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Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st December 2014

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	SaltMalawi
Charity Registered Number	1139160
Legal Status	A company limited by guarantee
Company Registration Number	06972024
Registered Office	WestWinds Hoo Lane Chipping Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6AZ

Directors and Trustees

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Report of the Directors/Trustees

Aims and Objectives

I. Purpose and Aims

Our charity's purposes, as set out in our governing document – the company's Memorandum of Association, are

- To advance the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively by providing financial and other such support as may be deemed necessary for proclaiming the Christian gospel in Malawi and such other countries as the directors may from time to time determine and by the enabling and training of disciples of Jesus Christ in such countries.
- To alleviate poverty and suffering wherever possible and in whatever form it is found in such countries and in particular to offer assistance to vulnerable people (as defined by the constitutions of such countries) as an expression of such Christian gospel.

The aims of the charity are to help people who wish to be better citizens and to embrace sustainable behaviours and to reduce suffering caused by poverty and lack of knowledge, primarily in Malawi but possibly in other countries too.

II. Delivering our Aims

The charity will deliver its aims through making grants to “partners” who operate on the ground in its target areas. Whilst these will be potentially independent individuals, the charity requires a material degree of accountability for its support to ensure that the charity's purpose is met. In exchange it also offers a support structure which enables the partners to consult on decisions and strategy.

III. Focusing our Efforts

At this moment in time the charity works through Julian and Caroline Lott (a missionary couple resident in Malawi). Through them we partner with John Seda and Cameron Mwenenthembe in the Dedza area, Chiymebekezo Sizeki, Harrison Banda and Alexander Basitene in the Mphalale area and Biliati Ngoma in the Lilongwe district. These men are the Malawian leaders overseeing local teams of church leaders and members. With our support they are building church communities, teaching Christian lifestyle choices, running feeding programmes, building new wells, caring for orphans (15 currently), supporting many vulnerable elderly and engaging in education programmes.

The charity is open to welcome additional “partners” who meet the criteria but, as yet, it has no others.

In addition it can help arrange for people from the UK to visit the work in Malawi, the experience of which influences their own future.

Delivering Public Benefit

I. Our Ultimate Clients

Malawi has many organisations working in and around the main cities but very few working in the countryside, which is mainly inhabited by subsistence farmers, where the level of poverty and need is high.

These rural areas have also been ravaged by the aids virus leaving many children without a family structure and living wild as well as many older people without the traditional support of their own children.

The normal approach by these subsistence farmers is either to grow maize (from which they produce their staple food – “*nsima*”) or tobacco to sell. In either case it is not normally sufficient to feed their families throughout the whole year and so there are periods of great hunger.

Feeding programmes are designed to support children and seniors and farming education is designed to encourage greater yields to help them throughout the year.

II. Advancing Christianity

SaltMalawi is run by Christians, with the primary core aims of proclaiming and demonstrating the love and teachings of Jesus Christ both by word and by practical love in action.

Through “partners” in Malawi the charity supports the setting up of churches, providing regular teaching and counseling to members and potential members as well as providing church leaders with training and back-up.

The benefits delivered here include

- a) The creation of communities which aim to support everyone in need within their village and surrounding area;
- b) Freeing individuals from the oppressive and controlling aspects of superstitious practices enabling them to make real choices; and
- c) Creating a purpose and hope and thus an improved future.

III. The Relief of Poverty

Poverty is a killer wherever it is met in the world and, in particular, in the rural subsistence farming sectors of Malawi.

SaltMalawi is run by Christians, with the primary core aims of proclaiming and demonstrating the love and teachings of Jesus Christ both by word and by practical love in action. The Lotts' modus operandi, with which the charity concurs, is to set up feeding programmes only where they have built strong church communities.

The reason for this is due to the fact that corruption is a daily problem in Malawi and so stores of food can only be reasonably left with groups with whom the Lotts are confident of its safekeeping and usage. The food is delivered to church communities, who organise distribution and ensure that it is used only to feed children and the elderly, who would otherwise suffer for lack of food.

Contaminated wells are often an issue in villages, especially where a burial ground has been sited too close to the well. Working with Pump Aid (another UK Charity) and other water delivery agencies SaltMalawi will arrange for wells to be built. Historically, it has been involved with 13 wells so far.

Orphans often are forced to live rough if they have no extended family to look after them. SaltMalawi encourages and supports the education of Malawian families in the benefits of limiting the number of natural children, taking orphans into their homes instead and bringing them up as their own. These families are subject to a continual monitoring and mentoring process to ensure success with the children.

The benefits delivered here include

- a) The orphans and seniors who are fed three times per week each season who might otherwise have died from starvation;
- b) The villages which benefit from fresh water releasing them from reliance on contaminated water; and
- c) Children in stable families going to school and being cherished who would otherwise be left on their own to scavenge with no future.

IV. The Advancement of Education

Current educational activities are targeted at subsistence farmers with attempts to influence their approach to sustainable farming. Their usual approach normally involves continually planting the same crop resulting in reliance on more and more fertilizer (which they cannot afford) or drastically falling yields.

The strategy the charity is supporting includes the use of natural fertilisers, rotational cropping and working collectively. During the last 5 consecutive years SaltMalawi has given grants to help in the setting up of a model farm, housing and a training centre which we expect to be completed during the next few years. However, with raging inflation and the lack of supplies, building work to complete the training centre has been put on temporary hold until the economics settle down. Although not fully complete yet, this still allows the local team to display practically their results at a centre to which farmers can go for help and instruction.

SaltMalawi also intends to support the direct education of children and adults where identified by the partners operating in Malawi.

The benefits delivered here include

- a) The farm shows increased yields by model farming and then there will be increased yields from the trainees who will then be asked to release some of their increased crops back into the feeding programmes; and
- b) Improved lifestyle for communities as their quality of life gets better.
- c) Better educated individuals who will be encouraged to make use of their skills within and for the benefit of the community

Planning for the Future

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years but to increase its fundraising activities through the development of its website and the expansion of its supported programmes. In 2015 we will be considering expanding the training and education.

In 2015 we plan to deliver another replacement vehicle for the feeding programme plus, potentially, another guest dwelling for working visitors who will gain first-hand experience and knowledge which they can relate back to their supporting groups/churches in the UK.

Structure, Governance and Management

I. Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 24th July 2009 as The Salt Trust and changing its name on 4th August 2010 to SaltMalawi. It was registered with the Charities Commission in November 2010.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which set out the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up the members (currently the 6 directors/trustees) are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

II. Directors and Trustee Team

The directors are also the trustees of the charity and all give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

III. Trustee Induction and Continuing Training

All trustees have existing suitable skills to hold their office either from their commercial and/or faith background. However, all trustees are encouraged to visit the work being carried out by “partners” in Malawi to experience first-hand the strategies employed and issues attached to them. During 2014 the project was visited by the chairman.

IV. Risk Management

As the charity only makes grants from existing resources and does not forward commit, where funds do not exist, it has very minimal financial risk. In other areas the trustees consider risk exposure on an ongoing basis, taking appropriate action as necessary. It is not considered that there are any major risk exposures at this present time.

V. Organisational Structure

The trustees meet (subject to individual availability) approximately 6 times per annum and teams function on individual projects on an ad hoc basis, reporting back at the next meeting.

A chairman is appointed to hold an overview role and to be a central point of contact and dissemination of information and updates. The Chairman is rotated every few years to allow fresh input into the running of the Board.

VI. Related Parties

There are no related party transactions to report.

Responsibilities of the Directors/Trustees

Company law requires the directors/trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at its balance sheet date together with its incoming resources and application of those resources for the period.

In preparing those statements the directors/trustees should follow best practice and

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The directors/trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Acts. The directors/trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Audit

For the year ending 31st December 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Philip Hanson
Company Secretary



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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year to 31st December 2014

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2013 £	2014 £	2013 £	2014 £	2013 £	2014 £
Incoming resources							
Donations	2	11,718	10,805	36,506	33,303	48,224	44,108
Interest Received		-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total Incoming Resources		11,718	10,805	36,506	33,303	48,224	44,108
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Resources Expended							
Administration	3	63	42	-	-	63	42
Grants Made	3	-	-	21,825	29,372	21,825	29,372
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Total Resources Expended		63	42	21,825	29,372	21,888	29,414
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Net Incoming Resources before other Recognised Gains		11,655	10,763	14,681	3,931	26,336	14,694
Other Recognised Gains		-	-	-	-	-	0
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Net Movements in Funds		11,655	10,763	14,681	3,931	26,336	14,694
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Funds Brought Forward		15,292	26,947	33,171	47,852	48,463	74,799
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Total Funds Carried Forward		26,947	37,710	47,852	51,783	74,799	89,493
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This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the period and relates to continuing activities.

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SaltMalawi Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2014

	Notes	2013 £	2013 £	2014 £	2014 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7				-
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	3696		2,590	
Cash at Bank		84,320		95,090	
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		88,016		97,680	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year	9	(13,217)		(8,187)	
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Net Current Assets			74,799		89,493
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Total Assets less Liabilities	10		£74,799		£89,493
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Unrestricted Funds			26,947		37,710
Restricted Funds			47,852		51,783
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Total Funds	11		£74,799		£89,493
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For the period ending 31st December 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities;

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 20th January 2015 and were signed on its behalf by;

Martin Pleasance,
Director



Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2014

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

a) Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005 (as amended in 2008).

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted Funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of the appeal.

c) Incoming Resources

All incoming funds are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in full, when unconditionally receivable.

Investment income is included when receivable.

d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as any liability is incurred and includes VAT, which the charity cannot recover.

Grants to "partners" are recognised from the point at which the directors/trustees formally agree to the making of the grant.

2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds Joseph Project	Restricted Funds Lotts Personal	Restricted Funds Mission Fund	Restricted Funds Building Project	Restricted Funds Business Devpmnt	Restricted Funds Education	Restricted Funds Blanket Appeal	Total Funds
Year ended 31/12/2013	11,718	22,448	7,700	2,345	-	-	-	4,013	48,224
Year ended 31/12/2014	10,805	20,801	8,502	3,050	250	100	600	-	44,108

3. Total Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds Joseph Project	Restricted Funds Lotts Personal	Restricted Funds Mission Fund	Restricted Funds Building Project	Restricted Funds Business Devpmnt	Restricted Funds Education	Restricted Funds Blanket Appeal	Restricted Funds Farm Devpmnt	Total Funds
Year ended 31/12/2013										
Administration	63									63
Grants Made	-	14,000	3,775	-	-		250	2,800	1,000	21,825
Total Resources Expended	63	14,000	3,775	-	-	-	250	2,800	1,000	21,888
Year ended 31/12/2014										
Administration	42									42
Grants Made	-	21,000	5,372	2,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	29,372
Total Resources Expended	42	21,000	5,372	2,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	29,414

Administration costs include bank charges and Companies House filing fees

The Joseph Project is the feeding, wells, education and orphan projects

The Lotts' Personal is money received to fund the Lotts' personal living expenses and personal holiday fund

The Mission Fund is to cover costs of church planting and developing

The Building Project consists of funds donated to finance land and buildings to create a model farm, training centre and orphan housing.

The Business Development Fund is to assist with seed corn funding for startup businesses and training

The Education Fund is to assist with Adult and Children education

The Blanket Appeal is to raise money to supply blankets to those who are in need of extra warmth

The Farm Development Fund is to cover new work in the model farm used to educate local farmers

4. People and costs

The average number of persons employed during the period was NIL

Average payroll costs for the period were NIL

5. Trustees Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No trustees received any remuneration during the year, nor were any claims made for expenses.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the period.

6. Taxation

As a charity, SaltMalawi is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within S505 of the Taxes Act 1968 or S256 of the Taxes of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these applied to charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

The charity had no tangible fixed assets during the period or at the balance sheet date.

8. Debtors

	2013	2014
	£	£
Amounts due from HMRC	3696	2,590

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 Year

	2013	2014
	£	£
Other creditors	30	-
Grants made but so far not drawn down	13,187	8,187

This figure relates to further building work on the model farm granted in 2011. The building work is being done when good rates can be obtained and so will be spread over the coming periods. It is likely that additional work will be carried out in 2015.

10. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds Joseph Project	Restricted Funds Lotts Personal	Restricted Funds Mission Fund	Restricted Funds Building Project	Restricted Funds Business Devpmnt	Restricted Funds Education	Restricted Funds Blanket Appeal	Total Funds
Cash at Bank	35,120	28,267	11,455	5,779	12,736	100	600	1,033	95,090
Debtors	2,590								2,590
Creditors					(8,187)				(8,187)
Net Assets at 31/12/2014	37,710	28,267	11,455	5,779	4,549	100	600	1,033	89,493
Cash at Bank	23,281	28,466	8,325	4,729	17,486	-	-	2,033	84,320
Debtors	3,696								3,696
Creditors	(30)				(13,187)				(13,217)
Net Assets at 31/12/2013	26,947	28,466	8,325	4,729	4,299	-	-	2,033	74,799

11. Movements in Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds Joseph Project	Restricted Funds Lotts Personal	Restricted Funds Mission Fund	Restricted Funds Building Project	Restricted Funds Business Devpmnt	Restricted Funds Education	Restricted Funds Blanket Appeal	Total Funds
Net Assets at 31/12/2013	26,947	28,466	8,325	4,729	4,299	-	-	2,033	74,799
Incoming resources	10,805	20,801	8,502	3,050	250	100	600		44,108
Outgoing resources	(42)	(21,000)	(5,372)	(2,000)				(1,000)	(29,414)
Net Assets at 31/12/2014	37,710	28,267	11,455	5,779	4,549	100	600	1,033	89,493