Minute

Gospel 4 Grampian 2024 AGM

Venue: Victoria Hall, Crombie Rd

Date: 4th Sept 2024 @ 19.00 hrs

Present: Rob Rowe, Helen Rowe, Tom Morrow, Jim Buchan, Lola

By Teams: Mr and Mrs Rowe, Mark Ovall, Angelina Mohanpersadh

1. Welcome/ Prayer – Jim

Jim Welcomed all present and online to the meeting and explained that apologies had been received from both Alan Gorvett and Brian Boyde due to illness and family circumstances. Jim then asked Tom to committe the meeting to God in prayer.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM – Jim

Jim explained that the Trustees reviewed the Minutes of last years AGM soon after they were produced and also that the reviewed version has been published on the Website for anyone to read. The 2023 AGM Minute was formally approved unanimously.

Jim went on to reflect on his summer visit to the Keswick Convention where he had joined the volunteer team providing AV support. Attending the convension has been a regular annual for the Buchan family, event but this year Jim wanted see if God might talk to him through this new volunteering experience. This year during week three of the convention, the Olympics were taking place in Paris. It is also 100 years since the Paris Olympics when Edic Liddle made history by taking part in

the event. He believed that it was Gods gift to him that he could run very fast. He was a sprinter and aimed to compete in the 100 meters event. But the heats for that event was to be on a Sunday and he was committed to keeping the Sabath so declined to enter. Rather he took part in the 200 and 400 meter events and most unexpectidly won the 400 meters and set a new Olympic record in the process. He needed to do this because in his own words he said "God has made be fast and when I run fast I feel Gods pleasure". He used Gods gift to him of speed to return glory to God. This made Jim reflect on the gifts that God had given him and wondered how he could also glorify God be using them. He asked others to also reflect on how they can use Gods gifts to them to advance the work of G4G to preach the Gospel to save souls.

Jim has always had an interest in technology and its use in church so has decided to keep going with this and encouraged others to also continue to use their God given talents to do the same through their work for G4G.

Jim reflected that for many years Rob and Helen have given much to sustain G4G – without Robs unending commitment over many years, the project would have grown to the scale and reach that it has today.

He ended by quoting a verse from the new testament

2 Timothy Ch 4 Vs 7
I have fought the good fire, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

To say this when we finish our lifes' work should be our goal, God will always provide the gifts necessary to achieve his plan through us.

3. Trustees Overview – Jim

Jim then summarised the Trustees annual report which follows the same format each year and is a necessary requirement to maintain the charitable status of G4G. Copies of the report were made available and also it will be published on the website once it has been countersigned by the trustees.

4. Treasurers Report – Tom

Tom presented the summary accounts as follows:

This year due to a combination of factors we have a very healthy balance.

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Reciepts & Payments Account

April 2023 to March 2024

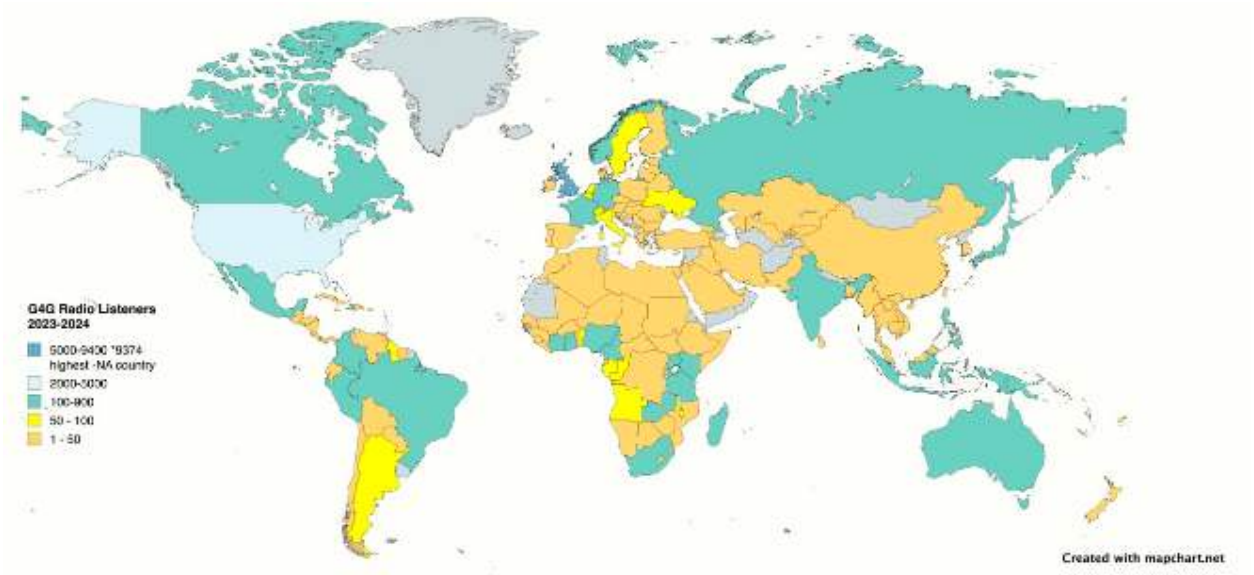
	2023	2024
Income	**£**	**£**
Members Donations	2160	2130
Other Donations	4021	3175
Quiz Night Kemnay	-	-
Gift Aid Received	-	3291
Sale of Cards/Calendars	1427	889
Total Income	**7608**	**9485**
Expenditure		
Telephone & Broadband	580	588
Computer Upgrades	13	15
Broadcasting License	66	1674
Computer Maintenance	1078	1156
Office Insurance	480	480
Web Hosting/Streaming	162	194
Electricity	120	-
Office Costs/Equipment	370	136
Calendars	755	831
Total Expenditure	**3684**	**5074**
Surplus (Loss) for Period	**3984**	**4411**

5. Directors Report – Rob

Rob read his report as follows:



I give thanks as God is indeed Gracious as we've progressed the mandate of Matthew 28:18-20. "18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We pursued the mandate of G4G in 2019, progressing on from an online radio station serving N E Scotland to current expansion. We envisioned then that as we are online the station could be heard anywhere in the world. The statistics on map below highlights the progress in this regard. The range of countries listening then and now reveals our international expansion scope. We have listeners in more countries listening in any one quarter for more than 1 hour. Our listener map outlines clearly a trend with no countries in the last year listening for less than a hour.



This correlates with the increase in foreign language broadcasting of John 3:16 on the station and of other new Gospel messages in different languages, new music and different voices on air.

G4G celebrates 18 years of broadcasting online with over 3 years with programmes:
Gospel4You and WOAC on Air being broadcast on Shortwave and Medium Wave each Monday evening throughout Europe, North Africa and the Middle East via the Nexus International Broadcasting Association network. The AM broadcasts alone reach over 143 million people.

The essence of the Gospel contained within John 3:16 is now being broadcast and is available on podcast in 89 languages - 16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

G4G broadcasts and podcasts short 2-5 minute Gospel Messages extends in over 40 languages. G4G is now in it’s third edition - ‘Right with God?’ - now available in audio for both in 14 languages – growing as we make time to do these. Languages include; Latvian, Portuguese, Dutch, Russian, Albanian, Arabic and Gujarati.

G4G provides listeners with the opportunity to pray the prayer of Salvation in 34 languages.

Other programs include –

- Bible: Hearing is Believing – the spoken Bible narrated by David Suchet which airs 4 times a day, The Dramatised Bible – A word of Promise which airs at 7 am each day and at other times.

- Teaching including – Kingdom Come – Pastor Fergus Buchan twice a week

- Bible Insights – Val Waldeck twice a week.

- Gospel messages from different churches
- WOAC on Air – produced by Women of Africa Care – an inspiration for Women around he world.
- Broadcast twice a week.

- Yalo on Air – Young Adult Life Orientation produced by WOAC –Youth Inspiration.- Broadcast twice a week
- Gospel4You - started in 2021. A 1 hour long programme comprising of themed scripture, testimony, and teaching.

- Your Gospel and Prayer of Repentance and broadcast on terrestrial radio 3 Mondays a month.

- A Thought for the Day – Angus Buchan – Daily devotional

- A Sideways Look – Lynn Rushworth – Bible stories from a different perspective

- Lifeline Productions 60 second bite drama sketches with scriptural lessons

- Testimony – Your Story – Daily several times

- Music: Thanks to Volunteer Aku, we have a Signature for the Radio station which has also been heard on our regular Monday evening broadcasts on Shortwave and Medium Wave to Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and also used regularly by WOAC on Air. G4G now has a range of music such as an eclectic mix of Hymns, worship, psalms, instrumental with Jazz, blues, classical, country and more international music coming with Scandinavian and African of special note.

Volunteers: G4G welcomes

Mark Ovall – Who has worked hard to improve our studio and office/Green room. Mark provides continuity every Friday between 1 pm and 4 pm. Mark is endeavoring to make this slot his own. He hopes to present a program of Scandinavian Music in Swedish. This is in direct line with our heart to ultimately reach out to all language groups around the world. This program should be seen as a pilot from which we will have lessons learned. It's encouraging that we have daily Scandinavian listeners who listen for many hours a day so a well worth initiative that Mark is pursuing. Mark has also been helping to document procedures we undertake regularly.

Wande Yolehe is from Nigeria with a heart for evangelism and hopes to present a program of African Music. Wande presents each Tuesday from 4 pm – 7 pm. He is making this slot his own by framing it as a journey with much blessing and inspiration and enthusiasm throughout. We congratulate Wande and his Fianceee on their forthcoming wedding.

Angelina Mohanpersadh joins us as a volunteer from South Africa where she is based. Angelina, not only heads up Women of Africa Care who presents two programmes on air, she also assists with preparation of the program schedules and prepares the Quarterly listener stats report to the Public Phonographic Licensing authority.

Aku Kamanga joined while still a Masters Music Student on placement. He provides versions of our Signature music when time allows.

Alison Cran joined us as volunteer and along with other volunteers and guests provided an excellent foil for Gospel Cafe several weeks running but had to pull back for health issues.

There is a further future volunteer Lola waiting in the wings who has joined us on Gospel Cafe a few times.

We are very grateful to all our Trustees, Volunteers and Supporters and Intercessors for all the Love and support and generosity. Most of all, we are thankful to God for another year of growth and pressing on toward a prospective radio expansion

Overall Station Myriad Playout has been running well with a few blips. Wande has been involved with helping trouble shooting on a few occasions with help as required from Broadcast Radio. We recently had a studio re-configuration with the leading by Mark on the task. Mark, Wande and myself have been

making increasing the use of the Myriad Anywhere remote broadcasting service from Broadcast Radio. This allows us to pre-record programs and broadcast live remotely.

Direct Outreach - G4G has not been as active this year in this regard, as we've redirected our focus on volunteer training and mentoring , consolidation and increasing the amount of foreign language broadcasting. I have been able to record both at Blacketyside Farm Gospel Evenings in Fife and the North East Youth Camp Services held at Hebron Church this year.

Future Perspective – It is our heart to reach out to Language Groups around the world with God's Good News of Salvation promoting unity of believers from all denominations so that we ultimately hear, see and experience Christ Jesus's Love as a "one" unified body of Christ Our future perspective will be built on our existing foundation which is Christ Jesus the Lord of this ministry, and so we aspire to be both on terrestrial radio AM and DAB 24/7 as a international radio network. How do we achieve this? We continue to trust and be led by God as we have done thus far. We celebrate how far we have come and that gives hope for a bright, prospective future on Air at an international scope.

6. AOB – there was no other business

7. Closing Prayer & Refreshments