

# Friends of Burundi Annual Report & Financial Statement 2010-11

Registered Charity No. 1117715

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With the threats of resumption of civil violence in Burundi and the announcement of withdrawal of UK Government Aid to Burundi, this year has been one warranting much concern and prayer.

## Governance

The trustees remain as Keith Anderson, William Challis, Hugh James and Andrew Maclay.

## Treasurer

Andrew Maclay replaced Keith Anderson as treasurer. We would like to thank Keith Anderson for all his hard work as treasurer since the inception of Friends of Burundi

## The Committee

were all re-elected at the 2010 Annual General Meeting,

*Officers* Chairman: William Challis, Secretary: Hugh James, Treasurer: Andrew Maclay,

Assistant Secretaries: Pam Brooks and Sue Finlayson,

*Other Committee members*: Keith Anderson, Roger/Miranda Bowen, Pat Brooks, Georgette Butera and Alison Gill.

## Meetings of the Trustees

The Trustees met at the time of the Annual Meeting, on 27 November, 2010. They also held a 65 minute Telephone Conference Call on 8th February 2011. The main matters discussed were the allocation of donations. The Trustees also held an e-mail discussion between 22 and 28 July 2011 with all the Trustees copied into the messages. This related particularly to the change in banking arrangements.

**Bank Accounts.** Due to the poor return of the Charity Aid Foundation deposit account, this has been transferred to a Scottish Widows Bank's Charity Account.

## Meetings of the Committee

The Committee and met as a group on 27 November, 2010 prior to the 2010 annual meeting. The committee approved the 2009-10 annual report and the financial statement for that period which had been circulated by e-mail prior to the meeting. The members also received minutes of the Trustees' telephone conference

## The Annual General Meeting

This was held at 2.0pm in the Derwent Room of the Alan Booth Centre at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire on Saturday 27 November 2010 during the CMS Mid-Africa Region Conference.

**Present:** two trustees: William Challis & Keith Anderson; five other Committee members, 27 other members and five visitors.

## Business.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The annual report and financial statement (previously circulated) were presented and explained.

There were presentations from five people or groups who had visited Burundi and who explained the work they had seen and on which they were involved.

## **Communication with Members.**

Hugh James has continued to circulate members with news of particular issues relating to Burundi, at regular intervals by e-mail.

## **UK Aid to Burundi.**

One particular issue this year has been the decision of the British government to withdraw Department for International Development Aid to Burundi. Given the position of Burundi at or near the bottom of international league tables in development, this seemed inexplicable and unjust. Many members sent letters to their Members of Parliament while our patron, Archbishop Bernard, attended the meeting of the Parliamentary Select Committee, which considered this decision and gave verbal evidence, while our chairman, William Challis, sent a written submission. In their report, the Select Committee recommended that the decision be reversed. We wait and pray for the final outcome.

**Situation in Burundi.** Apart from the problems with UK aid (mentioned above) we noted with concern the increased number of murders of both civilians and military personnel, climaxing with the shooting dead of about 40 people in a bar near Bujumbura, with the fear of resumption of the civil war. We also noted the high number of deaths of Burundi army personnel in the peacekeeping force in Somalia. By contrast, we welcomed the church initiatives in small-scale development projects and in the public health fight against malaria and HIV.

## **Donations.**

Friends of Burundi distributed £3,550 to Good Causes in Burundi as follows:

Eglise de la Gloire Batwa education project	£1,000.00
Support for 6 diocesan Bible schools	£900.00
Muyinga Pastors Fellowship	£250.00
REMA Ministries - Pastors conference	£700.00
Herridge School project	£400.00
Spectacles	£614.35
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	£3550.00

## **Website.**

The Friends of Burundi website ([www.friendsofburundi.org.uk](http://www.friendsofburundi.org.uk)) has continued to post news from various sources such as friends of Burundi members and Church and parachurch organisations in Burundi.

## **2011 Annual General Meeting**

The Next Annual General Meeting will take place at 2:15pm on Saturday 6 December 2011 at the High Leigh conference Centre, Hoddesdon Hertfordshire.

Our prayer for the future is that Friends of Burundi may continue, in our small way, to encourage a peaceful development of his very needy country.

William Challis (Chairman)

Hugh James (Hon. Secretary)

25 November 2011

# Friends of Burundi

Annual financial report for the year ended 30 September 2011

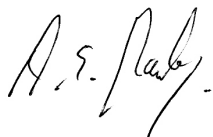
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I am pleased to present to you the accounts of Friends of Burundi for the year ended 30 September 2011. The accounts were maintained by Keith Anderson for the first six months of the year and I took them over on 1 April 2011. Due to the length of time it takes to change addresses and contact details, we only received one refund of Gift Aid from HMRC during the year, but a further refund was received on 25 October 2011, so that the 2011/2012 accounts will include three refunds rather than two. The Trustees have recently applied to move the funds on deposit from CAF Bank to Scottish Widows Bank in order to earn a higher rate of interest.

We received membership subscriptions in the year from 52 people (2010: 48). We received a further £2,470.83 (2010: £3,672.48) in donations during the year. The membership fees and donations have principally been spent on projects in Burundi, as set out below. The trustees have asked for suggestions for projects this year in Autumn 2011, and expect to use the majority of the money available for the selected projects.

Income	2011 £	2010 £
Membership subscriptions	520.00	480.00
Donations	2,470.83	3,672.48
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	545.98	1,028.81
Interest from CAF deposit	4.21	4.19
	3,541.02	5,185.48
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Eglise de la Gloire Batwa education project	1,000.00	
Support for 6 diocesan Bible schools	900.00	
Muyinga Pastors Fellowship	250.00	
REMA Ministries - Pastors conference	700.00	
Herridge School project	400.00	700.00
Spectacles	614.35	
Future Hope Orphanage		400.00
Muyinga diocese for McIlhennys		800.00
REMA Ministries - operating table		500.00
Kayanza sewing machines via FFH		300.00
Muyinga famine relief (refugee project)		1,100.00
Batwa housing project via GLO		500.00
Information Commission subscription	35.00	35.00
Western Union/CAF transfer charges	21.00	29.90
Administration costs	28.26	
	3,948.61	4,364.90
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(407.59)	820.58
Cash balance at beginning of year	2,108.90	1,143.75
CAF balance at beginning of year	1,960.14	2,104.71
	3,661.45	4,069.04
Cash balance at end of year	1,548.34	2,108.90
CAF balance at end of year	2,113.11	1,960.14
	3,661.45	4,069.04

Andrew Maclay  
Treasurer, Trustee



25 November 2011