



Annual Report 2022



Sovereign World Trust

Biblical teaching for Christian leaders in the poorest nations

Contents

2. **Right people, right time**
with Chris Moffett
3. **News from the nations**
Africa
India
The rest of the world
6. **Pre-loved books**
Current status
7. **Mailings update**
The joys and the challenges
8. **Project Mark**
Moving forward
9. **In partnership...**
Books put in the hands of those who need them
10. **Christian revival India**
God in the Punjab
11. **Get Involved**
There are many ways you can help
12. **Financial summary**
Our latest financial picture
14. **Digital teaching**
When and how
15. **Thanks to your support...**
In pictures

Right people, right time

Chris Moffett, Trust Director



Greetings from the Sovereign World Trust team and welcome to our annual report for the year ending September 2022.

At the risk of sounding like an Oscars ceremony, I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has supported us over the past year, be that financially, practically, prayer support or advocacy. Also, without our team of staff, trustees and volunteers the work could not continue. Amongst our financial supporters are individuals, churches,

and grant-making trusts. A special word of thanks to those who slipped a cheque into the post with note saying, "no acknowledgement needed."

And a special welcome to new readers. We hope that this report gives you an engaging and interesting account of what we do.

Last year's report was written against the background of emerging from the Covid pandemic which disrupted our regular mailing programme, whilst providing some windows of opportunity to grow in other areas. As far as mailings are concerned, we are definitely on a restored upward trajectory, though the legacy of Covid and changes in the world of international freight have continued to challenge us.

Last year, I drew attention to our financial challenges. The figures at the end of this report show that regular pledged support has held up very well. For this we are very thankful. Ad hoc donations have, however, dropped markedly. We're very thankful to the Thompson Trust for a grant in the last month of this financial year. Further grants were received in October 2022 onwards and will appear in next year's figures. We have also been able to make savings going forward on staffing and premises costs which will also show in next year's figures. So although the downward trajectory continues we have enough for our current operational needs.

Included in this report is an update on developments in the world of mailings and freighting. We are living in a changing world, something I've mentioned many times in previous reports, with the growth of online sales and international regulations, both of which have a significant impact on what we do. There's also an update on the Mark project and translations.

We continue to receive very positive responses to the books we send. One title that was particularly appreciated this year was a book on Leadership – *Breaking the Leadership Bottleneck* by Roy Weaver, a former senior minister with the Assemblies of God. The issue of leadership succession is one that needs addressing with intentional action and well-thought-out strategy if the full potential of church growth is to be realised. One college principal wrote to tell us that he was using this title as a course textbook for his students. We are truly thankful when the right books reach the right people at the right time. That is our aim and our prayer!

God bless you and thanks for reading.

Chris Moffett

News from the nations 2022

Stories from our recipients globally continue to hearten and inspire us. We are truly humbled by the efforts of Christian leaders, libraries and Bible schools as they continue to overcome many challenges to bring Biblical understanding and teaching to their people. We are privileged to be able to continue to support them with books and teaching relevant to their ministries and local needs.

Africa

Outreach success, Ghana

Our recipients keep us updated on their mission in a variety of ways. Minister Kwame and his team in Ghana regularly message us on Facebook with news of their teaching, ministries and evangelistic outreaches. Their positive stories show how much can be achieved by faith, endeavour and dedication, and we are delighted that books from the Trust can help reach a variety of audiences.



Their church, Beit Yeshua House of Salvation, is well known for its outreach meetings which are so popular that at an event earlier in the year they used the grounds of a local bus station for an outdoor service attended by over 450 'unreached' people. Holding such a meeting outside has additional benefits as the team describe:

"Raised hands calling upon the Lord for salvation, prayers for healing, family salvation, peace and work testified to the power of the Gospel to bring salvation to all who believed. Because the meeting was held in the open we were thrilled with the large numbers of people who were just passing by or sitting in close proximity and stopped to listen to the gospel."

We rented 200 chairs and distributed food, drinks and washing soap...ongoing efforts are being made to establish a permanent church meeting time for those who responded to the call for salvation. Thank you for your prayers and support. Many lives have been touched and will never be the same."

A Christian library for all, Zimbabwe

It is always encouraging to hear how the books we are able to send through the generosity of our supporters are helping to support different community groups in different parts of the world.

Jenny Searle from Revival Centre Ministries wrote to us recently to thank us for the books we sent to her. As part of the centre's outreach, the team operates a not-for-profit Christian Counselling Centre based in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and one of the services offered by the centre is a library.

All the books in this small library are Christian titles, including reference books, which can be used by pastors in the region. The library is open and available to all and new titles from Sovereign World Trust are "very welcome and much appreciated" as they help to add to the relevancy and vibrancy of the collection.



As part of her update letter, Jenny included a photo of the women's ministry students from the Theological College of Zimbabwe enjoying the library.

Precious opportunities to grow and learn, Tanzania



The importance of Bible schools and colleges in shaping the future of the Church in third world countries cannot be over-stressed.

As we have touched on in the past, colleges and Bible schools have a key role in teaching the leaders of the future, and the precious time they spend there away from the pressures of their day-to-day lives gives students the opportunity to study and to grow in their Biblical knowledge and interpretation.

Bible schools often need practical texts, while theological colleges have a requirement for more scholarly titles. Where possible, we correspond with librarians or principals in order to identify their requirements.

One of our regular Bible colleges is Tazengwa Pentecostal Bible College, Tanzania, the recipient of books as part of our recent library mailing.

"Greetings from Tazengwa Pentecostal Bible College, Tanzania!" writes Rev. Reuben. "I am a Bible teacher at Tazengwa Pentecostal Bible College in Nzega district, Tabora region, Tanzania. I am also the principal of the college. The college is part of the Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania.

These books are so helpful in my ministry and the work of equipping men and women of God to serve the church and the community. The books are also helpful in my personal spiritual and ministerial growth. I hope that these books will continue to be a blessing, not only to me but also to those whom I am serving. God bless you and your supporters for these lovely gifts."

Celebrating women's fellowship, Nigeria

In one of his regular updates from Nigeria, Pastor Nsibiet shared some wonderful news about his church's women's ministry.

Back in 2009 the pastor and his wife, Comfort, set up a church ministry women's fellowship, the *Gospel Express Evangelical Church (GEEC)*, and this month saw the inauguration of this ministry into the *National Women's Fellowship*.

It was truly a time for celebration, as the women began their day with a gospel outing and evangelism into the nearby villages. This was followed by a church service attended by members of the GEEC, National Women's Fellowship, invited special guests and well-wishers.

The inauguration ceremony, together with prayers for the newly installed leaders, were carried out by Pastor Nsibiet, while the pastor's wife offered the speech of inauguration acceptance.



Pastor Nsibiet asks for our prayers for the women's fellowship as they continue to minister to the needs of local people, particularly prison inmates and their families, those living in more rural areas and lepers.

India

Floods, Southern India



It can be difficult to comprehend the circumstances under which some of our recipients live and work, and this was brought into sharp focus by a message from Mrs Ross of Living Waters Rural Evangelism in Andhra Pradesh, India.

At the beginning of last year, Mrs Ross wrote to thank us for sending a selection of teaching and preaching titles which miraculously arrived safely. *Miraculously*, because during the previous winter, southern India was battered by weeks of heavy rain with a number killed and injured. Andhra Pradesh was particularly badly affected as flash floods destroyed property and caused untold hardship for the people of the region.

As Mrs Ross reports, some villages were virtually demolished or isolated, with flood water and damage blocking access to food and water. As you can see from the photo she sent to us, the floods could be devastating for some.

Mrs Ross asked for our prayers for the victims of the floods which all too often bring devastation to parts of India. She particularly asked us to remember the poor and those in more remote areas.

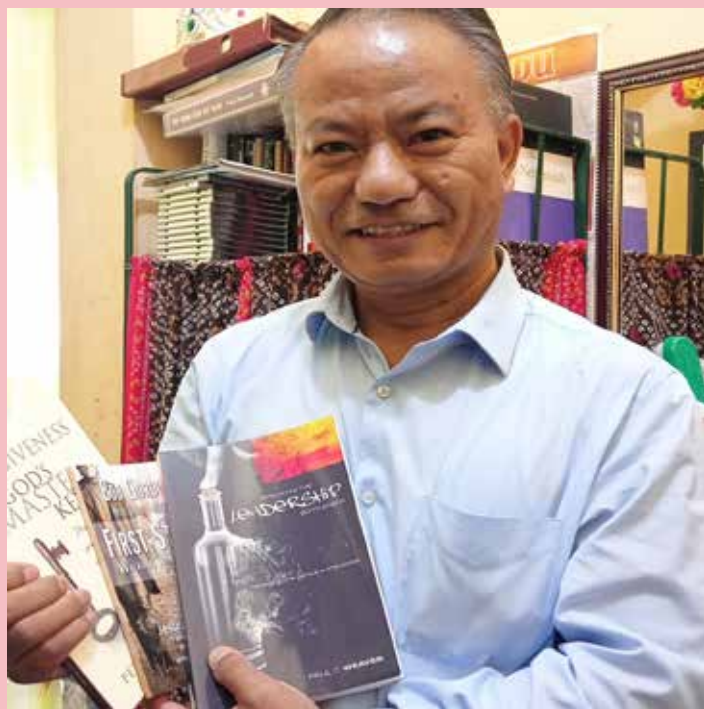
A favourite book, Tamil Nadu

The books we select for our recipients are the result of much research and careful consideration, so it is helpful to receive feedback on specific book selections. This can also help to educate future choices.

A popular choice last year was *Breaking the Leadership Bottleneck*, by Paul Weaver. Pastor Lalminthang from Tamil Nadu, India, was delighted to receive this title as part of his pastor mailing:

"I appreciate your support so much," he wrote. "I love reading and studying the Bible and other Christian books for my personal growth and ministry.

Out of the three books you've sent me this time, I especially love *Breaking the Leadership Bottleneck*, by Paul Weaver. I have begun to read this and, although I have not quite completed it, I am already blessed. I know it costs a lot to send me these gifts yet I request that you will continue to support me in my ministry in the local area. Thank you so much and may God continue to bless your efforts."



In his book, *Breaking the Leadership Bottleneck*, Paul Weaver takes a fresh look at how modern church leadership approaches the need to change to meet the requirements of today's world. A challenge not just confined to churches in the world's poorer nations. Writing from extensive leadership experience, the author aims to stimulate leaders' thinking and challenge entrenched ideas and practices; quite literally urging and encouraging leaders to avoid being 'bottlenecks' to realising their churches' true potential.

The rest of the world

While many of our recipients come from Africa and India, we also receive numerous requests from pastors and libraries in other areas of Asia, and in Europe, the Pacific and South America.

Rightful teaching, Thailand

As we have touched on previously, an important part of the Trust's mission is to facilitate training for the church leaders of the future in the developing world. With burgeoning populations in many poorer countries, never has it been more important to ensure that God's word reaches Christians and those coming to faith here.

Biblical teaching books which faithfully explain issues of character, righteousness and Godly leadership can and do make all the difference. Without them, many Christians are at risk of misunderstanding and misinterpreting Biblical messages. So, in addition to producing specific resources to assist in this not insignificant mission, the Trust also sends relevant titles to Bible schools and colleges.

One of our Asian library recipients is the Bangkok Institute of Theology Library. This facility serves a diverse range of students from many backgrounds and situations, providing Christian teaching books and access to online resources for staff and students.



"Thank you very much for the books those you sent us," writes librarian Krich. *"These books are very helpful for our students and teachers, both for study and teaching."* The photo (top left) shows new students on their orientation day.

The Bangkok Institute of Theology recognises the need to educate the Christian leaders of the future by fulfilling its stated objective of *'preparing powerful servants to God, who are still in short supply.'* The faculty asks its students to follow the words of 2 Timothy 2:15: *'Declare yourself proven, a worker who is not to be ashamed. Use the Word of Truth correctly.'*

The emblem of the Bangkok Institute of Theology sums up their approach beautifully:

1. The outer circle represents the world and the community we are all part of; it must be relevant and we need to be responsible for each other.
2. The cross refers to the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
3. The glory of Jesus means the glory of Christ in the midst of mankind.



Pre-loved books

We really appreciate donations of good quality relevant used Christian books. However, we are very well stocked at the present and are not accepting any more for the time being apart from Bible dictionaries, single-volume whole Bible commentaries and Bible atlases.

For those who are local to Tonbridge in Kent please do arrange a time to drop them off. For those who live further away, postal costs are high so please call us to discuss and we can provide a postal address.

Please call [07944 589658](tel:07944589658). *Thank you so much.*

Mailings update

As was mentioned in our introduction we are on an upward trajectory with our mailings. More books are reaching more pastors in more nations.

Nevertheless, there have been a few setbacks. Our remit is to reach the poorest parts of the world where pastors do not have access to training or printed resources. Many of these are remote or out of town locations. They don't have the luxury of a daily postal service as we do. So, we have had some books returned as either undeliverable or uncollected. Some pastors have not been able to afford to keep up their payments for PO Boxes, which are sometimes shared between several households. On the other hand, we do sometimes get acknowledgement many months after packages have been dispatched. When we do get books returned and we cannot reach a recipient to ask why, we need to remove the recipient from our database to ensure that precious resources are not wasted. These individuals can be reinstated if they get in touch again. This sometimes happens and they tell us moving stories about the circumstances they have been facing.

One thing that has changed with the increase of online shopping is the opportunity for governments to generate income by imposing a duty on goods. We always mark our packages as being donated books of no commercial value, but sometimes they are opened by customs authorities or even by corrupt people somewhere in the chain. We have received letters from a few pastors asking us not to send any more books because they can't afford to collect them. This is very sad. Frustratingly this seems to be a very random phenomenon. Within the same

country, books can be successfully delivered to one region but not to another.

We have had discussions with senior managers from FedEx, our freight company, to understand the situation. The problem often lies with the 'final-mile-carriers'. There are many freight operations, but they all use the same people for the last leg of the journey. So, it very much depends on the last link in the chain. Our policy is to send books to people and places where we know they are reaching their destination. Generally, delivery to cities and large towns is reliable, smaller towns varied, and remoter regions rather random. How much this is due to the legacy or continuing effects of Covid is not clear. We are watching the situation very carefully.

Some of our packages were held back during the Covid season; prepared at a time when the service was normal but later suspended before leaving the UK. Some were sent on when the service was resumed. Others were returned to us after several months (in mint condition!). With the latter we get a second bite of the cherry because we can resend them once the suspension is lifted.

Is it worth all the hassle? Yes. Yes. Yes. The letters that we do receive and indeed the requests that come with them assure us that the books we send are very much appreciated. This is something that is worth repeating in a culture where we have so many resources, books, videos, magazines, Kindles, newsletters, TV documentaries and more.



Many of our recipients do not have these things. So yes, it is worth putting up with some returns, for their sake.

Alongside direct mailings, we have always worked with trusted partners and continue to do so. At the time of writing, we are preparing larger consignments for shipping in containers. This is much more cost effective. The cost per item is about a tenth! These books can be passed from hand to hand or used to set up libraries. We will be doing more of this. However, this too is not without challenges, particularly the possibility of attracting hefty customs or storage charges whilst these are being negotiated.

Larger consignments can be sent to theological and Bible colleges located in towns where delivery is more reliable. It makes good sense to send these as tracked which is, of course, expensive. But this is a price worth paying because these books are generally put in a library and accessible to a wide audience.

I know our recipients would want to pass on their huge thanks to those people who have contributed towards the cost of our mailings and indeed they regularly express their gratitude and ask us pass on their thanks in their acknowledgements.

Chris Moffett

Project Mark - the latest

Last year we introduced our Mark Project –a resource that we are developing to facilitate leadership development in places where there are few opportunities for more formal training and to reach potential leaders for the future while they are young.

Part 2, the second handbook has now been written and typeset apart from the glossary section. We feel that for our readers, a glossary is a particularly useful addition. This glossary explains words not only as they are used generally, but also in the context of their use in the workbook. There is a secondary agenda here, that of English language development. As most of our readers will have English as a second language, anything we can do to help them in this area will be useful to promote their skills and of course to avoid misunderstanding.

An example of how it works is shown in the frame on the right which explains the word *ambiguous* used in one chapter of Preaching through the Bible: Mark.

Alongside the first two workbooks will be a combined leaders' handbook. This has guidance in running the group and some comments on the higher level 'open questions' in the final section of



Ambiguous

Open to more than one interpretation; not having one single and obvious meaning. Most words have a range of meanings, which means they can be used to express a variety of thoughts. In everyday life the context, grammar and tone of voice usually make it very clear what is meant.

"Peter is trying." is ambiguous on its own. Positively, it could mean that Peter is working hard and doing his best. Negatively it could mean that Peter is testing someone's patience and being difficult! In this case the speaker's tone of voice would make it clear.

But precisely what Jesus meant when referring to himself as the Son of Man is not so obvious and needs to be determined by the way He used the expression in a range of contexts, and its Old Testament background. The son of man has nowhere to lay his head means simply, I have nowhere to lay my head. But in other situations, it is a reference to the suffering and vindicated figure in Daniel 7 with whom Jesus identified.

In John's gospel, ambiguity opens the way for layers of meaning and depth which become apparent by thinking about and meditating on the passage. Ambiguity brings enrichment. Knowing about this can also help us not to be dogmatic and opinionated by recognising that a variety of meanings and interpretations are possible.

each chapter. These are designed to give participants an opportunity to reflect more broadly on the issues raised and to stimulate discussion and sharing of experience. This will be written during the first half of 2023.

Once completed and preliminary copies are printed, the next step will be to put together some trial groups. Some will be face-to-face meetings and others will be by Zoom. Invitations will be going out in advance. A variety of churches and leaders have expressed an interest including one in Sweden. We think that a separate specially adapted version would be useful for that context, and this is entirely possible using digital and print-on-demand technology.

We are very thankful for a grant from the Oswald Chambers Publications (OCPAL) towards funding this project. The Tbf and KI Thompson Trust also sent us a grant towards the work of Sovereign World Trust, and we'll be putting that towards this project also.

It's our aim and prayer that we'll have these materials in use before the end of the year and we look forward to providing you with updates on our progress as we move forward.

In partnership...

The Trust regularly connects with a number of partnership organisations and individuals, particularly those involved in providing practical support and Christian witness to local communities worldwide. In this way we are able to ensure that the books we send reach those who really need them in the more remote and impoverished areas of the globe. Typically, our partners bring specific local knowledge and understanding.

We have worked in partnership with Richard Smart for many years. With his unique experience of bringing God's word to Uganda particularly, Richard regularly visits remote villages there, taking with him carefully selected and appropriate Biblical teaching and preaching materials.

Often encountering difficult conditions, Richard describes one of his 2022 trips to Uganda.

"These last two days have been extraordinary for two reasons," he writes. "Firstly, I have been deep in a village in Uganda where farmers sleep in tents because there are no brick buildings anywhere in the village. If someone wants to do farming, they have to live in a tent. I was taken to a dam which basically consists of rain water; this is what they use for cooking, drinking, bathing and washing clothes. It is a village that needs a lot of help at this time.



Secondly, I returned to our office this evening and there were a further sixteen boxes of books that had just been collected from Kampala. I opened each box and found such wonderful titles that I'd collected last year...I trust that these resources will be a mighty blessing to God's people here in Uganda.

Richard Wallis wrote a wonderful book about marriage, The Essentials of an Excellent Christian Marriage and gave copies to Sovereign World Trust to give away. I visited the Trust and collected a number of copies of this, together with several other titles. I know that local pastors will be so pleased to receive these books.

I'm always glad to pass on Derek Prince's books. They are full of good teachings and give a lot of understanding into God's ways. I requested some copies of The Promise of Provision and these were also given for pastors in Uganda."

We are particularly grateful for our partnership with Richard Smart. At the time of writing we are putting together a consignment of 16,000 books for a container going to Uganda. They will be distributed by hand through Richard's extensive network of proven contacts into regions of Uganda as well as surrounding nations – Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and Kenya. The full story belongs in next year's annual report.

Christian revival India

Throughout history, there have been several well-documented powerful moves of God such as the Azusa Street Revival of early 1900s in California and the Indonesian revival in the 1960s. Perhaps less well known is the dramatic upsurge in Christian conversions happening now in the Punjab area of northern India which is experiencing an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Punjab has so long been viewed as the focal point of Sikhism, so its current reported importance at the epicentre of the world's fastest growing Christian population is nothing short of extraordinary. Descriptions of miraculous conversions abound and the story of Ramjit Singh is just one of numerous testimonies.

Ramjit Singh was born a Jat Sikh, but had descended into depression and alcoholism after leaving the Indian Navy and returning to Punjab. Things had got so bad that he considered suicide:

"I had left home for the railway tracks to throw myself in front of a train, when a man, with a huge glow on his face (possibly Jesus himself), met me and asked me to go home to my daughters."

Today, Ramjit Singh plays an active part in the First Baptist Church, Kot Mit Singh, Amritsar and he is just one of a groundswell of such conversions to Christianity in Punjab.

"Sikhism taught me that there's a god, the Bible showed me how to find Him."

Ramjit Singh

There are now reportedly over 65,000 pastors ministering in Punjab (source: India Today), while the Indian online news publication *OpIndia* reports a jump from 1.5% to a possible 15% in Christianity in the area.

Amidst this tsunami of conversions are a host of notable pastors; 'leading lights' of the charismatic movement such as Apostle Ankur Yoseph Narula. Apostle Ankur converted to Christianity in 2008 and started his ministry with just three members. Today, his Church of Signs and Wonders has an estimated 300,000 members worldwide, with satellite ministries in the USA, Canada, Germany and the UK. And he is not alone; there are many other rising stars of Christianity in Punjab. These are often professional people; doctors, engineers, businessmen, some of whom have given up their



professions to concentrate on ministering to their enthusiastic congregations, while others preach part-time on a Sunday. Many 'new' pastors are also harnessing the power of the internet and reach out to their followers on a variety of social media platforms, such as YouTube or Facebook.

The pastors and new believers are not confined to the more affluent. The villages of the Punjab have also seen a similar tide of conversions. Here, the village pastors often start their ministries from their own homes, even preaching and worshipping from the roofs of their houses. And despite their new faith, many do not see a contradiction in retaining their cultural traditions, for example the wearing of turbans, and other cultural practices.

Time will tell if this astonishing rise is sustainable, but importantly long-term what might this mean for religious tolerance India-wide and the very fabric of Indian culture? At Sovereign World Trust, we continue to monitor the 'revival' closely, as we explore ways in which we might provide some suitable teaching material to those who might benefit in Punjab. The upswell in Christian conversions was originally brought to our attention by one of our longstanding Indian recipients and we are keen to respond appropriately to support those new to Christianity in the area.

The needs of these young Christians are very specific. Firstly in relation to what needs to be different because of Jesus but also what does not. Sikhism has a belief in one God and the ambition to connect with Him. It also has a strong emphasis on justice and social responsibility. These are, of course, good and should be affirmed. But their understanding of God and his plan and purpose for humankind and the world needs to be informed by the Christian scriptures. They are also facing the pressure of persecution from Hindus.













It is a wonderful and beautiful thing that God is doing in the Punjab. We don't want to rush in with our resources and 'tell them how to do it!' We want to listen and be sensitive to their needs. Please do keep an eye on our website news and email updates this year as we continue to reach out to our contacts in India.

Sources: India Today and OpIndia

Get involved

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

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

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

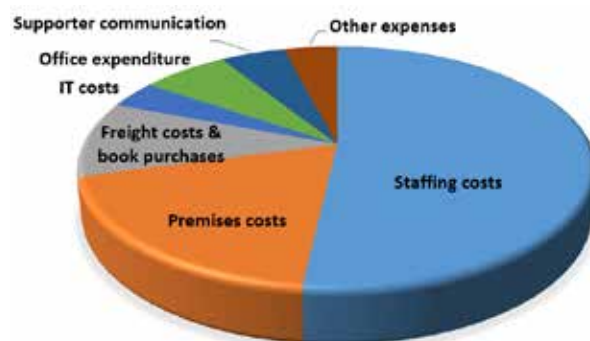
Financial summary

The information below is based on our draft accounts. Our fully examined accounts, which include a Trustees' Report, will be posted on the Charity Commission website for those who wish to see them. The figures below show that our income was £30,546, whilst our expenditure was £45,919. To meet our commitments, we drew on our reserves. At the end of this financial year, our reserves were £34,845 (restricted) and £13,820 (unrestricted).

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. 56% was pledged giving by individuals, some of which is restricted to particular projects. We received other donations from regular donors including a number of churches and grant-making trusts. The Gift Aid scheme provided 12.5% of our income. We do not employ a fundraiser as such, but one of our team is responsible for promoting awareness of the Trust through our website, Facebook, annual report and newsletters.

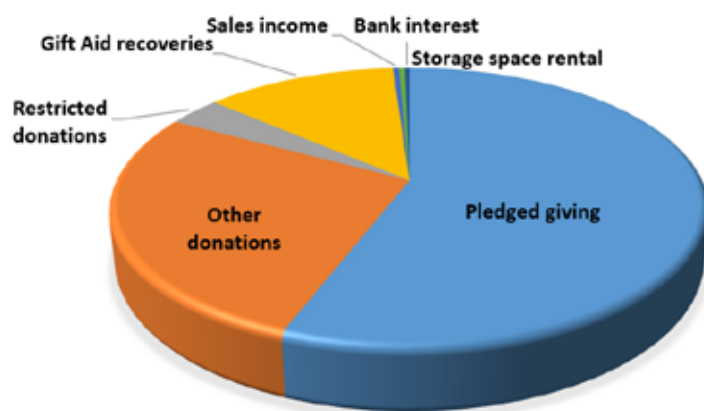
CATEGORY	£
Pledged giving by individuals.	17,057
Other donations from individuals, churches and grant-making trusts.	8,279
Restricted giving towards particular projects specified by the donors.	1,060
Gift Aid reclaimed from UK tax payers.	3,820
Sales income from publications. We sell books which we have published ourselves – in particular, <i>Preaching Through the Bible</i> by Michael Eaton.	120
Storage space rental - another small charity rents a small area of storage space from us.	120
Interest.	90
TOTAL	30,546



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. Expenditure on mailing is increasing now that we are emerging from Covid service suspensions and this is set to continue next year with individual mailings and container shipments.

CATEGORY	£
Staffing costs - for 4 members of staff equivalent to 1.25 people, including pension contributions. We also benefit from the generous help of volunteers who give their time so freely.	23,773
Premises costs - for our office space and warehouse rental, including council tax and utilities.	8,712
Freight costs and book purchases - this year the majority consists of book purchases in particular <i>The Branch Exposition</i> .	4,650
Book publishing costs.	0
IT costs.	1,706
Office expenditure - office running costs / postage.	2,993
Supporter communication - mailings of newsletters and Annual Report.	2,241
Other expenses - various other costs e.g. accountant's fees, bank charges, subscriptions.	1,844
TOTAL	45,919



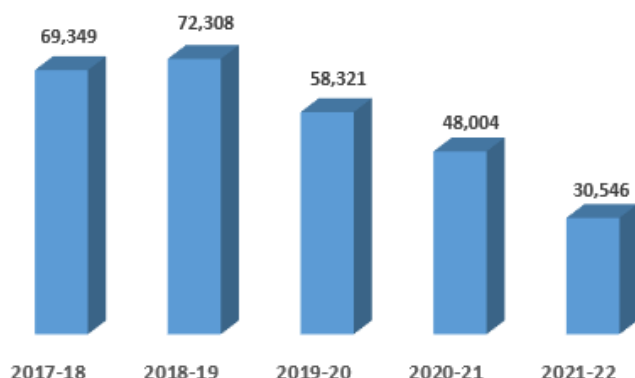
Thank you

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

3. Income trend

It goes without saying that we are so very grateful to all our supporters who faithfully give and spread the word about our work each year. We also very much 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.

INCOME 2017 - 2022



Income 5 Year History

Year	£
2017-18	69,349
2018-19	72,308
2019-20	58,321
2020-21	48,004
2021-22	30,546

This summary is based on the draft accounts which, at the time of printing, are being prepared for our independent examiner. A full copy of the final financial report for the year ended September 2022 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 2022

The original charity No. 32784 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. The new charity (with CIO status) No.1198177 was constituted on 08 03 2022.

Trustees as at March 2023

Tony Miles-Prouten (Chair), Paul Caneparo, Calvin Eaton and Mike Fawcett.

Principal Office Addresses (UK)

PO Box 777, TONBRIDGE, Kent, TN11 0ZS (for mail)
7 The Granary, Goblands Farm Business Centre
Cemetery Lane, Hadlow, Kent, TN11 0DP (for deliveries)

Tel: +44 (0)7944 589658
Email: chrism@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk

Adjustment to our Charitable Status

In case you missed this information in our 2021 Annual Report, Sovereign World Trust was founded and registered with the Charity Commission in 1986 by Jan Mungeam, so in 3-years-time 'we' will be 40 years old.

Since that time a new type of charity structure has been introduced – a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The trustees of SWT decided to change to this new structure. The chief benefit to us is that the trustees of a CIO are not personally liable should the charity run into financial difficulties. This has removed one of the potential barriers to the recruitment of new trustees. It may also facilitate applications to Grant Making Trusts for project funding because what we do is now more visible on the Charity Commission website.

This has had no impact on our day-to-day operations, nor has it affected donors or donations. We can still claim Gift Aid and we will continue to submit independently examined accounts to the Charity Commission.

Our charity number is 1198177.

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.

Digital teaching from the Trust

As our regular readers will know, the work of the Trust is not simply confined to our mailings, we also reach out to our recipients digitally and with the cost of mailing books worldwide, many of our newer readers might justifiably question *why we are not doing more of this*.

To explain, for many of our recipient pastors, connecting digitally is simply not possible, as they are hindered by unreliable internet access or phones and computers which are simply not fit for purpose. The cost of printers and printing supplies is prohibitive for the majority, so in many cases digital resources have to be read on the devices themselves – often reconditioned phones. Their very need for our support - their poverty or their remote situations - means that we need to continue to try to support many with hard-copy resources. Nevertheless, for those pastors and contacts who can access the internet regularly, we are increasingly offering more and more online via our resource website (www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk/resources) and regular teaching emails.

During the course of 2022 we sent out eight teaching emails which included a reflection on addressing difficult issues with Biblical insight, a sermon series on 1 John and the start of a new preaching series on the Christian's hope for the future. You can find these resources on the website under *Digital Teaching Letters*.



Our website metrics show that the materials on our resources website and our teaching emails have proved very popular. However, the strong message we are receiving is that pastors in the developing world still need physical books or both.

It feels as though we are in an *overlap period* where there is an important place for digital resources and we foresee that the need for these will increase, however in the meantime we do need to ensure that we reach out in a variety of formats, being responsive to the diverse and very real needs of our worldwide recipients.

Thanks to your support...

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



Sovereign World Trust

Mailing address: PO Box 777, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0ZS

Tel: +44 (0)7944 589658

Email: chrism@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk

Website: www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk

For information

Our Annual reports are written for the benefit of our partners and supporters to say thank you and to give an account of our activities during the previous year.

But they are also written for those encountering the Trust for the first time and who are interested to know more about us and what we do.

We hope you'll enjoy (or indeed have enjoyed) reading all about Sovereign World Trust and our work in this report. And when you've finished with it, please do pass it on for someone else to read.

Sovereign World Trust

www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk