

News from Cape Town to Congo September 2007

**“Bringing hope to the peoples
of Southern, South West
and Central Africa”.**

Dear Friends,

We are glad to share all the news from our recent trip to the D.R.C, Angola and Namibia. We encountered a few difficult situations and during these times, we were reminded of your prayers on our behalf.

Democratic Republic of Congo



Many times we were unsure concerning the future of the DRC.

God has clearly spoken about this vast central African country but as always, finance was the problem.

Although this is still the case, the cost of this visit was met by the South African National Missions Committee.

We had a wonderful welcome at Kinshasa Airport by Pastor Damien Ndonga, his wife Vicky and some members of the church.

Pastor Ndonga had arranged for National TV to be there along with one of the Kinshasa city radio stations.

Guess what? – Ivor and Alice are famous at last!

We felt like celebrities with all the interviews etc...

However – what do they say about pride coming before a fall?

We soon found out as our case did not appear on the carousel. It was left behind at Luanda Airport, courtesy of Angolan Airways!



We would not see the case until the day before we left for South Africa – six days without clean clothes and other items – it was hard going!

We managed to purchase a shirt, blouse and a skirt for the big Sunday service.

Kinshasa

The church in Kinshasa under Pastor Ndonga has grown since we saw them last, from 25 to 85 adults.

Sunday 29th July was a day of great rejoicing. It was the official launch of the Apostolic Church of Great Britain in the DRC.

We ask you to pray for Pastor Ndonga as he leads the work in the Congo.

There are presently 15 churches working in 3 provinces in the country.

As is the norm on these occasions, there were leaders present from other churches in the city.

Arising from the ministry given that day, Ivor was invited on the following Tuesday to address over 100 leaders from different denominations.

What a great opportunity to raise the profile of our Fellowship in Kinshasa!

Kikwit

We took a one and a half hour plane journey from Kinshasa to Kikwit.

There we met the local leaders, ministering and praying into the many needs that we encountered in the church there.

We were also able to bring some medical supplies that were donated by a GP who is a member of our church in Kinshasa.

We had planned to spend 2 days in Kikwit but were unable to travel on the first day because the small twin engine plane had technical problems.



We had just sat down and the plane was starting to move slowly when a passenger alerted the stewardess that fuel was leaking from one of the engines and sparks were flying.

Someone opened the door because of the fumes and the people panicked.

We all managed to get off safely and refused to travel on that plane.

Internal flights within Africa continue to be a great problem but then, how else can we reach the people?

The Lord protected us – safe but shaken!

DRC - continued

Ilebo

Three leaders from Ilebo province traveled for five days by boat to reach Kinshasa.

What a testimony these wee guys have, and the sacrifice they make for the Lord!

They travel for days in dug out canoes, then walk for long distances deep into the Congo jungle.

They talked about meeting wild animals and of tribes including Pygmies who have never heard the Name of Jesus.

What touched our hearts was that they wanted nothing for themselves but asked only for Bibles and a generator for the main church in Ilebo.

We bought them 100 Bibles and also gave Pastor Ndonga financial help so as to visit them more often and bring teaching.

We left the DRC overwhelmed by the tremendous challenges that lie ahead but reminded that we serve a great God.

We are looking for men and women who have a burden for the Congo – please contact us if God is speaking to you!

ANGOLA

Pleased to report that two more churches have been opened in Luanda and another at Calulama in the Malange Region.

Roofless church - Luanda

There was great rejoicing as we presented the National Chairman, Pastor Ferreira Francisco with a cheque for £5,000 to complete the roof in the Mabor church, Luanda.

He is engaging professional help in order to do a good job.

We hope it will not be long until the work is finished.

Thanks again to everyone who made contributions to this project, the Lord bless you!

NAMIBIA

We are delighted at the progress of the work in the Oshakati and Opuwo centres.

Please continue to pray for them as there are many needs.

We trust you are encouraged to see the results of your prayers.

Lots of love

Ivor and Alice