

What in the World??



A newsletter of the missionary arm of the Traditional Anglican Communion

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A Quick Report on the IAF

GREETINGS in the New Year. By all accounts, the Fellowship performed quite well during 2013. Thanks to generous contributors, our Fellowship continued to provide funding support for several projects worldwide. Here are some key highlights of IAF activities during 2013:

- **Contributions:** The Fellowship received \$39,519US in contributions during the year. This figure includes \$5300 for the Philippines Disaster Relief effort and revenue from book sales.
- **Disbursements:** \$23,290 were disbursed to priests in four countries for the continuance of their missionary work. We were able to help support a Summer Youth Camp sponsored by the Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands (\$1500) and a convocation of priests in Southern Africa (\$1500).
- **Key expenses:** Primary expenses were fees for wiring funds to locations outside the United States (\$932) and the costs of mailings via the US Postal Service (\$350).
- **Where we were financially at the end of 2013:** We began the New Year with a bank balance of \$5551. That

figure gives us some “maneuvering room” for the coming year.

- **PayPal:** Contributions to the IAF can now be made using the PayPal program. It can be accessed on-line via the “Donate” link on the Fellowship website... www.iaftac.org. Many thanks to Brian Kennedy, IAF Board Member, from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, for all his help in getting a PayPal account set up.

- **Book sales:** As mentioned above, we sold several books, the most popular being, The Practice of Religion. Unfortunately, we are down to the last 5 copies. A reprint involves scanning the book electronically (expensive) and then paying for the copies. Reprinting this book and another one in great demand, Ritual Notes, are high on the list of priorities in the coming months, pending available funding.

Thanks to Fr. Glenn Galenkamp, St. Barnabas’, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, for his help in formatting this newsletter.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erv Lischke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. Erv Lischke, Executive Director

Current Projects

CURRENTLY, the Fellowship is providing financial support for 7 major missionary projects. Most of these involve missionary efforts for clergy and churches that are members of the Traditional Anglican Communion (TAC).

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, Bp. 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. Funds recently sent to the TACLAP have been used by the bishop primarily for missionary visits to Honduras, El Salvador, and various parts of Guatemala.



Bishop Rodriguez and a group of young people confirmed at the Seven Gifts Anglican Mission, Guatemala



Temple of the Anglican Mission San Marcos, Chusica, Guatemala

Continuing Anglican Communion in Zambia

Fr. 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 disbursement with 5 priests and 3 deacons in a country suffering from widespread poverty must be quite a challenge. Yet Fr. Andrew presses on by continuing to build new churches, repair and maintain older ones, while supplying clergy with the sacramental necessities. In addition to coordinating the building of new churches, Fr. Andrew is putting together a group of theological seminars designed to equip church leaders to more effectively preach the Word of God.

In reference to the photographs shown below, Fr. Andrew had this to say:” From the 29th November to 1st December, we had a conference of the Men’s Fellowship and their enrollment in the group. We are happy about this because now the men are taking their role as leaders in the church. They were very happy to be

members of a recognized body in the church.”



Fr. Mukuyamba celebrating Mass during the Enrollment Service for a Men's Fellowship Group



Woman's Fellowship Group at a rural parish in the Chisamba District of 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.

The Church in Southern Africa

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. As the Bishop of Southern Africa, Bishop Michael Gill has ecclesiastical responsibility for nine countries and IAF contributions help him support what can only be described as a “monumental” effort.

Project Soweto

IAF support for this project was begun in 2013 and donations are already being received from Fellowship members. The goal is to build a 300 seat church in the township of Soweto, which is located just outside of Johannesburg, South Africa. Property for the church has been purchased, fenced in, and a priest has been assigned. Bishop Michael Gill in Johannesburg is ramrodding the effort. Should you wish to help with Project Soweto, please so indicate on your check. This is a true missionary effort.



Dress A Girl Around The World

The Fellowship has joined forces with this worldwide non-denominational Christian program. Volunteers from several countries sew new dresses that are then distributed to underprivileged and at-risk girls of all ages. To date, over 200,000 dresses have been sent to 65 countries. The first country we will help support is Zambia. Initially, Fr. Andrew Mukuyamba, Vicar General of the Continuing Anglican Church in Zambia (a member of the Traditional Anglican Communion), will be our coordinator in Zambia. He will provide the number of dresses and their sizes to Mrs. Nancy Bove of the Holy Redeemer Anglican Church in Canandaigua, New York. Once the dresses are collected, the Fellowship will pay to have them shipped to Fr. Andrew. The recipients will be girls who are part of Fr. Andrew's ministry at Anglican parishes in Zambia as well as in other rural areas where life is difficult.



Please log onto the Dress a Girl website, www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com, for more information on this very successful, global program. Also, many thanks to Mrs. Nancy Lamberson of Holy Redeemer for bringing this program to

the attention of the Fellowship. Our participation is expected to expand over time. Should you wish to designate this program for your contribution, please so indicate on your check.

Philippines Disaster Relief

IAF member churches as well as individuals were extremely generous in helping to support the typhoon disaster relief effort for the Philippines. As of the middle of January 2014, a little over \$15,000US had been donated by Anglicans. Of that total, \$5800 came from the IAF. The funds will be forwarded to The Most Rev. Frederick Belmonte, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in the Philippines (Traditional) for use in mitigating the effects of that disaster. IAF'ers deserve a pat on the back. The website for the Anglican Church in the Philippines (Traditional) is:

www.anglicanchurchph.blogspot.ca



“Together, let us pray for the Philippines!”

Where in the World is the IAF Helping Those in Need?

Flags of the Countries Which Have Projects That are Supported by the IAF



Guatemala



India



Philippines



South Africa



Zambia

The Sustaining Member and Steward Programs

Sustaining Members

THE 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.

THIS 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.



AS of January 2014, 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
- St. Paul's, Portland, Maine
- St. Luke's, Amherst, New Hampshire
- St. Matthias, Mystic, Connecticut
- St. Elizabeth's, Tuxedo, New York
- Holy Redeemer, Canandigua, New York

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, Arizona
- St. Mary of the Angels, Los Angeles, California
- St. Francis, Portland, Oregon

Diocese of the Eastern United States, ACA:

- St. Stephen's, Timonium, Maryland

Diocese of the Missouri Valley, ACA:

- Trinity Anglican Church, Prairie Village, Kansas

Anglican Catholic Church of Canada:

- Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Victoria, British Columbia
- All Saints', Calgary, Alberta

Anglican Church in Southern Africa:

- St. Andrew's, Johannesburg

Individuals in:

- Bridgeville, Delaware
- South Stratford, Vermont
- Topeka, Kansas (in the name of St. Augustine of Canterbury)
- Chulmleigh, Devon, England
- Belchertown, Massachusetts
- Southwest Harbor, Maine

Stewards

THE 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.

WORKING 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.

CURRENTLY we are pleased to have six 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
- Rosa Halbert, Diocese of the Eastern United States, ACA
- Jenny Gill, Diocese of Pretoria and South Africa
- Irene Gladstone, Anglican Catholic Church of Canada

ANYONE 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



*Mr. Erv Lischke,
Executive Director IAF*



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The Needs are Many

AS 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 four major projects. Please look for periodic updates on how we're doing what we're doing.

Please spread this information update around to as many people as possible
Visit the IAF website, www.iaftac.org
often for additional
information



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Some More Pictures of the Aftermath in the Philippines

