

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 to all as we approach the mid-point of 2014. Thus far, this has been a busy year for the Fellowship. We have provided seed money to open a new mission in the Dominican Republic, participated in the first shipment of dresses to Zambia as part of the Dress-A-Girl program, welcomed the integration of the Global Mission Fund of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley (Anglican Church in America [ACA]) into the IAF, and revised (updated) our organizational by-laws. Thanks to generous contributors, our Fellowship has continued to provide funding support for several projects worldwide. Here are some key highlights of IAF activities thus far in 2014:

- Contributions: The Fellowship has received \$21,777US thus far this year. This figure includes \$790 for the Philippines Disaster Relief effort and revenue from book sales and sales of baptism, confirmation, and marriage certificates.
- Disbursements: \$18,220US (including wire transfer fees) have been disbursed to priests in five countries for the continuance of their missionary work.

We have provided \$1500US for a new mission in the Dominican Republic. In addition, the Fellowship is helping to fund an Elective Assembly (\$2200US) in Zambia, one purpose of which is to conduct confirmations, ordinations, and to provide vestments where needed.

- Key expenses: Primary expenses were fees for wiring funds to locations outside the United States, the costs of mailings via the US Postal Service, and reprinting of baptism, confirmation, and marriage certificates.
- For the second time this year, the Fellowship bank account balance has exceeded the \$10,000 mark. That is a major milestone and is indicative of the interest and generosity being shown by our fellow Anglicans. It also gives us a very welcome level of flexibility in supporting both current and new projects.
- 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.
- I have a new supply of baptism, confirmation, and marriage certificates on hand. If you would like to order some, let me know and we will determine if they meet your needs.

Printed on card stock, each one comes with an envelope. Price is \$2 US apiece plus shipping charges.

- **Book sales:** As mentioned above, we sold several books, the most popular being, The Practice of Religion. Unfortunately, we are out of 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. To that end, I am planning to have a “Silent Auction” during the ACA Executive Council meeting this coming October. Several items have already been donated and any proceeds will be used to help defray the costs of reprinting Ritual Notes and The Practice of Religion. If you would like to see a copy of the flyer announcing the auction (it includes pictures of some of the donated items), send me an email at ervandmo@wildblue.net or give me a call at (406) 642-3085.

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

God bless,



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, Bishop Rodriguez is the driving force behind the existence of the TAC 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.



Mission Pachajalemoa in Guatemala

One of the many missions supported by Bishop Rodriguez

In April, The Most Reverend Brian Marsh (Presiding Bishop, Anglican Church in America [ACA]), The Right

Reverend Stephen Strawn (Bishop Ordinary, Diocese of the Missouri Valley, ACA), and The Right Reverend Juan Garcia (Bishop Ordinary, Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean) traveled to Guatemala to meet with Bishop Rodriguez, visit member churches (there were many), discuss growth of the church into neighboring countries, and financial realities and needs for sustainment and growth. Evidently, this trip was very enlightening and is discussed in more detail on the ACA web site: www.anglicanchurchinamerica.org.



The three Bishops at the Transfiguration Mission, which is the oldest mission in the TACLAP

Potential for expansion of the Anglican Communion in that part of the world is real and growing. As with most things, funding is, as we say, “the long pole in the tent.” Here are a few projects that Bishop Rodriguez is contemplating:

- Honduras: Church building.....\$5,000
- Colombia: Church building.....\$25,000
- El Salvador: Church building....\$25,000

If you would like to earmark a contribution to one (or more) of these projects, please so indicate on your cheque.

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 disbursement with 5 priests and 3 deacons in a country suffering from widespread poverty must be quite a challenge. Yet Father 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, Father Andrew is putting together a group of theological seminars designed to equip church leaders to more effectively preach the Word of God.

As our principal point of contact in Zambia for the Dress a Girl program, Father Andrew played a major role in coordinating the delivery and distribution of 201 dresses to girls in the Zambian Anglican Church. We hope to have photographs in the next “What in the World” newsletter.

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 Reverend 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.

In July of this year, Bishop Gill will host an Elective Assembly in Lusaka, Zambia. The overriding goal of this meeting is to continue laying the ground work for expansion of the church, especially in Zambia and eventually in Zimbabwe. Bishop Michael will confirm and ordain eligible candidates. Potential clerical candidates will also be interviewed. The IAF is helping to support this event and has included funds for the manufacture of vestments for those who will be ordained. To paraphrase Bishop Michael: This assembly will play an important role in markedly increasing the “footprint” of the TAC in southern and central Africa.

Diocese of Puerto Rico & the Caribbean

The Right Reverend Juan Garcia, Presiding Bishop, has established a new church in the Dominican Republic. Obviously, this is a great step forward for the region. Father Ramon Suero has been selected as the first priest. Our Fellowship contributed \$1500US to help Bishop Garcia and Father Suero get things started. Needless to say additional financial aid would be very useful.



Bishop Juan Garcia and Father Ramon Suero

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, St. John, the Evangelist, 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, Father Edom, has been assigned. The congregation is growing and a Youth Guild is being formed. Bishop Michael Gill in Johannesburg is ramrodding the effort.

Should you wish to help with Project Soweto, please so indicate on your cheque. This is a true missionary effort.



The temporary church in Protea Glen, a suburb of Johannesburg



Father Edom at the temporary church

Dress A Girl Around The World

The mission of Dress a Girl Around the World is to “elevate the esteem of girls around the world by making sure every little girl has the dignity of owning at least one dress.” The Fellowship has joined forces with this worldwide non-demoninational 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 supported was Zambia. Father Andrew Mukuyamba, Vicar General of the Continuing Anglican Church in Zambia (a member of the Traditional Anglican Communion), has been our coordinator in Zambia. He provided the number of dresses and their sizes to Mrs. Nancy Bove of the Holy Redeemer Anglican Church in Canandaigua, New York. In early May of this year, **201 dresses** were shipped to Father Andrew. The recipients will be girls who are part of Father Andrew’s ministry at Anglican parishes in Zambia as well as in other rural areas where life is difficult. A very generous, anonymous person contributed the (sizeable) funds required for shipping the dresses to Zambia....the IAF paid for customs expenses.



Please log onto the Dress a Girl website, www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com, for more information on this very successful, global program. Our participation is expected to expand over time. Should you wish to designate this program for your contribution, please so indicate on your cheque.

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. The situation in the Philippines is under control and, at this point, additional donations are not required. As of the middle of July 2014, a little over \$18,000US had been donated by Anglicans. Of that total, \$6590 came from the IAF. The funds were forwarded to The Most Reverend Frederick Belmonte, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in the Philippines (Traditional) for use in mitigating the effects of that disaster. IAFers played a major role in helping to relieve the suffering resulting from the typhoon.

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

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



Dominican Republic



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 July 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, 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
- St. Peter's, Auburn, California

Diocese of the Eastern United States, ACA:

- St. Stephen's, Timonium, Maryland
- Anglican Church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Clearwater, Florida

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:

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

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 funnelling 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 seven active Stewards:

- Terry Harwood, Diocese of the Northeast, ACA
- Darlene Peacock, Diocese of the West, ACA

- Canon Forrest Burgett, Diocese of the Missouri Valley, ACA (acting)
- 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

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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