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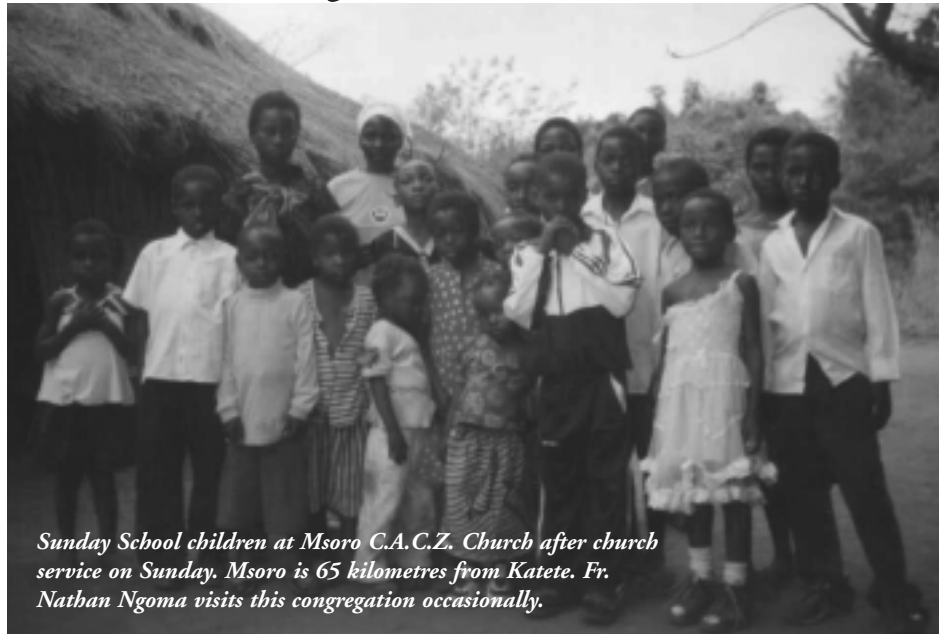
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Sunday School children at Msoro C.A.C.Z. Church after church service on Sunday. Msoro is 65 kilometres from Katete. Fr. Nathan Ngoma visits this congregation occasionally.

As we approach the period during which we reflect on the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ and His work of saving humanity, we thank God for the year 2006. The year 2006 was a difficult year in many ways, but by God's grace we have another chance to continue being His faithful servants in a world that cries for peace and freedom. We will now look to God for more opportunities to establish His Church in areas where people do not know God.

The C.A.C.Z. has been working very hard in the area of "equipping the saints" for ministry. We have one-day meetings for clergy and lay readers on every first Saturday of the month where these leaders share their experiences and learn from each other. They are

also taught in the area of Church Management and Leadership. Apart from these meetings, a number of seminars and conferences have been held in the year for church groups. The Women Fellowship held their second conference for the year from 26th to 30th October, 2006 at St. Stephen's Church in Mwembeshi Parish. During this conference, the women were reminded of their vows and objectives. The subjects on spirituality were also taught; and we have seen a renewed commitment in the lives of those who attended.

In the second week of December, 2006 the youth of C.A.C.Z. had a camp meeting at

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Thank you!!

From The Lakota Sioux at the Sun Star Anglican Mission

Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

I want to thank all of you that helped in the recovery of my granddaughter from her auto accident. It was a very tough ordeal for us, with her being 400 miles away in the Denver Trauma Center for 11 weeks.

So, at this time I would like to say a very special thank you for all your prayers and the financial assistance. God was good to us. She is almost fully recovered; she still has pain and nerve damage in one foot and never regained her sense of taste and smell but otherwise, is doing fine.

Our church is still functioning, however nothing great is happening. I truly believe that something will happen. Out of 28 Episcopal churches here on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, only four will remain open and two of them are pretty much white oriented. So we will see!

Something is going on in the church as a whole. The other denominations are not

doing too well either. I guess this is happening clear across the country but more so on our Reservation. The Episcopal Church is kind of funny because they have no more ministers, so they hurriedly ordained three older educated women who do funerals mostly. I shouldn't put the Episcopal Church down but it is the truth.

We had a fairly good Christmas, but not enough people! I'll be working on this problem. This Lenten season I plan to visit approximately 30 homes. I am going to be like Mahatma Gandhi. He said, "If the people don't come to Gandhi-Gandhi will go to the people!"

I don't want to give in to traditional religion but there are 25 Sundances on the Pine Ridge reservation. That says something. We do have some real old Christians in our congregation that are chasing the young ones away. I am also working on this!

Well thanks again and Happy New Year!!

Rev. Francis Apple

Zimbabwe Update

According to statistics just published on 10th Jan. 2007, Zimbabwe has the highest inflation rate in the world - 1281%; and a 43% in household bills. It is the world's fastest deteriorating economy and a population haunted by despair; 85% unemployment, hunger and AIDS. Is it any wonder that people are trying to escape from Zimbabwe? Last year South Africa deported 97,433 illegal Zimbabweans and is at present deporting 265 per day. An increasing number of illegal immigrants are living in informal settlements (squatter camps) and it has become easier for them to evade arrest.

The Anglican Church (Canterbury) is divided in support and opposition of the regime. The Bishop of Harare supports the regime and decries critics of the regime. As a reward he was given a farm and a seven bedroom house. Now he is ordaining

government ministers and party officials with no theological education. Many clergy have left the Church and have had to take refuge abroad.

But, life is all right for some people. Parliament's car park glitters with scores of government issued Mercedes, BMW's, Toyota Land Cruisers, Jeep Cherokees and the most expensive Japanese double-cab 4x4's. A number of filling stations receive fuel but most are for government vehicles. Any others that receive deliveries of fuel have long lines of customers. It can be up to three days in a line to get fuel! The same dazzling array of vehicles mentioned above assemble outside Harare's exclusive private schools to collect children at the end of the day and at Harare's high priced shopping centres at the weekend.

Amidst it all, ACSA (TR) goes on quietly living, witnessing and growing in numbers amongst the poor and disadvantaged. Bishop Trevor is planning to visit Zimbabwe in the near future no doubt taking food and clothes in his baggage! Because of the shortage of fuel his visit will be confined to Harare. There are two Deacons to be ordained into the Sacred Priesthood and four Postulants for the Diaconate. The Holy Sacrament of Confirmation will also be administered.

A piece of breaking news: In the next couple of weeks a mission will be established in Mozambique at a town 20 km from the border with Zimbabwe. It will be served from St Cyprian's Church, Mutare, Zimbabwe.

Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe and also for the members of ACSA (TR). *written by: Tim Shaw*



From the Desk of the Executive Director

To all of those who were kind enough to send contributions in response to our plea in the Advent Issue, please accept our sincere THANK YOU. Your contributions made it possible for us to continue with our normal level of giving to the TAC members who we are presently assisting.

I know that I can speak for many of them and extend their thanks to you. Bishop Prakash and our Anglican Church of India are constantly being sued by other fringe Continuing Churches making a rash of property claims on our hard-won gains in India. Then in Central America Bishop Rodriguez is concerned about bank deposits. Seems the bank has some severe financial problems and has closed. Will they lose the Diocesan funds deposited in that bank? Then we go to Zambia, South Africa and the Congo. They all have accepted the challenge of starting projects that will not only provide income to their national churches, but will also provide jobs for their church members. They need financial assistance to get these small businesses over the “hump” so they can become profitable and support themselves. Unfortunately, they’re

several years away from this goal, but it is said that a journey of 1,000 miles starts with the first step and they have taken that first step!

If you love your church and are committed to seeing it succeed, have you considered making a provision for it in your will? Let me assure you that any gift would be appreciated and put to good use, in accordance with your explicit instructions. This is how the Fraser Barron Fund was established. Please don’t forget the International Anglican Fellowship and the good it does throughout the T.A.C.!

Where is the New Executive Director Hiding? This is a very important question! I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this capacity, but I’ve reached five years now and it’s time for someone else to step forward and “relieve the watch”. It has been extremely rewarding and thanks to help from my wife, Cynthia, and others it has been fun. How many of us normally get to deal with Anglican Bishops throughout the world, no less pick up the phone and call the Primate about specific issues? I’ll be the first to admit that some Bishops have been very upset when we didn’t have sufficient funds to permit their normal monthly stipend. However, the IAF Board of Directors understood the problem and has always supported me 100%. They have been great to work with.

If you have served as an officer of any non-profit organization and enjoyed it, please consider stepping forward and at least considering it. I had a very smooth transition and never hesitated to call my predecessor when I had any questions. Howard Hecht was always there and I’ll promise you that I’ll try to be as helpful to you as he was to me. Bishops and Parrish Priests, please take a few moments and let me have your suggestions. All too often we wait to be asked. My Bishop called me and asked if I would consider the job. Now five years have gone by and I can’t “retire” until I find my replacement! Won’t you please help me?

In closing, thank you one and all for your continued support of the International Anglican Fellowship. It makes no difference whether you are an occasional donor or one who sends a check each month. Your contribution is needed now and is appreciated by those who we are able to support. Please don’t let them down! Send us whatever you can!

Thank you and may God bless all of you.

Walter

Walter Kilian
Executive Director

The Anglican Catholic Church in the Congo

The Anglican Catholic Church praises God for the tremendous work He continues to do here in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Through the generosity of the IAF and ACA churches and members during its two years of affiliation with the TAC we have been able to print 2000 copies of the Book of Common Prayer in Swahili, roof five churches built with mud bricks, pay the debt of the ACC-Congo's registration to the government, supply our clinics with medicine and equipment, purchase chalices and patens, buy a chainsaw for the sawmill project and nets for the fishing project, pay the rent for the diocesan office, establish an agriculture project by using cattle attraction, pay the school fees of our eight students in the Certificate of Theology program, and enroll two students in the Diploma in Theology program.

However, with our growth, we are presented with more challenges. More church buildings are required as we evangelize new areas. We are planning to extend the church into other neighboring provinces, especially in the Equatorial Forest of South Kivu where the Pygmies continue to believe in their African Tribal Religion and the power of ancestor spirits. At the same time we are working to alleviate the poverty and famine that is the result of continued fighting in our region. The war has left many widows and orphans who look for assistance from our church. Our plan is to begin a goat-breeding project by giving goats to 50 widows for that purpose. We also want

to help abused girls by establishing a sewing workshop to facilitate their reintegration into their society.

Due to the instability of the Congo, education of the people has really suffered with illiteracy being very high. That is why we have established 42 schools. The Congolese government sees the importance of education, but has recognized that the churches must take upon themselves the responsibility of such education through local church bodies. Therefore, we in the Anglican Catholic Church have placed primary emphasis on creating literacy programs, the mass production of Christian literature, and religious education and Christian schools.

We look forward to the season of Lent as we reflect on the sufferings of Christ and humbly ask you to think of us and pray for us and the difficulties we experience daily in our ministry. We thank all of you who have been so generous in the past. Nevertheless, as you can see, we are in constant need of financial support. We hope and pray that this Lenten season will be a time of sharing the blessings that the Resurrection of our Lord has bestowed on all of us.

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Fr. Steven working in his office. Fr. Stevens two sons' (of his five children). The Fishing Project. The Sawmill Project.



The Anglican Church of India

The Anglican Church of India was very active conducting Christmas programs in various cities which were impressive and attracted people towards the Anglican Church of India. The following programs included in this report were headed by Archbishop Samuel P. Prakash and Rev. Canon John Ashish of the Anglican Church of India.

17th December 2006: The fruit of the priesthood training at Vikasnagar, Dehradun came in action. After one year practical training Rev. Deacon Praveen Dass and Rev. Deacon Virendra Masih were ordained Priests. Both Priests had completed B.Theology. degrees from a recognized Institution at Lalitpur. During the ordination service the candidates were presented by acting Archdeacon Ashish and Archbishop Prakash laid hands on both the Priests that were Ordained.

19th December 2006: The Grand Christmas Tree Program was held at St. Peter's Church Compound and on the stage of Peninsula School. The children ranging from age 4 to 10 years old, along with the assistance of the school staff, did an excellent job presenting the Christmas program. It was appreciated that mostly non-Christian children presented the Christmas program.

During the program "Jingle Bells" was started and Christmas Father appeared with gifts in his bag. The children were very happy to see the Santa Claus who distributed gifts and toffees to children and the audience. This was the first time that many had ever seen a Christmas program. It was a great witness of Christianity among non-Christians.

21st December 2006: Archbishop Prakash and Rev. Canon John Ashish went to St. Thomas Anglican Church at Saharanpur City to attend their Christmas program, presented with the help of the Sunday school teachers. Mrs. Febe Masih, wife of Anglican Priest Rev. Daniel Masih, assisted with

the program that presented wonderful scenes of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Archbishop Prakash gave the Christmas message regarding Peace to the world and the birth of our lord Jesus Christ and his work for humanity.

30th December 2006: Archbishop Prakash and Rev. Canon John Ashish reached Amritsar on 29th December 2006, after a ten hour drive. The Right Rev. Rockas Sandhu and his Priests of the Amritsar Diocese were present to



Archbishop Prakash ordaining Reverend Praveen Dass and Reverend Virendra Masih

welcome the Most Rev. Samuel P. Prakash. We all spent comfortable stay in a hotel and next day went to the Anglican Bishop's House. Anglican members welcomed the Metropolitan of India with flowers and garlands. The Archbishop distributed gifts and prizes. Priests and office bearers of the Amritsar Diocese were very happy to be with their Bishop and Metropolitan.

31st December 2006: The next day was Sunday and The Rev. Sunil Masih of St. Luke's Church, in Julandhar had requested that the Archbishop celebrate Holy Eucharist in his Church. So, we

stopped on our way to Dehradun. It was really very enjoyable to serve Holy Communion in St. Luke's Church at Julandhar. We are glad to meet the Lt. General of the Military headquarter of Julandhar who is member of St. Luke's Church.

Sponsors Required for poor Christian Children!

You maybe aware that the Anglican Church has no educational Institutions and Anglican children are neglected to get proper education. This time we have admitted six Anglican Christian children in Peninsula to the school to give them English medium education. More children are waiting to study. Most of the children are very poor and their parents have no way to pay for the schooling. There is no support to pay the school fees, the books, stationary and school Uniforms. The detail of expenses require for each student is:

Yearly School Uniform	= Rs. 2500
Books and stationary	= Rs. 2600
Annual School fees	= Rs. 5500
Total Fees per Day	= Rs.10600
or US \$. 240 per student	

We request that those reading this report consider supporting these Christian children who are innocent and do not know what education is and what they will do in their future life. The Peninsula School had invited 22 such children to their Christmas tree program, distributed gifts to them and assured them that their request for education would be granted as soon as financial sponsors agree to provide the necessary money.

This was the end of 2006 with the blessing of God almighty and we wish you all for the bright New Year 2007 and the coming Lenten season.

Yours in Christ
Rev. Canon John Ashish
Secretary, General Council
Anglican Church of India

Southern Africa

The ACSA (TR) Training Course is a distance learning course begun in 2003 and is for postulants and catechists. The Revd Mark Sekoba is Director of Studies.

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In South Africa there are 6 deacons and 8 postulants in training. In Zimbabwe there are 3 deacons and 10 postulants in training.

Last year there were 4 residential seminars lasting 4 days each. These are very necessary but add to the cost of the training. There could be more seminars but money is not available for them. Most of the students are unemployed or in part-time employment. Our township and rural congregations help if possible with postage and travel. However, costs keep rising and the income of the Diocese does not rise fast enough to keep pace.

The training of postulants and catechists is a top priority in this Church for its future growth. Any financial help will be gratefully received. Thank You!

*The Rt. Rev. Trevor Rhodes
Bishop of ACSA (TR)*

ACSA (TR) statistics for 2005
(2006 Diocesan Returns due on 31st March)

	South Africa & Botswana	Zimbabwe
Membership:	5,124	2,960
Congregations:	41	15
Priests:	34	4
Deacons:	6	4
Postulants:	8	10
Catechists:	58	18

Central America

This is a report at the beginning of our three years program of Theological Studies. At this moment, we have not received any financial support for this project, but we do not wait with crossed arms; instead we are starting enthusiastically in faith that we will receive assistance.

The program of theological studies began in January 2007. The geographic extension of this Missionary Diocese of Central America makes it impossible to concentrate the candidates and other lay ministry students in one place, so we decided to divide them by regions.

The Central Region covers the departments of Guatemala City, Sacatepequez, Escuintla, Santa Rosa, Zacapa, Jutiapa, Jalapa, Alta and Baja Verapaces, Petén, Izabal. The Western Region covers the departments of El

Quiché, Totonicapán, San Marcos, Huehuetenango, Quetzaltenango, and Retaleu. The El Salvador Region covers the entire Republic of El Salvador.

All of our Clergy and some Lay Leaders are members of the Teaching group for this program of theological studies. This way, it is easier and cheaper to bring teachers to each region. The teacher has to plan for two days going and two days returning plus his lecture to the students. This requires money, teaching resources, transportation, lodging and food.

Each postulant receives practical work assignments in his respective mission or parish. He assists the clergy in the guidance of the minor offices: Morning and Evening Prayers, litanies, prayers, family visits in the

Congregation, visits to sick people. All this happens in cooperation with the Vestry of the Church, and collaboration with groups of pastoral action: adults, youth and children, Bible and doctrine study circles, social services of mercy.

As for now we have no financial resources for this project, but we start motivated by our faith in God, with gifts of love of our members, hoping that other brothers' and sisters' hearts will be moved by the Lord Jesus to give with love and contribute to the Great Missionary Adventure of the Continuing Anglicans in the Missionary Diocese of Central America, ACA.

*written by: The Right Rev. Ruben
Rodriguez Molina*

Kabangwe about 6 kilometers north-west of Lusaka where 65 young people from various congregations met for spiritual empowerment and fellowship. Among the many activities they had, were lessons on holiness, stewardship and basic entrepreneurship skills. They spent five days there, sleeping on the hard floor in poorly built classrooms and feeding on cabbage and nshima. It was really a great sacrifice. They had no funds to be in a decent place for their meeting. They chose to be there for the love of Christ. Some of these young people came as far as Petauke – 500 kilometers from Lusaka.

As the C.A.C.Z. expands in terms of numbers in congregations, there is a need for church buildings. People can no longer worship in houses. It is in this vein that the congregation at Mwomboshi some 120 kilometers north of Lusaka decided to mold and burn 6,320 bricks for building a 10 meters by 7 meters church building. A total of K1,260,000 (\$310) has been spent on this project. This amount is only for paying the person who was molding the bricks. The other work of digging the soil and collecting water was done by the members of the church. We hope to start building the church after the rains are over.

The C.A.C.Z. is very grateful to Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Debbie Milano who were in Zambia as volunteers at Makeni Ecumenical Centre's family Planning Clinic. Apart from the good work they did at MEC, they have continued helping the church in Zambia. They have donated about \$1,200 towards the building of a priest's house at Chisamba Settlement Village. As C.A.C.Z. we are very happy to have partners-in-mission in United States and Canada, and we say to them "may God fulfill His Word, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". It is our earnest prayer that one day we too will be able to give to others in need. Jesus Christ gave Himself to us because we were in need of salvation. May He help us to give ourselves to Him completely as a

sign of appreciation during this period of Lent.

Our article in the I.A.F. Advent 2006 Issue, mentioned several projects we were working on to raise money to help support the C.A.C.Z.

1. CHICKEN PROJECT:

We were unable to increase our batch from 100 to 200 chicks due to insufficient funds. We have managed to raise all the 105 chicks we started with. As we write they are at a point of sale. We expect to raise \$580 (\$5.50 each). In order to have a viable project which can generate enough funds, we need to raise 500 chicks and will need the following supplies: 50 bags of stock feed, 15 big drinkers, 15 small drinkers, 10 feeders, 10 Infra red bulbs and accessories such as medicines, vitamins, charcoal, sawdust and pay the electrical bill. We'll need US \$3,000.

2. PRE-SCHOOL:

We feel this is another project we can do for the purpose of raising funds to support our church in Zambia. We have the buildings to use for this purpose during week days but we will need: 2 teachers, 20 desks and chairs, 2 teachers'



On the right is Mr. Christopher Daka – the catechist for Petauke area. Next to him is Mrs. Zulu wife to Mr. Zulu who is on the far left and Mr. Banda – the people's warden for Petauke C.A.C.Z. congregation and Mr. Phiri in white – chairman of Petauke congregation. Mr & Mrs Zulu are leaders of the new congregation at Chandema Village.

chairs and desks, a blackboard, crayons and pencils and storey books.

3. CONCRETE BLOCK MAKING MACHINE:

We also feel that this project could be of great help. The machine currently costs \$2,000 and the following will be needed before we can begin the project:

- 20 tons of river sand @ \$120.00 per 10 ton = \$240.00
- 50 pockets of cement @ \$11.15 total = \$557.50
- 2 wheel barrows @ \$72.00 total = \$144.00
- 2 spades @ \$15.00 each total = \$ 30.00
- 2 shovels @ \$15.00 each total = \$ 30.00

Total of US \$3,000 plus the cost of a good source of water.

Apart from the above, we have to pay \$240 for the roofing of St. Stephen's Church and a piece of land for the Petauke congregation. The piece of land will cost \$700.00. We will also need support for the seminary training. We pay allowances to the seminarians of \$90.00 each, for the four married seminarians and \$50.00 for the single seminarian. At the moment they are on practicals in the parishes under the parish priest. The seminary reopens on 7th February, 2007.

We wish for all in the TAC, God's blessing for the work you do for Him this New Year.

written by: Fr. Andrew Mukuyamba, Vicar-General Continuing Anglican Communion in Zambia

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