

# *International Anglican Fellowship*



*A newsletter of the missionary arm of the Traditional Anglican Communion*

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## **Brief Report on the IAF**

**F**OR over 20 years, the IAF has been sponsoring missionary efforts, both within the Anglican community and, in some cases such as those requiring post-disaster humanitarian relief, outside the church. Right now, the bulk of the donations to the IAF are being sent to clergy in South Africa, Zambia, Guatemala, India, and South Dakota in the United States. These dedicated and courageous men continue to spread the love of Christ by training new clergy, teaching young people the lasting meaning of Anglican values, building new churches, maintaining existing facilities, expanding congregations, working to help relieve grinding poverty and despair, and a myriad of other less visible but critical faith-related activities.

To all of you who selflessly donate to the IAF, especially in these challenging economic times, just saying "thanks" seems inadequate. You can take pride in knowing that your outreach via the Fellowship is playing a major role in furthering Christian brotherhood in areas of the world that are sorely in need.

The Fellowship is going through the process of what I like to call "reinvigoration." We have a new Board of Directors that has committed itself to making IAF activities transparent. A recently implemented "Stewards" program will result in having a volunteer IAF representative in each diocese. Two folks in the United States have already taken on this mantle...one in the Diocese of the Northeast, the other in the Diocese of the West. A third person has recently signed on as the Steward for the United Kingdom. The Stewards will serve as coordinators and information conduits in their respective dioceses. They and I are readily available to answer any questions you may have concerning the IAF, its missions and goals. Turn the pages for a description of the Sustaining Members and Stewards Programs.

Look for more informational bulletins as we move down the road toward making the IAF truly "our" Fellowship.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erv Lischke".

Mr. Erv Lischke,  
Executive Director

## What in the World???

### Current Projects

**R**IGHT now, the Fellowship is providing financial support for five major missionary projects. Each of these involves missionary efforts for clergy and churches that are members of the Traditional Anglican Communion (TAC).

#### **Anglican Church of the Sun Star Kyle, South Dakota, USA**

The Very Rev. Francis Apple, Jr. is leading a Christian effort among the Lakota Sioux. His major worldly concern is overcoming the level of poverty among his parishioners. Financial support for basic necessities such as heating fuel, clerical stipends, and liturgical supplies are required. Sun Star is a member of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley (ACA) which also provides financial support through its Global Mission Fund.

#### **Traditional Anglo-Catholic Latin American Province (TACLAP)**

Based in Guatemala Bishop Ruben Rodriguez, despite ill health, travels extensively throughout Guatemala, Honduras, and other parts of Central America, training and mentoring new priests, coordinating church-related activities for children, conducting Mass, confirming new church members, and coordinating construction of new church buildings. From all accounts, Bishop Rodriguez is the driving force behind the existence of the Traditional Anglican Church in that part of the world. IAF funding helps him to continue this ministry.



*Construction of the Chapel of St. James  
Chiaj, Ilotenango, Guatemala*



## Continuing Anglican Communion in Zambia

Father Andrew Mukuyamba is the Archdeacon of this province and is also the sponsor for the IAF project. Headquartered in Lusaka, Zambia, the province contains 19 congregations averaging 150 members each.

Supporting an organization of that size and geographic dispersement with 5 priests and 3 deacons in a country suffering from widespread poverty must be quite a challenge.

Yet Father Mukuyamba presses on by continuing to build new churches, repair and maintain older ones, while supplying clergy with the sacramental necessities.



*Church building under construction in Chisamba Parish, Zambia*



*Interior of an Anglican church in Zambia*

## The Anglican Church in India (ACI)

Headed by Archbishop Samuel Prakash, Metropolitan of the ACI and Acting Primate of the TAC. Funding provides scholarships for Christian students in their primary classes (22 at present). The church also sponsors a Christian youth camp each summer which requires funding for boarding, lodging, and a stipend for camp leaders. The IAF also supports the Rev. David Chattri who, with his family and an assistant, conducts missionary training for villagers in remote rural areas.



*Christmas cultural program in a Diocesan School in India*



*Village children celebrate a Christmas cultural program in India*

### **The Anglican Church in Southern Africa (TAC) also known as Traditional Rite**

Southern Africa is very poor with large numbers of unemployed (about 45% of the population) and many refugees from neighboring states who have poured into South Africa. Political turmoil and bad governance in neighboring countries has created a huge problem of poverty and many people live well below the breadline in sprawling shack communities on the edges of the cities. HIV and AIDS are rampant amongst these communities.



*This is one of the parishes in Zimbabwe – it needs serious attention, but the people come joyfully and faithfully to worship Our Lord Jesus Christ despite their poverty.*

*“We have a vision for growing and developing our church in Southern Africa. Our commitment is to doubling the size of the TAC presence in Southern Africa in 10 years. St. Cyprians (pictured above and right) has achieved this and we do need to extend our work into many poorer areas.” -Archbishop Michael Gill*



*Archbishop Gill with the Choir at St. Cyprians*

The parish of St. Matthew's, Hammaskraal had a catastrophic fire two years ago. Father Thopola has been ill ever since, being quite elderly and having inhaled a great deal of smoke. The Southern African TAC and the IAF were able to assist Father Jaconiah Thopola rebuild his church and get things back on track. We were able, with the assistance of the IAF, to make St. Matthews into the lively and working parish it once was.



*St. Matthew's interior after the fire*



*Books destroyed in the fire at St. Matthew's*



*The rebuilt St. Matthew's Parish*



*Fr. Thopola receiving his new vestments after the fire*

### Flags of the Countries Which Have Parishes That are Supported by the IAF



Guatemala



India



South Africa



United States of America



Zambia

## The Sustaining Member and Steward Programs

### Sustaining Members

**T**HE IAF Sustaining Member program was begun in 2012 as a tool to formally recognize those churches and individuals that support the Fellowship on a recurring basis. For example, if one of the line items in a church budget contains a donation to the IAF, that church is eligible to become a Sustaining Member.

Similarly, individuals or families who desire to provide support on a regular basis would be recognized as Sustaining Members.

**T**HIS program helps to give the IAF Board of Directors an idea of how to plan distribution of donated funds for TAC missionary projects and to target those projects that are most in need. As a token of appreciation, Sustaining Members are presented with a wall plaque (*shown below*)...a tangible example of commitment and caring.



**A**S of February 2013, the following churches and individuals have become Sustaining Members. Many thanks for your active participation in support of the IAF missionary projects:

#### Diocese of the Northeast, ACA:

- Church of the Good Shepard, Charlestown, New Hampshire
- St. Margaret of Scotland, Conway, New Hampshire
- Trinity Anglican Church, West Lebanon, New Hampshire
- Trinity Anglican Church, Rochester, New Hampshire

#### Diocese of the West, ACA:

- Church of the Epiphany, Phoenix, Arizona
- St. Augustine Anglican Church, Hamilton, Montana
- All Saints Anglican Church, Fountain Valley, California
- St. John's Anglican Church, Chandler, AZ

#### Diocese of the Missouri Valley, ACA:

- Trinity Anglican Church, Prairie Village, Kansas

#### Individuals:

- One family, Bridgeville, Delaware
- One family, South Stratford, Vermont
- One family, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Topeka, Kansas
- One family, Devon, England

## Stewards

**T**HE IAF Steward program has been established as a management tool and communication link between the Board of Directors (specifically, the Executive Director) and members of various TAC churches and organizations. Eventually we hope to have a Steward in each diocese.

**W**ORKING with the IAF Executive Director, Stewards (who are volunteers) will assist the Board by maintaining contact with and funneling IAF related information to the churches and individuals in their home dioceses. This will include distribution of newsletters, collection of donated funds, and information concerning the IAF mission and planning goals. They will also field questions regarding IAF operations and will help identify candidates for the Sustaining Member Program.

**A**S of February 2013, we are pleased to have three active Stewards:

- Terry Harwood, Orford, New Hampshire, Diocese of the Northeast, ACA
- John Crichton, Phoenix, Arizona, Diocese of the West, ACA
- Chris Houghton, The Traditional Anglican Church in Britain, Lincoln, UK

**A**NYONE interested in becoming active in the IAF Steward Program should contact Erv Lischke in Montana, USA, at 406-642-3085 or electronically at [ervandmo@wildblue.net](mailto:ervandmo@wildblue.net)



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## The Needs are Many

**A**S the Fellowship continues to grow, the Board of Directors hopes to expand its level of missionary support to additional projects, primarily to those in need within our own Traditional Anglican Communion. Until then, we will continue to do all we can to support our current five major projects. Please look for periodic updates on how we're doing what we're doing.

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information



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