



# Annual Report 2020



**Sovereign World Trust**

Biblical teaching for Christian leaders in the poorest nations

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# Reasons for optimism...

## Chris Moffett, Trust Director



**Greetings to all our annual report readers and friends of Sovereign World Trust.**

Welcome to our annual report which covers the year to September 2020. Covid has of course dominated our lives during this season and still does at the time of writing.

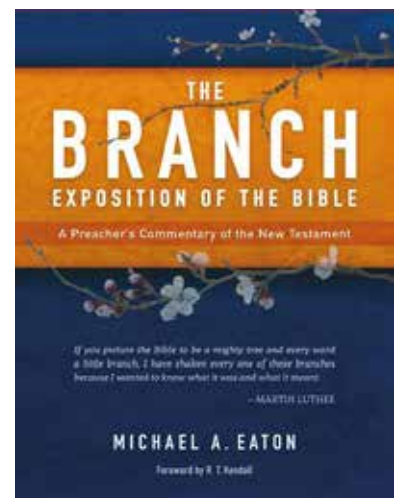
The pandemic has presented us with many limitations, essentially delays and embargoes to our physical mailing packages. Some aspects of our work,

for example, pre-loved books have been substantially on-hold although we are very well placed to bounce back when circumstances permit! And yet at the same time Covid restrictions have provided opportunities - space to do some of the things we've wanted to do for a while but previously lacked the time to do so. The latter will be my focus here.

## We have so many reasons to be thankful...

I think it is appropriate to begin by declaring that we are thankful that God is not caught-out by pandemics! In Paul's New Testament letters, he tended to begin with a burst of thanksgiving and praise, so why not here?

- We are thankful that this pandemic did not happen 10 years ago when we lacked the ability to develop tests, sequence genomes and produce vaccines in such a short time span.
- We are thankful to all those who have been working so hard in various ways to combat Covid and to keep us safe, whilst we have retained our focus on the task God has given us. We would not have been able to continue what we do without their hard work.
- We are thankful for the generosity of our supporters who continue to give month by month and also to those individuals and Trusts, some known, others anonymous who have felt prompted to send or provide support.
- We are thankful that a few years ago we made the decision to work with cloud storage and use lap-top computers. This has enabled us to continue working from home, again something we could not have done ten years ago.
- We are thankful that we were able to send out some library mailings at the beginning of 2020 before lockdown. In particular, that we were able to distribute *The Branch Exposition* by Michael Eaton - all his New Testament *Preaching Through the Bible* in a single hard-backed edition of some 1300 pages.
- We are thankful that we see the hand of God over-ruling and protecting and like the potter, shaping our lives and the ministry of Sovereign World Trust.





## In this report...

Glancing through this report you will see news from around the world - Africa, Asia, the Pacific and also Macedonia where, of course, Paul planted churches almost 2000 years ago. We hope you enjoy reading these stories from recipients, mostly in their own words. What really matters is not what we do to get books out there, but what God does in the hearts, minds and lives of people who read them.

There is also an interview with Nick Gray, pastor and web designer, whose work on building our websites has made a huge contribution, especially over this past year. As a church leader himself, he is ideally placed to understand our needs and offer helpful suggestions. Additionally, you will find an update on our Russian translations and publishing in Swahili, and the usual financial summary.

## Digital and internet developments

I wrote a brief section last year about our use of the Internet, so I'll add just a few points here to illustrate our approach. We are, of course, providing material for the relatively poor leaders, who do not have their own computers and rely on Internet cafés, or equipment belonging to others. *And that is the challenge for us – to use the opportunities provided by technological advances, without assuming that people have the same access to them as we do in the prosperous West.* Here are a few of the ways in which we try to do this:

- We aim to make our material accessible quickly, to avoid high user charges. We are concentrating on providing menus with detail and explanations that make it possible to access what they need quickly and precisely.
- We split and reformat our material into short portions to avoid heavy printing costs, wherever possible on two sides of one sheet of paper. These sheets are in PDF format so can be accessed universally and can be read on tablets which are becoming more popular.
- More recently we have begun to experiment with 'Kindle-type' formats which can be used on smart phones with readers, because the text can be enlarged and is therefore easier to read. Many second-hand smart phones no longer needed in the West find their way to a new life in the Third World.
- We have begun to send a regular teaching email which also contains links to material recently added to the resources website. This gives a regular drip-feed of ideas which can be followed up if appropriate.
- Also on the website are some audio resources, again small files that can be listened to without incurring heavy costs and we are experimenting with associated outlines to facilitate teaching to others.

More on our digital offerings on page 10 of this report.

Finally, if our focus during this season, has been to invest most of our time on digital distribution, we are reassured to know that others have been able to continue distributing physical books in the nations. Trust partner, Richard Smart for example, has been in Uganda for several months supporting pastors in rural communities and handing over books personally. The result of our collective efforts is that God's kingdom advances.

*Thanks be to God!*

**Chris Moffett**



Baptism Macedonia

In conversation with...

**Nick Gray**

## Website Developer & Trust Supporter

**Nick Gray has been a supporter of Sovereign World Trust for nearly 20 years since he first came across the ministry and became excited about being able to help pastors worldwide obtain biblical teaching materials. In addition to his website development work, Nick is also a pastor with the Elim churches. We caught up with him recently to find out a little more about his life and mission; and how does he juggle the challenges of two such demanding roles?**

Nick lives in South London with his wife, his children having long flown the nest. He spent nine years in the Army during the time of the Northern Ireland 'troubles' and grew in faith during that time. He felt a call into the full-time ministry before he went into the Army and came to a full faith in Jesus and held that calling throughout his Army service. Nick has now been a pastor for about 35 years and has served churches in Scotland, Yorkshire and now London. He has travelled quite

widely and is passionate about the church in the "West" supporting Christians in less well-off countries. He is on the board of a mission charity (Focus on Israel - [www.foiuk.org](http://www.foiuk.org)) that supports ministries and congregations in Israel.

Nick started his website business around ten years ago with a colleague, also a pastor, to offer website development to churches and charities who could not afford full secular professional costs. Nick and his partner wanted their business to be as much a ministry as a commercial enterprise and always sets high value on building relationships with their clients and offering a personalised service that would be within their clients' budgets.

Within the last few years, Nick's partner moved on to other things



and he now runs the business as a "sole trader". Fortunately the workload building websites can be managed so it doesn't conflict with or put too much pressure on running a church at the same time. In fact, being a full-time pastor as well enables Nick to understand the needs of churches and the possibilities on the internet to bring their presentation and communications more up to date.

The past year of COVID and lockdowns has led to an upsurge in churches and charities holding conferences and webinars online. This means being able to provide live-streaming pages for churches as well as a standard website, an opportunity to expand skills.

His involvement as a website developer for SWT began when the Trust mentioned a project to publish materials online for pastors who could access them through internet cafés and (latterly) their mobile phones. It took a few years for the project to take off, but in that time



Nick's website can be found at [www.interfacewebsites.uk](http://www.interfacewebsites.uk)

Nick completely revamped the outdated SWT supporters' website and added to it a second website for overseas pastors to apply for free mailings of books. It has been exciting for the Trust to be able to offer a growing volume of teaching and preaching materials through two separate resource sites - [www.slices.org.uk](http://www.slices.org.uk) and [www.ibtr.org.uk](http://www.ibtr.org.uk), the updated versions of which only recently became live.

As Nick's involvement (through building four websites for the Trust) has increased, he has become more a part of the team that takes the ministry forward. As Chris Moffett explains:

***"Nick has become an integral part of the Trust. He has a knack for problem-solving, and we certainly have presented him with some pretty interesting technical challenges in the last few years. As the Covid pandemic took***

***hold through 2021 and our physical mailings were halted due to cargo restrictions, the Trust has dramatically increased its online presence. Nick has worked tirelessly to support us in our efforts here, understanding our mission and working closely with us in our urgent push to upscale our online presence. With Nick's help we have been able to continue to offer Biblical teaching and preaching resources to many of our recipients worldwide."***

And finally, we asked Nick some "Desert Island Discs" questions and found that one of his favourite Christian songs could have been written for web developers. When a client asks for something unusual or

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**Chris Moffett**

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tricky on a website, Nick quotes the old Hillsong chorus, "All Things Are Possible"! He also told us that his favourite books at the moment are the timeless classics, *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence (17th century), *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis (15th century) and Jeanne Guyon's *Experiencing the Depths of Christ* (17th century)!

***Thanks Nick, for all you do! We really appreciate it!***

## Pointers for prayer

### For the year ahead

**Thank you to all those who mention the work of the Trust in their prayers. Here are some pointers for the forthcoming year:**

- Thanks to God for His many blessings and practical help.
- That we will be able to catch-up on our mailing programme during 2021 and 2022.
- That our books will continue to arrive reliably and undamaged and that they will prove to be very helpful to recipients.
- That we will be able to sustain the development of relevant digital resources in the coming months.
- That the staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters of Sovereign World Trust will all enjoy good health and protection
- That God will guide and overrule our responses to requests from potential new recipients in line with the foundational scripture: *"Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others."* 2 Timothy 2:2 (Living Bible)
- That God will guide us as we select culturally relevant, straightforward, practical teaching books that are respectful of scripture and open to the leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you!





# News from the nations

We are delighted to bring news from our recipients around the world. Hearing their stories shows the impact of your support on those who really need it now more than ever.

## Africa

### Leper hospital lockdown, Nigeria

In May we received an update from the coronavirus lockdown in southern Nigeria. One of the Trust's regular recipients is Chaplain Nelson who uses the resources we send to help with his Bible teaching and outreach.

Chaplain Nelson tries to visit the poor and more remote villages in his area whenever possible. The leper hospital, within one of these villages, was suffering greatly under the Covid restrictions and it was heartening to hear that the chaplain was able to bring both 'spiritual nourishment' and supplies of food and provisions to the local people.

*"We registered 675 persons in attendance including children," he explained. "It was a great blessing to all in a time like this, where everywhere has been closed and everybody is in total lockdown."*

Meanwhile at the leprosy hospital, the chaplain and his team gave comfort to the patients and staff. Here, they were similarly able to distribute food items and offer prayers. *"We were warmly received by the hospital and gathered at the hospital chapel with some of the patients and their children. Due to the Covid-19, only a limited number of patients were allowed to attend the fellowship. Nevertheless, we had more than 80 people in attendance and 25 people invited Jesus into their hearts."*

Chaplain Nelson has asked us to keep the villagers and the hospital in our prayers.



## Enriched and empowered, Kenya

***"I am forever grateful for the wealth of material I receive, and am enriched and empowered to empower others."*** These uplifting words from one of the lady ministers we support in Kenya, Reverend Paris.

*"The titles, which I received at the end of last year are of immense importance, not only to me, but to the leadership and the church membership where I minister. I am involved in the leadership of the whole ministry and the impact of the books is felt beyond our church boundaries."*

Reverend Paris explains how each of the books sent offered particular gifts to her ministry. She explains:

*"Browns' Dictionary of Bible Characters by John Brown is a very rich material and is a big encouragement, I am learning a lot from the 'generals' who have gone ahead of us - we learn from their mistakes and from their strengths. The Paradoxical Messiah by Hugh Hill is more or less the biography of Jesus, detailing His activities chronologically and a great blessing to us. Trusting in the Grace Of God by Derek Prince; this year I and my husband, with whom I work in the ministry, have been carrying out a series of teaching on the grace of God. This book has been of tremendous help."*



*I just wanted to let you know that your ministry has far-reaching impact. May God bless you and provide the resources you need to bless many more ministers who are disadvantaged."*

## Bringing hand washing and God's word to the villages...

Pastor Enock, a regular SWT recipient, wrote to us back in August with an update on his recent evangelical road trip to some of the more remote 'local' villages. Challenging times call for a slightly different approach, with the team arriving at each village with materials for hand washing and the inevitable supply of face masks.



*"Greetings from Malawi in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are back safe home and we are so thankful for all your prayers and support."*

*We were able to see 396 people receiving Jesus for the first time and many were delivered, encouraged and renewed in their faith. We were able to bless each village with what God has given us this trip: the hand wash materials, face masks, glasses and Bibles.*

*Before coming to the meeting with our team, the villagers have to wash their hands with soap. We then met with the children and the women separately. We took some reading glasses with us and as one villager exclaimed:*

*"I can now read the Bible! Praise the Lord!"*

Pastor Enock and his team are so grateful for the books and teachings we have been able to send to him in support of his mission and extend their thanks to all our friends and supporters

## Asia

### Knowing the love of God, Myanmar

**Harvest Ministries is a growing and vibrant ministry based in Yangon, Myanmar and a regular recipient of books from Sovereign World Trust.**

In his letter, Senior Pastor Khai shared with us stories of what God is doing in Myanmar. *"The main purpose of this church and ministry is to know the love of God and to let other people know His love,"*

The pastor shared his team's goals for the church and ministry for 2020 which included evangelism; training and discipline; reaching and planting; loving and caring.

Harvest have the following ministries:

- Sunday schools at different locations across Yangon where Bible stories are taught through videos and books. There is also an associated feeding programme. As Pastor Khai explains: *"...we believe that God wants us to feed people spiritually and physically"*.
- A pre-school called "Light A Child" which has a strong element of Biblical teaching tailored to the children's needs.
- The Elim Home Orphanage which aims to demonstrate the love of God in action to neglected children locally.
- The Harvest Bible College which equips and trains young people in Biblical teaching and preaching.

Pastor Khai reports that books from the Trust have been particularly helpful in the preparation of lessons for the Harvest Bible College, in ministry life and in training.

Senior Pastor Khai completed his theological studies at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary in the Philippines in 1991. He taught at the Evangelical Bible College for five years and served as Dean of Students for three years. He received the call of God to pioneer a church and the Harvester Christian Centre was founded in June 1993.

*Please note: in the current climate, we have made contact with Pastor Khai who is happy for us to share his story.*





## Finding ways to bless others through the crisis, Thailand

Throughout the Covid pandemic it has been both reassuring and heartening to hear from our recipients worldwide. In July we had news from another SWT recipient, Pastor Margaret in Thailand. Pastor Margaret and the team in Phuket have been finding ways to reach out to others during the Covid-19 crisis using both modern and more traditional practical approaches.



*"Hello from Phuket Christian Centre, Thailand. We trust that you and all at Sovereign World Trust are keeping safe and well. Like so many around the world this coronavirus has changed normal daily life as we knew it. But despite so many restrictions and closed doors, we praise God that we as His church are continuing to connect with so many people, not just here in Phuket but around the world, as we have been able to use social media for our Sunday and mid-week meetings. This has meant we have connected with more people than before.*

*Our island of Phuket has now been virus-free for nearly a month, as the airport, port and road over to the mainland have been closed. Also, within the island itself we had roadblocks and a nightly curfew, although these last two restrictions have been lifted now. While this is good, because we rely so heavily on tourism, the economy in the meantime has plummeted and it's so sad to see many hotels and businesses close down, and unemployment rising. But, we see this also as an opportunity to bring hope to those who are suffering and encourage them.*

*As a church, and also from our business, Kingdom Cafe, we have taken care packages to poor communities to bless them in a practical way. We have made your books available to a few of our leaders who speak English, and they appreciate that.*

*May God bless you"*

The photo Margaret sent us shows the empty library at the Christian Centre - at the time of the pastor's letter this was not accessible to visitors because of the virus restrictions in Thailand.

## God's incredible provision, India

It was so uplifting to hear from Reverend Clifton from the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission and Indian Orphanage during the summer.

The Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission is an independent organisation that has been providing support to those in need since 1952. The mission works in a variety of areas offering support to lepers, giving vocational training, providing education and disaster relief.

*"Thank you so much for the amazing books that you have sent," writes Rev Clifton. "We are super blessed to have just opened a brand new library for our orphanage, school and local community this last weekend. It is like nothing people in our area have ever seen before.*



*We praise God for His incredible provision, it will allow many opportunities for us to connect with local people.*



*Sadly, as most of the books in the library have been donated they are 95% secular... but with SWT on our side I am sure those numbers will begin to change!*

*God bless you and thanks once again."*



# 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 Europe, the Pacific and South America.

## Sowing the seed, Macedonia

**We had two emails from Aleksandar 'Sasha' Vuletic from Macedonia during the year. A long-time Trust recipient, Sasha and his team have been ministering to those in need throughout the lockdown. This has included practical support, such as the distribution of food parcels and the sharing of Bibles and Biblical teaching material.**

We never cease to be amazed at the different, innovative ways that our recipients reached their communities before and during in-country lockdowns and the Trinitas Church are a great example.

A couple of months ago when Sasha and his wife Maria were visiting their local market, they noticed that someone had put a bookshelf in the central part of the shopping mall, in order for people to freely share books and magazines. The idea was that once the books had been read and enjoyed, they could be returned to the mall, together with a new book, for others to borrow.



Maria felt that God was reminding her that this was a great opportunity in this time of distress to *"bring the seed of God's word to the people from our neighbourhood and community"*. So, Maria and Sasha took evangelistic books, Bibles, children's Bibles and other Christian material to the shopping centre. Here, they put them on display so shoppers could easily notice them. Even during the first few minutes of putting them on the shelves, people were waiting for Sasha and Maria to finish their work in order to take books, not only for themselves but also for family members and neighbours. Sasha and Maria left information on how they could be contacted and how they could learn about all the local churches nearby.

*"People are hungry and looking for answers", explains Sasha, "this is an opportunity for the church to sow the seed of the Gospel in every way it can. I shared this experience with pastors and leaders from other churches in Skopje and Macedonia so that they also can use this unique opportunity to share free books, Bibles and Gospel news in their community. So far, we have distributed more than 1000 printed materials."*

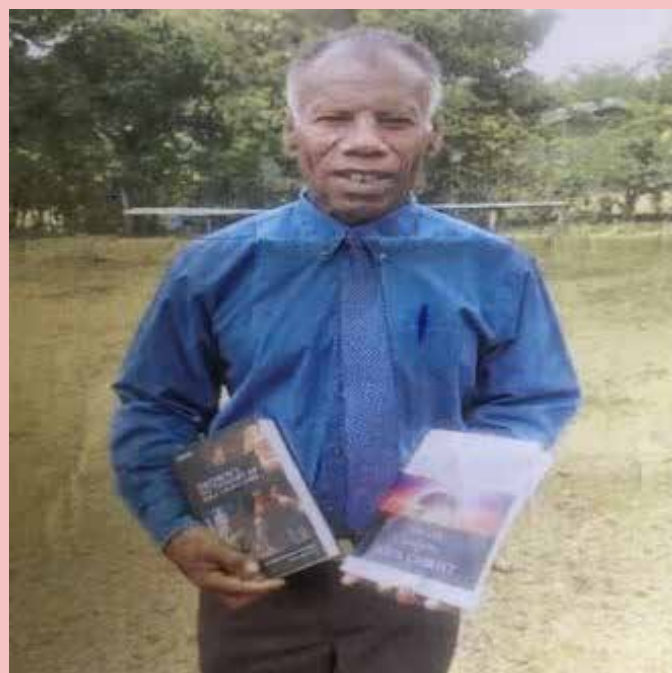
## Biblical teaching for isolated communities in the Pacific region

**Last year we were able to bring news from Pastor Situ on Tanna, one of remote Pacific island groups of Vanuatu. Pastor Situ has written to us again with an update.**

The pastor clearly greatly values the books we are able to send to him. It also sounds like the books are going to be well-travelled as part of the pastor's latest ministry outreach. His words once again demonstrate how important it is that we continue to serve pastors in isolated locations across the world, wherever they may be:

*"I would like to thank the Lord for the great help of Sovereign World Trust by providing Christian materials to leaders around the world. The books I received at the end of last year are helping me by refreshing my life and ministry because I am living on such a remote island. I am also assisting in areas outside my own, sharing the Good News. The church I pastor is working on some of the other islands some distance away.*

*Thank you very much for the great help. My prayer that God will continue to bless the ministry and to provide enough financially for the ministry to keep flourishing in the future. God's blessing"*



# All things digital

## Supporting recipients online

The global pandemic has had far-reaching effects on our ability to send books to many nations as cargo delays and multiple freight embargoes abound. In this fluid situation, we have been keen to avoid the risk that our precious resources are caught up in the confusion caused by accumulating undelivered freight, so we have been endeavouring to support our recipients via online resources. In many ways the pandemic has become the catalyst for the increase in our digital activity as we have diverted our resources to the provision of teaching materials online.

Whilst we appreciate that there are some recipients who are not in a position to benefit directly from online resources, we hope that those who do have internet access will be able to share resources locally. As the use of smart phones (often reconditioned for Third World use) surges it is not necessary to have an expensive computer and printer to access these teaching materials. Meanwhile, our traditional pastor mailings will resume apace as soon as the current crisis abates.

With internet usage continuing to rise across Asia and a digital revolution in Africa, we hope that connecting digitally with our recipients will continue and flourish beyond the Covid crisis, running in tandem with our physical mailings where appropriate.

So how have we responded to the increasing digital challenge in the last year?

## A centralised resource website

This is a combination of two resource portals encompassing:

1. Slices of Michael Eaton's *Preaching Through the Bible*  
[www.slices.org.uk](http://www.slices.org.uk)



As you may be aware, we have recently embarked on revitalising and enhancing an overhauled 'Slices' website accessible at [www.slices.org.uk](http://www.slices.org.uk). For the benefit of people in parts of the world where books are unavailable or unaffordable, selected portions of the late Michael Eaton's *Preaching Through the Bible* series were re-formatted and supplemented as 'Slices' for personal and group study, and for preaching outlines.

2. International Biblical teaching resources (iBtr)  
[www.ibtr.org.uk](http://www.ibtr.org.uk)



This similarly downloadable collection of resources of various types has likewise been divided up for printing on just a few pages or for reading on a tablet. They can be used for preaching, teaching, Bible study groups or personal study.



## SOVEREIGN WORLD TRUST DIGITAL OFFERING

### HOW THE TRUST SUPPORTS RECIPIENTS ONLINE

#### RESOURCE WEBSITE



- For viewing on tablets, phones & download
- [www.ibtr.org.uk](http://www.ibtr.org.uk) - a steadily growing collection in bite-sized portions, PDFs, audio, e-readers, links to recommended third party resources
- [www.slices.org.uk](http://www.slices.org.uk) - reformatted chapters of Michael Eaton's *Preaching Through the Bible*

#### EMAIL TEACHING NEWSLETTERS



- Particularly welcomed during the Covid pandemic while physical mailings halted
- Recipients encouraged to share and forward to others

**600+ RECIPIENTS**

#### PRE-LOVED BOOK DATABASE



- Allows invited longstanding recipients to browse pre-loved book collection
- Books pre-ordered for delivery when restrictions lifted

**4000+ TITLES**

#### SOCIAL MEDIA



- Keeps our supporters updated
- Postings can be shared with others who could benefit e.g. church mission partners

**FACEBOOK**

### WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON NEW AND UPDATED RESOURCES & DIGITAL PROJECTS

[www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk/resources](http://www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk/resources)

Providing Biblical teaching resources to leaders in the poorer and most remote areas of the world



All our resources are being made available without charge. Understandably, those in wealthier parts of the world are encouraged to purchase them commercially or make a contribution to their production via the links provided.

## Regular teaching emails

At the beginning of November, we sent out the first of our Biblical teaching emails to support those pastors and libraries contactable via email. Currently our readership comprises some 650 subscribers. The response from our recipients has been enthusiastic, with requests for more and 'shares' with colleagues. Many pastors and libraries in the poorer parts of the world have suffered greatly throughout the pandemic, so to be able to bring encouragement and cheer is a blessing indeed.

At the time of writing we have already sent five teaching emails - approximately one edition every three weeks. Here is a snapshot of the response from our audience:

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Greetings in Jesus Name! We write to thank you for the e-mail that we received which was a very encouraging letter especially at this time. Covid-19 is sweeping our little country and many restrictions and travel bans are taking place. Most churches like our house churches have been shut down and our evangelical outreach programme has come to a stand-still.

We sincerely miss the study material you used to send us and we pray that God will enable your ministry to be able to continue to send your much appreciated and much needed study material to many pastors, May the Lord bless you and all involved in the Sovereign World Trust Ministry.

*Pastor Lynton, Sri Lanka*

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Thank you for the pdfs and for the teachings that you sent me. I am very grateful for what you are doing. It is very unfortunate that the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus has affected the mailings of hard copy materials to us. I am very hopeful that this is just a passing phase and that normal mailings will resume.

I am very hopeful that all is well with you and your families in the face of this deadly pandemic. Here we thank the Lord for divine protection. I am good and so is the family. The church is good and I am glad to tell you that we have resumed our Sunday services. We have no casualties at church due to the Covid 19 virus. May the Lord guard and guide you together with your families.

*Pastor Prince, Zimbabwe*

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## Pre-loved book database

We have a large number of second-hand books donated by our supporters, mostly retiring ministers and Christian leaders. Through our online pre-loved book database, we are able to give selected leaders the opportunity to order some of these for their libraries. This has the advantage of enabling recipients to choose from a much broader selection, and target their choices to their specific needs. As soon as Covid restrictions are lifted we will be able to post the 2020 pre-loved book selections.

## Keeping supporters informed online

We continue to update our supporters via our Facebook and website news channels. Social media posts can be shared with others who could benefit, for example, church mission partners.

Many of our supporters now prefer digital communication, so prayer information, news and annual reports are all available digitally.

If you have any suggestions or preferences for the way we keep you updated about our work please do email [natalie@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk](mailto:natalie@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk).

# Publishing update

## The Bible Student in Swahili Update

The Trust has now published a Swahili edition of the first eleven chapters of *The Bible Student*. Some 3000 copies of this have recently been sent to Tanzania for distribution there.

*The Bible Student* as a whole is a Biblical teaching book comprising fifty chapters covering key topics. The book originated in the context of the East Africa Revival. Its aim is to provide straightforward teaching as it serves to link Bible passages together.

This first booklet covers the basic problem of mankind and what God has done to solve it. The basic problem is sin and by turning to God in repentance and faith we are able to receive the benefits of Christ's atoning sacrifice. Through the gospel we are redeemed, forgiven and justified. Having experienced the gift of a new life, we live in the grace of God.

The book in its entirety is being translated by John Madinda, former Principal of St Philips Theological College in Tanzania. John is currently working on the next 12 chapters.



# Translation news

## Preaching Through the Bible - Mark's Gospel in Russian



Mailings Manager, Olga Moffett

For some time our Mailings Manager, Olga Moffett, has been working with two colleagues from Latvia on a Russian translation of Michael Eaton's *Mark*. Julia and another Olga are seasoned translators, essential for this type of work. So far 24 of the 36 chapters have been completed.

Translator Julia, who lived in England for some years and is a graduate of the London School of Economics, is a mother of five children and an experienced home-schooler. She has had to balance many responsibilities and deal with frequent interruptions. Olga '2', meanwhile, comes from an editing background.

Translating into Russian does present some challenges in relation to language and culture, and the

sensitivities of the Russian Orthodox believers need to be borne in mind. Their Synodic version of the Bible is comparable to our King James Version. Olga, (the editor) scrutinizes the translation to make sure it reads like authentic Russian rather than a translation. We hope that the result will stand the test of time and enjoy wide circulation when complete.

Initially it is being made available as an internet download, but once *Mark* in its entirety is complete, there will be the possibility of publishing the whole book, possibly in the Ukraine.





# 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.



## Credit / Debit Card



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:

[www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk/donate](http://www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk/donate)

## 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](http://www.justgiving.com/sovereignworldtrust).

## 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/](http://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



Helping 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 of 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.

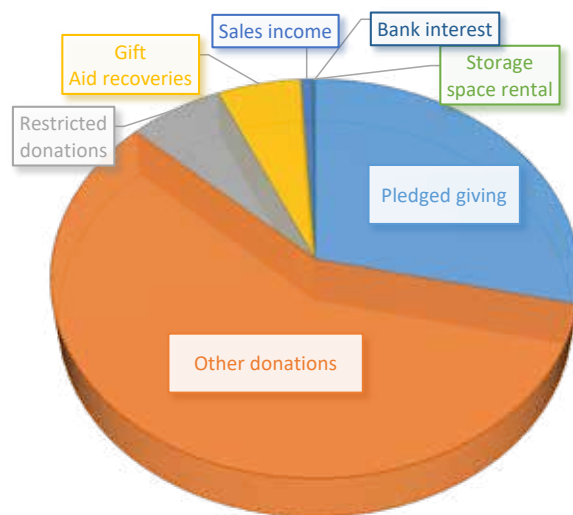
# Financial summary

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. Almost 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 6% 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.

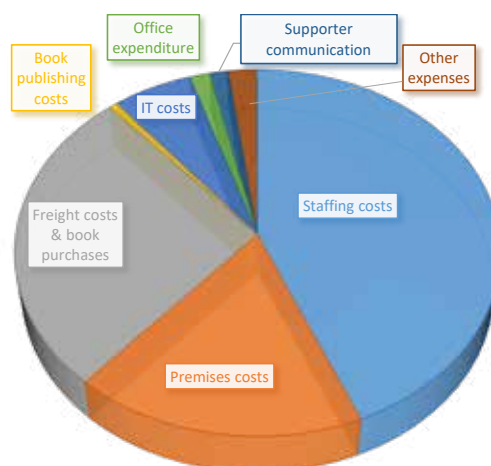
Category	£
<b>Pledged giving</b> by individuals.	19,518
<b>Other donations</b> from individuals, churches and grant-making trusts.	39,893
<b>Restricted giving</b> towards particular projects specified by the donors.	4,352
<b>Gift Aid reclaimed</b> from UK tax payers.	3,829
<b>Sales income</b> from publications. We sell books which we have published ourselves – in particular, <i>Preaching Through the Bible</i> by Michael Eaton.	559
<b>Storage space rental</b> - another small charity rents a small area of storage space from us.	60
<b>Interest.</b>	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	68,260



## 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. For obvious reasons expenditure on mailing has been lower this year. Next year the situation will be reversed.

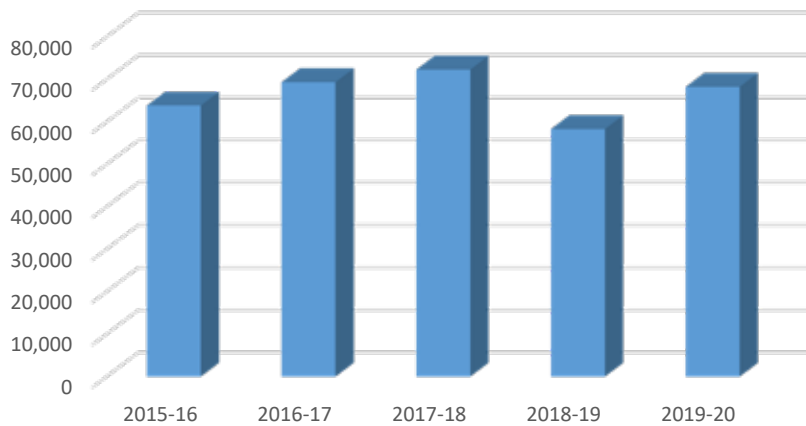
Category	£
<b>Staffing costs</b> - for 4 members of staff equivalent to 1.25 people, including pension contributions. We also benefit from the generous help of volunteers who give their time so freely.	23,713
<b>Premises costs</b> - for our office space and warehouse rental, including council tax and utilities.	9,680
<b>Freight costs and book purchases</b> - this year the majority consists of book purchases in particular <i>The Branch Exposition</i> .	14,726
<b>Book publishing costs</b> - this year <i>The Bible Student</i> in Swahili.	321
<b>IT costs.</b>	3,164
<b>Office expenditure</b> - office running costs and postage.	809
<b>Supporter communication</b> - mailings of newsletters and annual report.	730
<b>Other expenses</b> - various other costs e.g. accountant's fees, bank charges, subscriptions.	1,172
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,315</b>





### 3. Income trend

This year's income was boosted by a generous legacy. We especially appreciate our volunteers who donate their time to support us in a number of ways. 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 5 Year History	
Year	£
2015-16	63,855
2016-17	69,349
2017-18	72,308
2018-19	58,321
2019-20	68,260

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 2020 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

#### Legal and Administrative details as at December 2020

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.

#### 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.

#### Principal Office Addresses (UK)

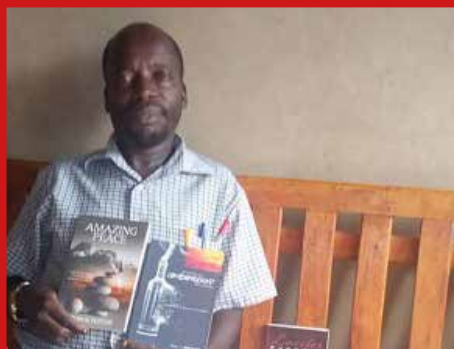
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Tel: 01732 851150 (which will provide a redirected number if the office is unmanned).  
Email: [chrism@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk](mailto:chrism@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk)

#### Trustees as at December 2020

Tony Miles-Prouten (Chair), Paul Caneparo, Zillah Harrod. Zillah resigned in December 2020 but we are pleased to say that two additional trustees have joined us from January 2021.

# Thanks to your support...

...we continue to be able to provide aids to Biblical teaching across the world



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