

Mission Aviation Fellowship: There are no roads in Jamba, in the south east corner of Angola. It was a strategic military base during the Angolan civil war and, although no longer used as a military runway, planes are still able to land.



Many people live in this very remote area of the country, including Angolan refugees who have returned from Zambia following the civil war.

Reports of people in great need of healthcare and food reached the MAF team, as well as news of discouragement in the church and crops being destroyed by elephants, which was causing devastating effects on food production.

MAF pilot Brent Mudde flew to the city of Menongue to collect a group of pastors, nurses and social workers, along with supplies for the community.

FEBA(formerly Far East Broadcasting Association) Pray that FEBA's local programme Arabic teams and the Church will be salt and light in Egypt, Iraq and Yemen at this time of change.



Listeners' comments: From Iraq: "Your station is truly the station of joy in the middle of all the pain we are going through. Please don't stop educating us and encouraging peace and reconciliation between the different groups in this country."

From Egypt: "I am learning from Radio Voice and from my discussions with you. I'm applying what I hear in my life. Its not just words; its life. www.feba.org.uk

Please pray for.....

03.07.11	CMS: Colin & Anita Smith	02.10.11	The Children's Society
10.07.11	Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District	09.10.11	CMS: Colin & Anita Smith and family
17.07.11	Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service	16.10.11	The Bible Society
24.07.11	Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust	23.10.11	Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Serv
31.07.11	Scripture Union	30.10.11	Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust
04.09.11	FEBA & the Stout family	06.11.11	Scripture Union
11.09.11	Worldwide Silver Lining	13.11.11	<i>Remembrance</i>
18.09.11	Churches Together in Sevenoaks	20.11.11	Worldwide Silver Lining
25.09.11	Mission Aviation Fellowship	27.11.11	Mission Aviation Fellowship

St Bartholomew's Church, Otford

MISSION UPDATE - July 2011

" I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of one of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
(St Matthew Ch 25, V40)

The following material is derived from reports by Mission Committee links, from letters and from websites.

Mission at Home

Children's Society: The society continues to assist as many children as possible who are runaways. Some 100,000 under 16s run away from home every year, that's a child every five minutes.



A detailed report into Childrens well being has been completed measuring childrens happiness and well being, by taking into account economic factors , spiritual health and the views of young people themselves. There has never been such a study taking into account disabled children and this report will now redress the balance.

The Society is also concerned that Government cuts affecting social security payments and services to families and the disabled will cause some degree of 'child poverty'.



A new website for children and young people called The Kids' Zone is now available. The site features games, news, advice and an area where members can upload stories, videos and pictures.

SAYT: Two of our committee members attended a supporters lunch hosted by SAYT . There were reports given by two new youth workers on their work locally, engaging with young people in areas where anti social behaviour is prevalent and encouraging young people to enjoy activities and sports and encourage discussion . The position of youth workers has always been a difficult post to fill so this was very good news indeed. The trust are Christian based and very active working with SDC . With reductions in funding by local authorities in this field their work will become evermore important.



SAYT workers have visited Knole Academy to assess potential for work there and continue to assist SDC with evening and weekend youth projects using the activity bus.

Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service: The Bishop of Rochester the Rt Rev. James Langstaff visited the service in April meeting with staff, who gave a presentation of their work. He was greatly impressed and offered the help of the Diocese in the future.

Two new counsellors have been appointed both with a wealth of previous NHS experience. One specialising in general counselling with a particular interest in family issues and the other a Doctor in clinical psychology .

The AGM in May revealed that only 62% of the cost of counselling was paid for by client contributions. The remainder comes from grants and charitable donations.

The following statistics were also given: 60% of those attending counselling are regular church goers. 12% are male and 65% female with 12 % being over sixty and the remainder being family groups. Issues are typically relationships, depression and family problems.

Please see the website for contact details and forthcoming events.



Mission Overseas

Bible Society: With all the recent upheaval in some Arab states the need to provide Bibles in large numbers is now more evident than ever.



These are the words of Ramez Atallah General Secretary of the Bible Society of Egypt

But while the revolution in Egypt has been inspired by a revolt against corruption and injustice, we know that true reformation of lifestyle and values can only be achieved when people's hearts are changed by the Holy Spirit.'

'In this time of unprecedented opportunity, we must respond immediately and address the whole nation with God's message of love and truth.'

It is not all good news however as in some countries Christians have come under attack with many killed in Ethiopia. Thankfully the situation was dealt with and peace restored.

There continues to be a huge demand for Bibles in China and work goes on with providing minority language versions and pieces of scripture around the world both in printed form and audio. The audio Bibles or 'Proclaimer Bibles' are very effective where a proportion of a local population are illiterate spreading the Word and giving a message of hope to many people who would otherwise be unable to know about Jesus.

If you would like to help spread The word by providing Bibles for those without then visit the Bible Society website: <http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/>

Church Mission Society: The Rev Dr Colin and Anita Smith work in Nairobi for the church in Kenya. Colin belongs to St Jerome's Church in Kibera, an enormous slum. He also is responsible for discovering and encouraging evangelism and church growth among the many millions who live in vast urban slums throughout the world.



Colin teaches at Carlile College in Nairobi where he has also had management duties recently until new staff were appointed and the financial difficulties eased.

The college is one of the most significant Christian colleges in Africa, not just Kenya and some students come from other countries. Pastors are trained in the Shepherd's Institute.

The Centre for Urban Mission is Colin's particular responsibility. John Maganjo, a third year student, writes: "By working with youth in Mukuvu slums, I have learnt that all of us are created in God's image and have huge potential...Some of these youths are without hope and have turned to drugs, robbery and prostitution.."

There are many other aspects to the college's work and ambitious plans please look on the website and pray www.carlilecollege.org

World Wide Silver Lining: Latest update from Kenya

- **Food price inflation currently 120%** (Due to drought and shortages)
- WWSL sent £1500 on 1st June to cover cost of food for half a term and to pay teaching staff for one month (approx £90 each!!)
- Four more orphans rescued from Kibera slum (see below)
- £600 raised at quiz night on 24th June at Royal Russell School Croydon.
- Can you help by sponsorship? £15 per month will cloth and feed one of these children.



Dear Andrew

Thanks for the mail. I went to the bank this morning and found that the money is in the account. We have managed to buy 12 bags of beans and 10 bags of maize and six 10kg cartons of cooking fat and one 50kg bag of sugar. All these costed ksh 139,000/- I also have managed to give the teachers their May salary today. For many years they have not received their pay this early. I usually manage to pay them always after the 7th of the month. Today there has been real celebration in magnet and may the wwsl always prosper to greater heights.

We have rescued four more very needy and desperate orphans who had been neglected in the slum and were living in very bad and dangerous conditions. They are two girls and two boys aged between four and nine years. We believe that God will open ways for their support.

It's a real shame the way our Kenyan authorities make issues difficult is having things brought to our country. We have great need for assistance but our government gives very tough conditions.

Thank you very much for your love and support for us. God bless you all.

As always, Jeremiah.