

The Trustees have due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. This is subject to annual review, but Trustees have also given this specific attention during the review of the organisation and operations of the Association and its work with Partner Associations.

The Association's financial operations and controls are subject to a detailed review by the Bank for compliance with financial duties relating to sanctions and money laundering. The most recent was in April/May 2025, which was successfully completed. It is evident that this type of review will be a regular activity, and therefore the active maintenance of robust financial procedures (especially relating to overseas transactions) is necessary to retain banking facilities in the present climate.

Additional details of objectives and activities

In March 2025, the orphanage run by our partner association in India was inspected by government officials as part of the FCRA registration. The inspectors highly commended the work at the orphanage, regarding it as exemplary in respect of care, safeguarding and financial record keeping.

However, the government inspectors determined that the current orphanage building at Ponnur did not meet a new requirement for orphanages in India that will forbid boys and girls from residing in the same building. They therefore gave formal notice that towards the end of this year, the boys and girls must be housed in different buildings a minimum of 900 metres apart. Therefore, Pastor Joseph (on behalf of FGEA India) put together a series of outline options with recommendations, which the FGEA Trustees considered prayerfully and in detail. The proposal that was accepted, subject to the provision of sufficient funding, was to build a new orphanage building for the boys in an adjacent village (Nidubrolu, about a mile away from the current orphanage building in the town of Ponnur). This is the location where the orphanage work first began, and so the neighbourhood is sympathetic to this work done in the service of the Lord.

The Trustees launched an appeal for funds in May 2025, and in the Lord's providence the necessary funds have been raised. By the end of the reporting period a total of £45,997 had been raised, against an expenditure from the UK of £42,267. So as to cover the projected additional costs remaining with the project, a further £2500 was added from general funds. Some of the costs were also offset by local donations of money and free labour by friends in India. The project has been managed by a committee of our Indian partner association and overseen from the UK by a steering committee of FGEA Trustees led by the Chairman.

After having gained all the legal title to the land and the necessary permissions, construction started in July 2025. Some delays were encountered due to monsoon weather. However, the work continued in stages until the laying of the first-floor roof slab in April 2026. As of July 2026, the final stage of fitting out the orphanage building is underway. The target for moving the boy orphans into the new building is November 2026, God willing. The girl orphans will remain in the

current orphanage building in Ponnur. The new arrangement will be a significant improvement in space and facilities for the orphans.





Significant work has been undertaken by the FGEA Safeguarding Officer (Mrs C Kent) to liaise with Pastor Joseph in India, so that all the appropriate arrangements and procedures are in place for the well-being of the children. This has required installation of additional security gates with emergency egress. The final construction of the orphanage includes a lift shaft, which would permit at some point in the future the installation of a lift to allow a disabled orphan to be cared for.

When the government inspectors re-inspected in April 2026, they expressed their satisfaction and praise for the project and how it was proceeding.

Whilst in many parts of Africa and Asia, the official language is English and the more educated people can read this, the Free Grace Evangelistic Association knows the necessity of providing sound and reliable versions of the Bible and Christian literature in the native languages. The children and the poorest people often can only read in their native language. Therefore, the Free Grace Evangelistic Association has continued to support during the year the free distribution of the Scriptures and other Christian literature in native languages.



As well as a number of reprints of children's books written by the late Mr Ramsbottom, "Bible Doctrines Simply Explained" has also been reprinted in various languages, including for first time in Urdu. A Kirundi translation has also been completed in Burundi. A partnership with Roundwood Trust has also been mutually beneficial in sharing print runs of Swahili editions produced in Kenya.

In partnership with the Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS), work has continued throughout the year on the translation of the Chichewa Bible with primary reference to the Authorised (King James) Version. The project has completed detailed proofreading. It is planned that the Bible will be printed by early next year, God willing. Translation work into Chichewa has also been undertaken on the TBS booklets, "How the Holy Bible Came to be" and "The Lord gave the Word". During the period, FGEA and TBS also continued work in Zambia on the Bemba New Testament, led by the FGEA (Zambia) co-ordinator. Proofreading of a draft translation of the entire New Testament is currently in progress. Work has also started on the translation of parts of the Old Testament.

The Free Grace Evangelistic Association most gratefully acknowledges the grants provided principally by the TBS, but also a consignment of French Received Text Bibles from Canada (Quebec):

5000	Shona Bibles
1125	English Bibles
108	French Bibles
32604	French New Testaments
100	French Gospels
2500	Bemba Gospels
2500	Tagalog Gospels
200	Swahili Gospels
3120	French booklets
782	English booklets
4	Swahili booklets
52869	Scripture calendars in English, French, Ndebele, Shona and Xhosa.

It is particularly noted that major consignments of KJV Bibles and Shona Bibles were granted to the FGEA partner associations in Zambia and Zimbabwe, plus large quantities of scripture calendars to many countries. These have been systematically distributed around these nations.





A very large grant of 50000 French NTs and 5000 French "The Lord Gave the Word" booklets was agreed by TBS in 2025, supported by funding from the Dutch sister organisation Gereformeerde Bijbelstichting (GBS). The above totals include a major part of the grant, which will be concluded (God willing) in the 2026/7 reporting year.

After several smaller shipments sent last year by post to Senegal, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Togo, Benin and Cameroon, a large shipment with about 30000 French NTs was sent by shipping container to Abidjan in Ivory Coast. In answer to prayer, this has been safely received by our Co-ordinator, Pastor Nelson Ndondo. After transporting from Abidjan port to a hired storage location, the many boxes were either prepared for distribution locally in Ivory Coast or repackaged for bulk transport by lorry to Niger, Mali, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Togo and Benin. All the NTs have arrived safely. May the Lord abundantly bless those who will receive this most precious of gifts, the Word of God.







These grants were sent to Africa and Asia at the request of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association, and they were distributed through FGEA representatives and contacts. These represent very significant assistance to the work of FGEA.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trustees must record that the Association is dependent upon the gracious hand of God to supply all our needs, both spiritual and material. The Lord has been gracious and merciful, in answer to prayer, when the charity has been hard pressed by the many genuine and urgent needs before us. During the period 2025/26, there have continued to be many unexpected challenges and unrest in certain countries where FGEA is working. However, the Lord has graciously sustained us and watched over the brethren in their pathway of tribulation and danger.

In 2025/26 there has been further increase in our Representatives, with an appointment in Pakistan, and the formation of an FGEA partner association in Cameroon. Additional contacts have now been established in Tanzania, Gabon, Uganda and Bangladesh. During the reporting year foreign visits were made by Trustees in either official or personal capacity to Cameroon, Zambia, Philippines and India. (Note: A further visit to Zimbabwe took place in May 2026). These visits are an important step in building relationships with the FGEA Co-ordinators and Representatives overseas and gaining improved mutual understanding.

Section D Achievements and performance

The following is a summary of the quantity of Bibles and literature that has been provided for free distribution during the reporting period through the charity's income. This includes Bibles and books that are either on order, in transit or being printed as of 31 March 2026, but have been fully paid for (as per the financial accounts). The figures in brackets give the numbers in the previous year. The totals are then categorised according to language. It is our prayer that the Lord would bless the word distributed. Although a comparison of totals is given, these are only a very rough guide. This is because in some languages and locations (especially for Bibles), unit costs are much greater than others. Depending on where the Bibles and literature are most needed, transport and customs clearance costs may be significant.

In 2025/6 there has continued to be a growing need for teaching literature on the scriptures and sound doctrine, as well as for children's literature, to support many local meetings and conferences. This is reflected in the totals below.

A total of 2882 Bibles (2025: 2468 Bibles)

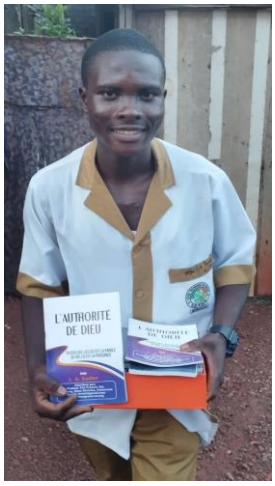
584	Swahili
500	Telugu
396	English
315	Urdu
307	Burmese
295	Bengali
100	Bemba
100	Kirundi
90	Tumbuka
87	Chichewa
82	Portuguese
16	Lenje
10	Lingala



A total of 275 NTs (2025: 1200 NTs)

275	Telugu





A total of 23527 books/booklets (2024: 16436 books/booklets)

7650	English
7000	Urdu
5100	French
2000	Swahili
1000	Telugu
500	Bemba
243	Bengali
30	Portuguese
4	Burmese (Bible Commentaries)

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Due to greatly increased shipping costs and Mail Bag routes no longer being available, second-hand literature is not being shipped. Rather, the focus is on printing literature locally in Africa and Asia, or shipping scriptures and literature via Trinitarian Bible Society who have access to commercial shipping rates. A developing feature that the Trustees are mindful of is the trend towards higher (and sometimes erratic) customs clearance charges in parts of Africa.

Free Grace Evangelistic Association only distributes Authorised (King James) Version (KJV) Bibles in English; and in other languages those available versions that are closest to the text and principles upon which the KJV was translated. Christian literature must also be consistent with the doctrinal position adopted by the Association.

A substantial proportion of the charity's funds have been expended on orphanage work. As in previous years, regular grants have continued to support orphans in India (currently 59 orphans), on average amounting to about £2300 per month. We are very thankful to the brethren for the work carried out in India. Additional grants have been provided to cover the additional food costs during school holidays and for the new school year equipment. Some funds have also been provided for maintaining the necessary legal registrations.

FGEA co-ordinators and representatives have organised many meetings for distribution of Bibles and literature, which have been funded by FGEA and other granting organisations (principally supply of Bibles and New Testaments from TBS).

Further details on the work of FGEA are given on the charity's website *www.freegrace-ea.org*.

Many individuals have kindly given of their time and resources freely in support of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association. This is most gratefully appreciated. We would give our profound thanks to the officers and members of the overseas' FGEA associations and representatives for all their labours.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	As a relatively new charity, with requests for assistance that greatly exceed income, the policy is not to build up long-term reserves at this time, but to use incoming funds within a period of a few months. This position will be reviewed by the Trustees should a very large donation be received in the future.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	No funds are in deficit.

Further financial review details

A summary of the Association's income and expenditure is presented in the Receipts and Payments Accounts. Total income for the year 2025/26 was £158651, which is much higher than the £77590 in the previous year. The main reason for the difference is that a large grant from Canada from Bethlehem's Well Mission Society was received in April 2025 and the Restricted appeal for the new orphanage building in India. However, even taking these into account, the income is higher than in 2024/25 for which we thank God. Expenditure was likewise much higher at £144249 in 2025/26 compared to £90558 in year 2024/25.

The charity's income has been directed towards supporting the key objectives, namely free distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, teaching sound Christian

doctrine, and support for orphans in India. Regular testimonies have been received from Africa and Asia expressing appreciation from many beneficiaries. Testimonies continue to be received from pastors and churches who have been given Bibles and books, that otherwise they could not have obtained, which by God's grace are helping them much in the ministry and churches. Testimonies have also been received from the orphans supported by FGEA, that the assistance has greatly helped these poor children to be fed, clothed, and cared for in a loving environment and to be prepared for adult life in their communities.

The majority of the charity's income is from individuals and other organisations (principally churches) giving donations or taking collections on behalf of the Free Grace Evangelistic Association. A sizeable income is also received from Gift Aid tax rebates. The facility for making on-line donations through the UK charity "Stewardship" has continued to provide significant funds, being much higher than the last annual period, although most of this is for the orphanage building appeal (Restricted funds).

However, it must be stressed that much of the funds received are largely through one-off donations and grants, rather than regular income, and the funds held by the charity are mostly allocated for forthcoming expenditure on Bibles, literature, or orphans. Therefore, the Trustees' current policy is not to extend the humanitarian work of the Association any further at this time. In light of this funding situation the Trustees have continued to implement a system of contingency allocations, so that if donations were lower during a given month spare funds would still be available. No expenses were paid directly to Trustees in 2025/26, although costs of local travel, food and accommodation for Trustees during overseas visits were funded as part of the overall mission costs.

Section F Other optional information

Whilst direct bank charges for international payments are identified in the Accounts, other charges are included within single international payments (e.g. exchange rates, foreign bank fees, transfer charges). Some of the variation from one year to another in the accounts is due to major expenditure that falls either just before or just after the end of the financial year.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Ian Anthony Sadler	Mr Paul Timothy Austen
Position	Chairman	Secretary

Date 7 September 2026