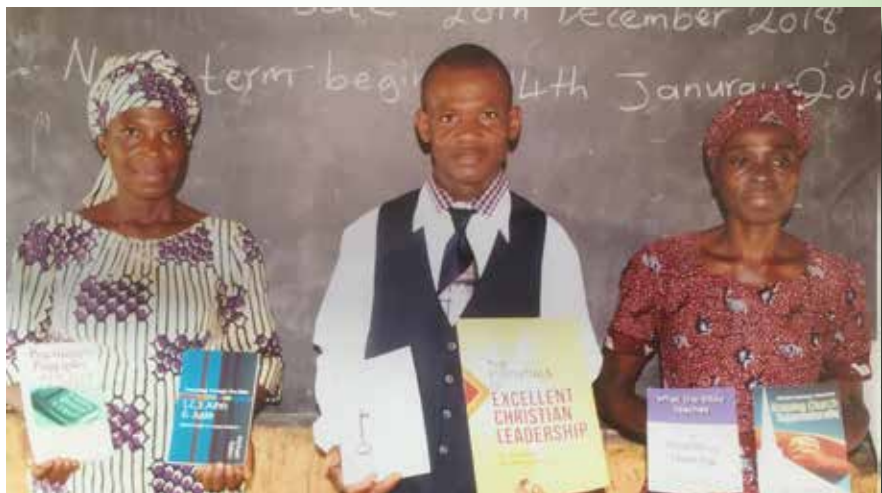




Annual Report 2018



Sovereign World Trust

Biblical teaching for Christian leaders in the poorest nations

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Perseverance & prayer

Chris Moffett

Welcome to our annual report for 2018. I hope you find it both interesting and helpful. Firstly, and most importantly, for readers who skim their post, thank you to all our supporters – whether it be your prayers, finance, practical help or spreading the word. We are hugely grateful. Please keep going!

A recent illustration of the necessity to persevere, especially in prayer, is the example of a library collection we sent to Harare in Zimbabwe. After a longer than usual delay, four of the six boxes arrived and were duly released by the customs department for an additional fee. But no sign of boxes 5 or 6 at that time. A couple of weeks later, after continued prayer, box 5 turned up and then, after more fervent prayer, a week afterwards box 6 arrived. So boxes of books, like the promises of God, are inherited through faith and patience (Heb. 6:12).

Just how important and necessary is the sending of Biblical teaching books to distant lands?

With so many worthy causes and such great need, some may be tempted that this is not a priority. Rightly, people want to support those activities that make a difference. A recent visit by our friends Brian and Sheila Keel, who work into Kenya, reminded us of the impact of Biblical teaching books on a national level. It's worth recounting what they told us.

In some developing nations, there is a great deal of corruption and unrighteousness. With poor economies and huge poverty, the temptation to find "creative ways" to make a living and survive is great. The phenomenon of "briefcase bishops" is well known to those who work in these places. Basically it goes like this: A person takes on the title of Bishop without being connected with a church or even having a congregation to lead. Instead of preaching, teaching and caring they set up an office with a laptop and briefcase and spend their days trawling the internet and appealing to potential supporters for funds for their "church building programmes." It's all bogus but with photographs of real churches and persuasive words, they can give a pretty convincing impression to would-be donors living far away. Many such "bishops" succeed, at least for a while; others are exposed when more discerning donors take steps to check them out.

In Kenya, the government is taking steps to weed out corrupt practices such as this and others. One of their measures is to require church leaders to have some formal training leading to accreditation with a recognised Bible or Theological College. Only then will they be publicly recognised as a bona fide Christian pastor or bishop.

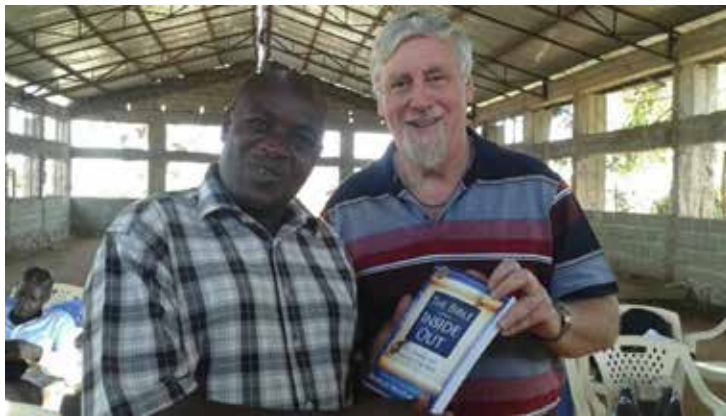
And this is where libraries and literature come into the picture. The colleges themselves can only cope with a limited number of students, leaving thousands of other genuine pastors, especially in rural areas, unable to meet this requirement. One model which is being used, especially for such leaders, is the setting up of local study libraries which teachers from colleges can visit monthly for a day's training.

At the end of the year there is a formal assessment leading to the award of a certificate. With continued study, students can progress to a diploma.



Interestingly, once a study appetite and habit has been established, Brian and Sheila tell us, many pastors continue to visit regularly to build on what they have learned.

Key to the success of this process is the local library. Typically they begin with small collections of books – 20 to 30 which, over time, are added to. Because resources are so scarce, these are not lending libraries. Pastors can use the books during their visit. The Keels aim to set up 20 new libraries a year with the help of Sovereign World Trust, some Christian publishers and other ministries. All their books are taken as their own and team members' personal luggage. *Brian is pictured here with one of our beneficiaries.*



Those of you who have been following the progress of the Trust over recent years will be well aware of our activities in establishing and supporting such local libraries and study centres, not least in Malawi.

So, yes, Biblical teaching books which faithfully explain issues of character, righteousness and Godly leadership can and do make a significant difference. When Jesus said to his followers, “You are the salt of the earth”, he had in mind the fact that salt restrains corruption and enhances flavour. And this story illustrates well how necessary this is and how it can happen.

Turning to our progress this year, two features are worthy of mention.

The first is the development of pre-loved books. In times past we have received many requests for commentaries, Bible dictionaries and Bible background books. Frequently we receive requests for study Bibles. These are expensive and costly to post and we have been unable to help. Now that we have been accepting donations of good condition books of this type from retiring ministers and people down-sizing we have been able to respond to such requests from pastors known to us and also students going to Bible College. We also use these books for library top-ups where, as shared resources, they will benefit many people over many years. All this happens alongside our regular work of sending parcels of 4-6 new books to those on our regular mailing list.

We have a catalogued collection of some 4000 titles and are working on ways to make this accessible online and with mobile phone apps. This will enable people to make specific choices of books that we have in stock.

The second development worthy of mention builds on our decision to offer pastors an element of choice. Now mailings have two parts. We select some books which, from our experience, we know will be useful. In addition, pastors can choose from a “menu”. This is, of course, administratively more complicated; but we have reduced the complexity by offering 10 bundles of books grouped together with a common theme. Each bundle is described in a booklet with a description and some advice about literacy level and the particular benefit or issue being addressed. The result is that pastors are in a position to make an informed choice. Interestingly, the most recent batch of requests were for a bundle on the theme of leadership and another on Bible characters. Of the books selected by us last year the title *The Essentials of Excellent Christian Leadership* by Richard Wallis, received rave reviews and appreciative comments. This is especially encouraging because copies of this title were funded by gifts given in memory of Jan Mungeam, the founder of Sovereign World Trust.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of this report. For those who are interested to follow us through the year, we have regular Facebook postings and a monthly news/prayer email, and our website has regular news updates via www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk. You may also like to take a peek at our recipients' website (www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk/clients) which shows the application process we have to ensure that our books get to the right people.

If you would like to sign up to receive our monthly news/prayer email, please contact natalie@sovereignworldtrust.org.uk

There is no sign of an easing in the need for our books or of the number requests we receive. It would be wonderful if you could spread the word to your Christian friends and your own churches where there is an interest in the nations and world mission, to help us to increase the number of donors supporting our work. We have made it easier to give on-line – just a few clicks a card number: www.sovereignworldtrust.org.uk/donate

Chris Moffett

In conversation with...

Author, Hugh Hill



Hugh Hill, now retired, was for many years a pastor within the family of FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches). Over the course of his ministry the Lord blessed him in a wonderful way, and under his leadership three churches became thriving congregations. Hugh has written three books. The first, *I Did it His Way*, is Hugh's personal story of a life transformed. His second, *Journey Through the Bible is an easy to understand guide to each book of the Bible. His third, *The Paradoxical Messiah* is a book explaining the life and mission of Jesus.**

Chris met up with Hugh just north of Cambridge, half way between Lincoln where Hugh lives and Hadlow where the Trust is based.

Chris: It's really great to meet you at last! Of course we've spoken many times over the phone. You became a Christian at the age of 42. How did that happen?

Hugh: Well in a nutshell – I did not have a religious background. God intervened in a Damascus Road experience and rescued me! I was the Managing Director of a printing company, and had the material things the world values most - a large house, prestige car and overseas holidays. But I had a drink problem and my life was

spiralling out of control. Business hospitality gave me plenty of opportunities to drink heavily and I had reached a point when I was drinking close to a bottle of whisky a day. This inevitably had its impact on my health, marriage, family and business, but I refused to acknowledge anything was wrong – 'I work hard and play hard,' was my

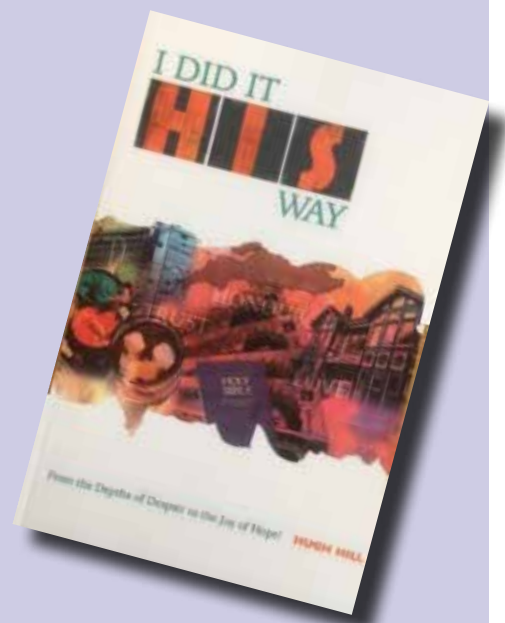
mantra, until God stepped in. One evening, in my home, He gave me a very powerful and overwhelming revelation of where I was heading, but with it a way of escape through Jesus. I'd never experienced anything like this before, and over one extraordinary weekend both my wife and I became Christians. Astonishingly, I completely lost my desire for alcohol, and some time later the Lord took away my addiction for tobacco.

I was all too aware of the destructive power that drink had been in my own life but at the same time my printing company did a huge amount of work for the drinks industry in Scotland where I lived. I made a conscious and public decision to recognise Jesus as the Chairman of my printing company. This meant no longer dealing with my customers in the drinks industry and refusing any further business from that sector. Allowing Jesus to be Lord in my business also meant other changes. We stopped working on Sundays, started Monday morning with a prayer meeting in the factory and once a week invited a local evangelist to conduct Bible studies to which all the work force were invited. God responded by blessing us and steered me into printing books for the Christian publishing industry.

Chris: So how did God get you from

being a successful printer to becoming a local church pastor?

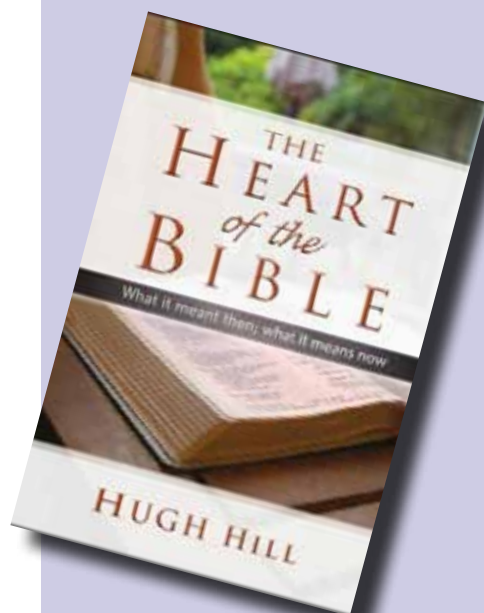
Hugh: Well, God used the 1980s recession! The full story is written in my first book – *I Did it His Way*. But essentially two large customers in the confectionary and food industry folded, and we were forced into receivership, causing us to lose everything. It was obviously a very painful time for me and my wife Joyce. But, you know, although my company had come to an end, God's plan for our lives had certainly not, and we never doubted God's love for us. I used to say, "you can't measure the love of God by the success or failure of a printing company." Following an approach from a Christian publishing organisation we moved to the south of England and after three years I received the call to the ministry and God opened up the opportunity for me to go to Bible College. He provided the exact amount for my fees, and from that I moved into a preaching, teaching



ministry. I wrote the book *I Did It His Way*, to share with others our story of God's faithfulness through the amazing years.

Chris: I really enjoyed reading it. It's a really uplifting story and shows very clearly that if we take God at His word, and determine to obey Him, He will be faithful, and most especially in challenging times. But you chose not to write it as a conventional autobiography?

Hugh: No, I asked individuals who knew me and had witnessed the various incidents, to write their recollection. For example, my wife Joyce and my daughter Jacqui contributed along with others who shared my journey. People may argue about teachings, doctrines and interpretations, but you can't really argue with someone's testimony – especially when it is confirmed by those who were there at the time.



Chris: Your second book, *Journey Through the Bible* has been received very warmly by leaders in the developing world but your third has a title that needs a little explanation. Why did you choose the title *The Paradoxical Messiah*?

Hugh: I wanted to write a book which told the story of Jesus' life and mission in chronological order, combining the events in the four gospels, and at the same time explain the deeper meaning behind the places and events that we read of, but often don't fully understand. I particularly

wanted to explain why He was so radically different from what the Jews were expecting. I tell the story by quoting words from the gospel, and sometimes paraphrasing by adding my own comments and reflections along the way. So it weaves observation and applied commentary into the story as it goes through the gospels.

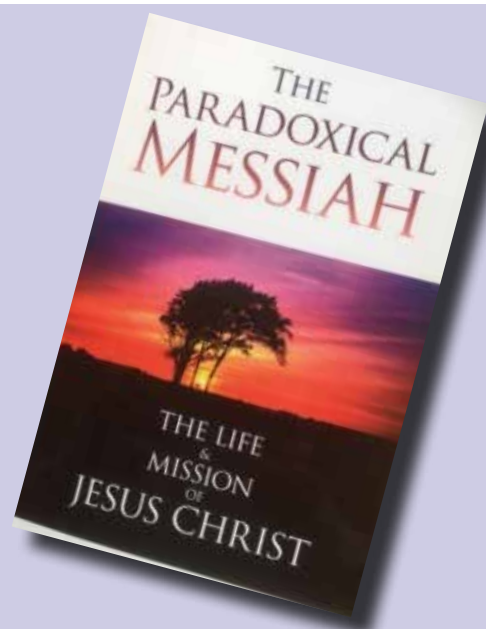
I've kept the chapters short so it is very readable and easy to digest. Each chapter can be read typically in about 7 minutes or so. It's the sort of book that can be read over several days, a chapter at a time. There are 51 chapters altogether, so one a week would take a year, and if read with reference to the gospel passages it would be quite manageable for someone whose time is limited. I especially wrote it with the needs of pastors in the developing world in mind although it would be very suitable for readers in the UK.

On the whole people don't read as much as they did in previous generations. We get our information in bite size chunks from the media and I feel that many miss out understanding the flow of the Biblical story. People have often told me that I make complicated things easy to understand – so I hope that this book will make a contribution to this need. Certainly the feedback I have received so far is very encouraging.

One of the features of the book is a list of the chapter titles on the back cover so it means that a reader can locate where he or she needs to be in a matter of seconds.

I'm really pleased that Sovereign World Trust have taken this on for their 2019 mailings and that we've been able to produce lightweight copies for posting to the developing nations. But I've also had some printed on heavier paper for use in the UK.

Chris: We are certainly delighted to have the book. Thanks for devoting many hours to writing it and also to those who sponsored the typesetting and printing. Thanks for sharing



something of your story.

If anyone reading this would like to read a fuller account of Hugh's story.....copies can be obtained direct from Hugh at the address shown.

Titles by:

Hugh Hill

I Did It His Way @ £7.00

Heart of the Bible @ £10.00

The Paradoxical Messiah @ £10.00

8 Albion Crescent
Lincoln
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* *Journey Through the Bible* was later republished by Lion as *The Heart of the Bible: What it meant then; what it means now*.

News from the nations

Information from the nations arrives daily via post and email, and we are pleased to include some of the photographs that were sent to us to illustrate the communities we are supplying in various parts of the world.

Africa

Pastors in Exile

Since December 2013, the newest country in the world, South Sudan, has been involved in a civil war that has ravaged the country and sent people fleeing to Internal Displacement Camps and Refugee Camps in Ethiopia, Uganda, Sudan, and Kenya.

In 2016, one of the South Sudan libraries we support fell victim to the insurgency at River Yei State when the South Sudan Evangelical School of Theology was burned to the ground, together with its library.

Reverend Dr Tom Nak Kokanyi from the school wrote to tell us that although he (and many of his compatriots) are now 'in exile' in Uganda he would very much like to continue to receive books from the Trust in order that he might distribute them among the pastors currently within the refugee camps in Uganda. As Reverend Dr Tom explains:

"Our library (in South Sudan) used to hold over 1000 books but now nothing remains. A sad story."

Worship and ministries of compassion, trauma healing, reconciliation, and conflict management are the order of the



day for those living in the refugee camps and we would very much like to support Reverend Dr Tom and his fellow pastors by sending him a large collection of books to give a boost to their ministries.

We are currently trying to raise the funds to mail the books to Uganda, so if you feel you are able to make a donation to enable us to do so, please do get in touch.

Burundi Youth for Christ

Burundi is a small country in the heart of Africa, torn apart by recurrent civil wars. The country is one of the world's poorest nations.

Burundi Youth for Christ (YFC) was born from prayer and evangelism meetings, and work with street children and orphans. This gradually developed into the 'Homes of Hope' orphanages, and the desire to teach Godly leadership in Burundi schools. Burundi YFC works with young people in the country through a number of different projects focusing on education, orphan care and healthcare. The goal is to help children develop into responsible Christian adults, with a commitment to integrity, while developing an intimate relationship with Jesus.

We recently heard from Freddy Tuyizere, founder of YFC:

"Thank you so much for the amazing support with books. I am eternally blessed by your generosity. I just received the 2018 donation, I am so touched and so thankful. These books will help me as leader, and I will also share them with others, Burundi is a country with very, very limited Christian writings. You are helping us to change this nation as we raise up a generation of Godly leaders to transform our society.

A million thanks indeed to you all and all our donors.

Yours in Christ service".



News from the nations

From Rural Kenya...

We recently received news from Pastor Protus Mulupi from his remote village near Kitale, Kenya.

Pastor Protus is a church leader offering support to over forty churches; he is also the pastor of his own church with 80 members. Pastor Protus runs a church library with about 300 books which he loans to local pastors.

He wrote to the Trust to tell us about his church, ministry, the impact the books have had and the training he is running based on the book, Excellent Christian Leadership.

"My church is located in a remote place, a village church", explains Pastor Protus. "The Lord led me to this place because they are neglected.

Many of our churches are found in towns but here is where I feel there is need to educate and teach the community.

Though we don't have instruments yet but youth and children attend our services. We have orphans, widows and the needy among us. Most of my members are casual labourers. One thing I appreciate, they are good learners and though there are challenges, they have learned to pray.

Thanks so much Sovereign World Trust and trusted friends and donors.



Through your lovely donations, the gift books sent to us have brought a tremendous impact in our daily Christian life. Besides the Bible, the gift books have been our source for spiritual growth."

Asia

Good news for Bible students in Myanmar

Thank you to Pastor Joseph from Myanmar for giving us an update on his ministry last year and, in particular, his wonderfully heartening stories about his bible students.

Pastor Joseph is on our regular mailing list for Biblical teaching and preaching books. His ministry includes a group of 57 bible students.

In his letter to the Trust, Pastor Joseph told us about four orphan girls who have fled from conflict in another region but have now found safety and faith:



"...they are rescued and saved as God heard our prayer. How they are very precious for the Lord...I have God who will take care of them with His grace. I trust in God that He is able to provide for His children's needs."

Under Pastor Joseph's care was also a young orphan who was sick and frail. He was falling behind at school and Pastor Joseph was concerned for his health and future:

"..but now how he is a very strong and a happy boy." explains Pastor Joseph. "He is the first excellent student among 57 students. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.(Romans 8:28)."



The books and teaching materials that we are able to supply with the help of our supporters mean a great deal to Pastor Joseph and his students.

Photos supplied by Pastor Joseph.

The real impact - teaching and preaching in India

In 2018 we also had a passionate update from Pastor Samir Sinha of the Bagdogra by Grace Ministries.

Pastor Samir told us how the books we have sent are being used to take his challenging ministry from strength to strength.

"Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, We and our mission field work is progressing everywhere. Hope you are all well by the Grace of God. After long time I have received your valuable books which encourage us and empowered us as we learn new ideas. They open our eyes to understand the Bible clearly in every area. We are very much thankful to you all; they help us to teach others, train leaders and for me also, so we are blessed.

Reflecting back on the events of this year it seems like we are living through the most difficult and challenging times, learning from experiences. We are very much thankful to the Lord and to the work of the Holy Spirit whom God has sent to lead us. My praise and gratitude goes first to Him, His love and faithfulness endures forever.

God has called me and given me heart for the unreached lost souls, by obeying God we are faithfully working hard in the....villages where people are suffering long and the children are growing in a careless way without education, and many of them are orphans... We are trying to help them as much we can and to lead them into the Christ.

Your help is needed in many areas... to reach with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in West Bengal and Assam India...My vision is to see numerous churches being planted among the unreached people by being faithful to the great commission. We want to see a movement of peoples flowing continuously into God's kingdom, being disciples and in turn discipling others. We welcome you to join us in believing God for this to happen. The Lord says, "Ask of me and I will make the nation your inheritance, the end of the earth your possession." Psalms 2:8... We praise God and are very much thankful to the Holy Spirit. Please pray for these people whom God has given us to lead that I may be able to feed them spiritual food, that they may continue growing in the Lord...It is not easy to work with the illiterate people, to bring them into the God's kingdom...I have given my full time for them - to teaching them, correcting them faithfully and have seen they are growing, I surrendered my life to the Lord - however long I live I will do for the Lord.

I need to learn more from your books – they are very valuable for me and to teach others."

Pastor Samir Sinha



Reaching young people in Bhutan

Rev Dr A Thomas of Emmanuel Ministries, West Bengal tells us how books from the Trust are used to make a real difference to young people across the region:

"Warm greetings to you from the boarder of Bhutan...We started our 6 months Bible class on the 1st of May, 2017. There are 25 students, 10 boys and 15 girls - out of which three boys and seven girls are from different parts of Bhutan; seven boys and eight girls are from different parts of West Bengal. Due to the on-going Gorkha land problem, students from Nepal could not come.

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

Rest of the world

Reaching the ends of the earth - French Polynesia & the Polynesian Triangle

Ensuring that we support pastors in need in less accessible areas across the world is at the heart of our mission. Given the length of the journey, one of the more challenging areas to reach with Biblical teaching resources is Tahiti.

It was a treat, therefore, to hear from one of our more 'far-flung' recipients, Eduardo & Aline Cicero of Vision de la Moisson (Vision of the Harvest), Tahiti.

"This is to express how thankful we are for the great books we just received including those we have received over the years. It has always been a blessing and will continue to be. We live at the very ends of the earth in the middle of the Pacific and receiving such phenomenal literature brings great joy and relief.

We are indeed very grateful for your generosity and the sacrifice it involves to think of us missionaries. It is also a great testimony of your love and desire to see that many more people get impacted with the immense comfort and strength that sound and uplifting teaching can bring to those who have a calling to make Jesus known.

We took with us about 4 to 5 full boxes of books that we have had for a few years and gave them over to the Cook Islands (churches, Youth with a Mission base, individuals, pastors and a seminary training pastors in Avarua). They were so thankful for the books we passed on to them."

The photo shows the Vision of the Harvest outreach team ministering to their hosts on a visit to the remote Cook Island of Aitutaki.



Japan newsflash

We so enjoyed hearing news from Japan recently...

Today, there are reportedly between one to two million Christians in Japan (about one percent of the population), and churches can be found across the country

The books we send to one Tokyo pastor are being put to great use in six churches he works with.

The demand for Christian teaching and preaching is so great that three more churches are being planned.



Bible dictionaries

Bible dictionaries are our most frequently requested book. Pastors and libraries in the poorer nations use them frequently for reference.

If you might be looking to downsize your book collection and have a Bible dictionary you would be willing to part with, we would be so grateful if you could donate this to the Trust.

We can guarantee a grateful new home for your dictionary.

Feature article

With a little help from our friends

Partnering with churches and Christian groups throughout the UK has enabled us to support many projects helping poorer communities across the globe.

This year, Annie Makoni contacted us to ask if we might help with a Christian library for her home church – One Church - in a poor suburb of Harare. Annie, originally from Kent, is now resident in Harare. She was keen to set up a library of Christian titles which could be used by English speaking Christians in and around the community.

The idea was to locate a library in a disused container (pictured) next to One Church, which would be overseen by a dedicated librarian. The library collection would be a mixture of new and pre-loved books supplied by Sovereign World Trust. The titles would be divided into two separate collections, one for borrowing (this would contain more accessible books, with a return advice) and one for reference (more advanced theology or high value titles).

The Trust was keen to help with the project and agreed to supply One Church with 233 books, (83 new and 150 pre-loved) worth £700. The cost of freighting the books to Harare, however, would cost a further £300.

In order to meet the significant freight costs, Trust Director Chris Moffett, approached Kings Hill Christian Fellowship (KHCF), where Annie worships when visiting the UK. KHCF generously agreed to support the project and provided the £300 to cover freight costs from their mission budget.

Meanwhile, Annie visited the Sovereign World Trust offices and selected the pre-loved titles personally, with help from her young daughter, Promise.

Annie and Promise have now returned to Harare with the books 'hot on their heels'.

Unfortunately the freighted books were subsequently held up in Zimbabwe customs for several weeks; however we are delighted to report that six boxes have now been released and you can see the team collecting their books and opening them back at base.



In other news

The Bible Student - a Swahili translation

The challenge

Across the world there are many churches where the pastors have only had primary school education in their own language, so their English is limited or non-existent. However, the church is growing so fast in the developing world that such pastors can find themselves in positions of spiritual leadership, for example rural pastors in Malawi or catechists in the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

The result is that sincere and enthusiastic pastors can often teach completely wrong messages to their congregations. It is not their fault – it is just that they have not had the teaching themselves.

How we can help

The Bible Student is a Biblical teaching book with 50 chapters covering key topics. The book originated in the context of the East Africa Revival. Its aim is to provide straightforward teaching and links Bible passages together. The Trust is currently translating this book into Swahili.

We are releasing the material in booklet form, roughly twelve chapters at a time, so that we can roll it out quickly and distribute it easily. Our initial print run will be 3000, but we estimate that altogether 25000 copies will be needed of each of the four parts.

Why we are translating this title

We know this teaching is helpful as our Swahili translator is John Madinda, former principal of St Philips Theological College in Tanzania. He understands as well as anybody what the pastor's need.

The way forward

We have also had endorsement from bishops and senior church leaders in Africa telling us that this resource is particularly valuable.

Initially we will be focusing on two dioceses in Tanzania and once we can demonstrate the benefit from feedback, we will be looking to raise the funds to roll out the translation to a wider audience.



Publishing update

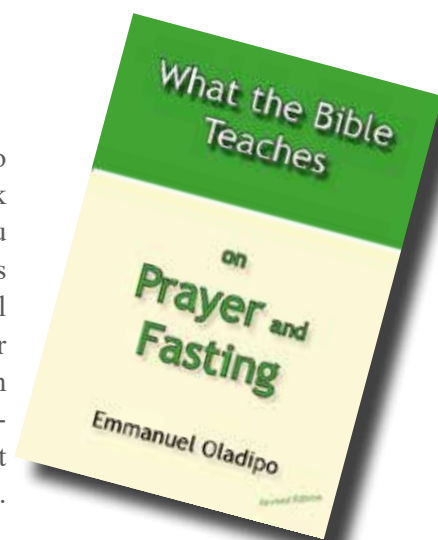
What the Bible Teaches on Prayer & Fasting

This year we have published another in-house book in the *What the Bible Teaches* series.

This time Emmanuel Oladipo looks at *What the Bible Teaches on Prayer & Fasting*. The new publication was included as part of our 2018 pastor mailing.

Starting as a Travelling Secretary with the Fellowship of Christian Students in

Northern Nigeria, Emmanuel Oladipo has been in full-time Christian work since graduating from Ahmadu Bello University in 1967 until his retirement. He was African Regional Secretary of the Scripture Union for ten years before moving to the UK on his appointment to head up the worldwide movement. It is a ministry that has taken him to over 100 countries.



Reaching the poorer nations

We have recently produced an infographic which shows how we reach those in need of Biblical teaching and preaching material across poor and remote areas of the world.

As you can see, there are many ways in which we reach our recipients and the manner by which we send books and information is very much tailored to the local need. We also need to take into account the logistics and costs of sending



Pre-loved books

Our collection of pre-loved books has 'mushroomed' and we now have some 4000 excellent titles which have been so generously donated to us.

In order to distribute them we have had to catalogue them into around 50 categories and huge thanks must go to Rob and Marion Marshall who have undertaken (and continue to work on) this sizable task.

We are using our pre-loved books to build a stock of library collections for our recipients, but also to respond to particular needs for specific types of books. We are currently preparing a collection of around 1500 titles to significantly expand the library at Salima, Malawi.

Some of the books, of course, are more suited to a UK readership so please look out for news of another of our Book Fayres where you will have the opportunity to pick up some titles at bargain prices. In the meantime, if you would like



Pre-loved books bound for a library in Salima, Malawi

to host a pre-loved book sale in your area or at your church please do let us know.

Most of our pre-loved book donations have come from Kent but we have had some great books coming in from more distant locations, and we are happy to arrange collection of books as this is a great way of connecting with Christians in other areas and making new friends.

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.



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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.

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Join EasyFundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds. Depending on the store this can be as much as 15%. Simply visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sovereignworldtrust/



Online banking

With online banking, it is easy to set up a regular donation to the Trust. Regular donations are very welcome as they help us to plan. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please ask us for a form so that we can make a claim. Contact us for our bank details.



Leave a legacy



Leaving a gift in your will or giving in a loved one's memory ensures a long-lasting impact. Such gifts are much appreciated. They often come unexpectedly out of the blue and can be the key to unlocking projects that we cannot fund from regular giving.

Prayer

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



Volunteer



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

Donate books

Donating your second-hand Christian books to us can offer them a new lease of life in the grateful hands of our recipients or as part of our fundraising pre-loved book sales.



Event fundraising



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

Mailing list

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



Spread the word



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

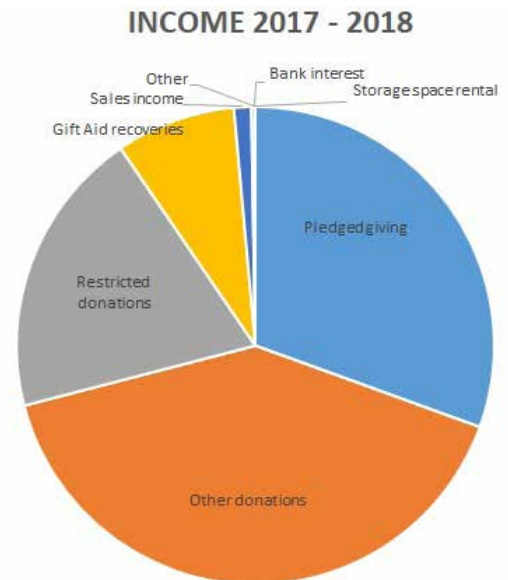
Financial summary 2018

In this report we have moved our financial page from the back cover and are presenting the information in a more user-friendly and clearer manner. The information below is based on our draft accounts. Our fully examined accounts which include a Trustees' Report, will be posted on the Charity Commission website for those who wish to see them.

1. What are our sources of income?

We are hugely grateful for the financial support we receive from a variety of sources. The table below gives a breakdown of our income. Roughly a third was pledged giving by individuals, some of which is restricted to particular projects. We received slightly more from other regular donors including a number of churches and grant-making trusts. The Gift Aid scheme provided 8% of our income. We 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.

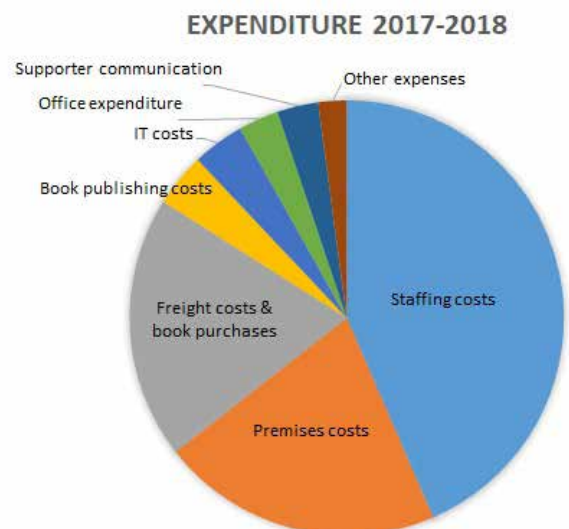
Category	£
Pledged giving by individuals	21,878
Other donations from individuals, churches and grant making trusts	28,960
Restricted giving towards particular projects. We benefited from a legacy gift of £10,000 to fund our communication with supporters and donors. This will be a very helpful contribution towards the cost of annual reports and their distribution and our website and will be spread over a number of years. This largely explains the big difference between our income and expenditure this year.	13,969
Gift Aid reclaimed from UK tax payers	5,802
Sales income from publications. We sell books which we have published ourselves – in particular, a series entitled <i>Preaching Through the Bible</i> by Michael Eaton.	842
Storage space rental - another small charity rents a small area of storage space from us.	166
Other	3
Interest	18
	71,638



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

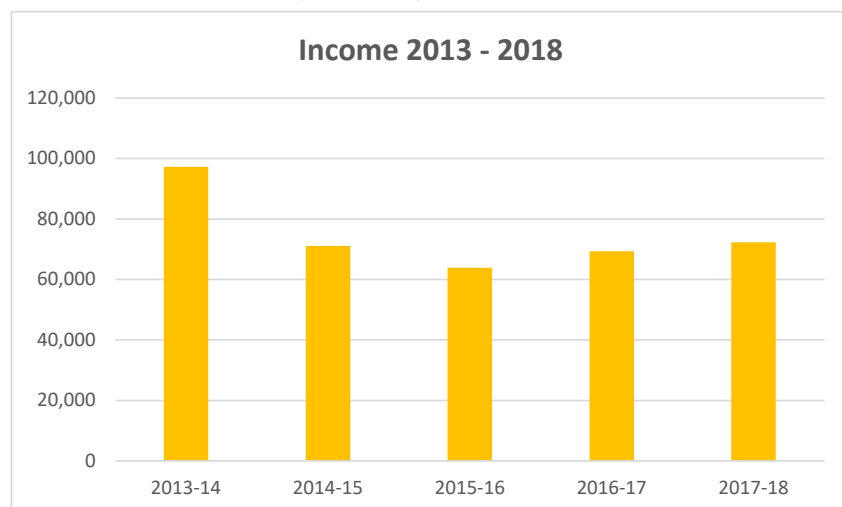
A breakdown of our spending is set out below with a pie chart to show the relative proportions.

Category	£
Staffing costs - for 4 members of staff equivalent to 1.25 people, including pension contributions. We also benefit from the generous help of volunteers who give their time so freely.	26,326
Premises costs - for our 2 offices, warehouse and packing room rental, including council tax and utilities	12,680
Freight costs and book purchases - to support 450 libraries and 900 pastors in 120 nations	11,830
Book publishing costs - we published two titles of our own this year	2,411
IT costs	2,346
Office expenditure - office running costs and postage	1,809
Supporter communication - mailings of newsletters and annual report	1,860
Other expenses - various other costs e.g. accountant's fees, bank charges, staff training, subscriptions	1,275
	60,537



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

We are thankful to God and to our financial and prayer supporters that our income this year has increased slightly for the second year in a row. This has been largely due to a generous legacy. We are also very thankful to those regular supporters who have quietly increased the amount they give each month. 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	£
2013-14	97,250
2014-15	71,134
2015-16	63,855
2016-17	69,349
2017-18	71,638

This summary is based on the draft accounts which, at the time of printing, are with an independent examiner. A full copy of the final financial report for the year ended September 2018 will be available on request or may be downloaded from the Charity Commission Website.

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

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

Thank you

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

From HMRC for gift-aid donors

Sovereign World trust is very grateful for the Gift Aid scheme. Those who give under this scheme have completed a declaration which we hold on file. Every 6 years we ask donors to update their declaration. HMRC have instructed us that they require some additional wording to be included in future declarations and going forward we will do so. For existing donors, who have completed a declaration recently we reproduce the additional wording below concerning the relevant taxes and draw your attention to it. We will assume that this applies but we will not ask you to complete a new declaration at this time.

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

Legal and Administrative details as at December 2017

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

Principal Office Addresses (UK)

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Trustees as at December 2018

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

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