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Special African Issue

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DR Congo & South Sudan
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This issue has a focus on Africa. CRC Churches International is involved in more than fifteen African nations, out of between fifty-five and sixty (there are various disputes over some areas that have more recently declared independence).

Although every nation has its own differences, challenges, and areas of need, there are aspects shared across the whole continent. Churches in Africa are growing rapidly despite challenges including poverty and low education. Missions work has a practical nature, involving agriculture, small businesses, schools and building projects.

I hope this issue helps you to feel Africa's 'pulse' – from the Ugandan church on the front cover and the Kenyans worshipping above to the agricultural work in Malawi and English teaching in Tanzania.

Katelyn Fowler
Editor of *Pulse*

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Ps Mike Cronin

CRC missionary activity has traditionally been focused in the Pacific and Asia which follows naturally from the movement starting in New Zealand and Australia. However this issue of *Pulse* shows that over more recent years there have been many churches very actively involved in the great continent of Africa, where there are many exciting things happening.

This is clearly an outworking of our International Vision of a presence in every nation by 2045.

As Jesus said; *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers*

into his harvest field.” Luke 10:2
“Do you not say, ‘four months or more, then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! they are ripe for the harvest.” John 4:35

When I see the vast needs and opportunities, I am greatly challenged to pray as Jesus told us to for many more workers to GO to the great harvest fields of our world. None of us can go everywhere, but we all GO somewhere. If we leave it to somebody or anybody, then nobody will GO.

God has a place for you in Global Mission.

African Involvement

Cameroon
Chad
DR Congo
Egypt
Ethiopia
Kenya
Liberia
Malawi
Mozambique
Nigeria
Rwanda
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Tanzania
Uganda



The CRC is currently involved in all of the nations listed above. Additional nations have been adopted but do not yet have an active ministry presence.

If you would like more information about the work going on in any of these nations, or would like to adopt a nation, please contact Ps Mike Cronin using the details on the contents page.



Madagascar

Ps Bill Vasilakis and his wife Cathy recently spent seven days in Madagascar.

Ps Patrick Andrianarivo pioneered Shine Church nine years ago. The mother church in the capital has 8-10,000 people attending their six Sunday services. Fifty satellite churches within the metropolis meet on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. When all the pastors are sufficiently trained, these churches will commence Sunday services as well, however it will continue to be one church meeting in various locations.

There are another 8,000 people in ten churches based in cities and towns across Madagascar. The pastors of the church are planning to increase this to forty churches and reach tens of thousands of people.

Below is an excerpt from one of Ps Bill's emails while he was there:

"Madagascar is such a unique place and Cathy & I are enjoying ourselves immensely. Ps Patrick...is one of those rare individuals that God calls & uses to bring revival to a nation. It's been a privilege to share with his 100 plus Lead Pastors, Assistant & Trainee Pastors and another 800 Church workers. I love observing Patrick lead in such an Apostolic and Fatherly way and am very impressed how quickly he processes, contextualises & applies what he learns."

Malawi

Harvestlands is a small church in Culcairn, NSW with a calling to invest into their community. They currently operate the Culcairn Bakery and Bargain Basement gift shop. As they grew they also started “Edna’s”, a preloved designer labels clothing store with all funds used to support various missionary activities.

After a few years, Edna’s outgrew the existing shopfront and in 2010 was upgraded to a new store in the centre of town, along with the new name “Edna Goes to Africa”. This upgraded name reflected a new focus, a specific calling to the nation of Malawi. This was in conjunction with the work of Robyn Casey, an Australian lady from Ocean Grove VIC, and her outreach named ‘Mphatso’ (pronounced ma-par-so).



The Mphatso Children’s Foundation now ministers to the ‘beating heart of Africa’ through its children, and currently runs 12 preschools for over 1200 children along the shores of Lake Malawi. Their learning is supplemented by daily meals of porridge which Mphatso provides. In addition, the works of Robyn provide

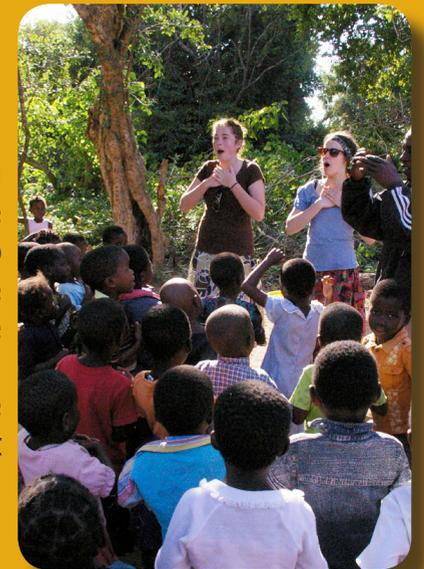


employment for over 50 locals which also provides growth and sustenance to the local villages’ families and lives. The next stage of growth of Mphatso has Harvestlands directly involved in its outworking; Harvestlands currently have a team in Malawi to ascertain their involvement in the new location of land that Mphatso has purchased. This will be a major step toward Mphatso’s future paths.

Another aspect of Harvestlands’ activities in Australia that related to Malawi is the setup and running of an agricultural business which has the direct involvement of many people in the church. Through the business, Harvestlands has hosted Brian Oldrieve in Culcairn for several meetings.

Brian is a white Zimbabwean farmer, who is now internationally sought for his Godly knowledge and wisdom on ‘new’ techniques of non-destructive cropping and farming; originally sourced from the Word. He seeks to train not only the broad-acre farmers in Africa, but also those Africans in poverty living day to day.

Harvestlands is now investigating new opportunities for agriculture within Africa. Their vision is to create a defining link between the land and people of Africa and the local farmers of rural Australia, with the goal of having an interchange of people, resources and the Spirit built on God’s vision and direction.



Kenneth Maop

Tanzania

Kenneth Maop is from PNG and has now served in Tanzania for more than twelve months. His home church in Lae is led by Ps Peter & Ps Vami Igarobae.

HISTORY

In 1999, after serving in the church for two years, Kenneth trained as a missionary with OM (Operation Mobilisation) in their base in Lae. Kenneth then attended Bethel Bible College in Port Moresby to complete a Diploma in Ministry, and in 2004 went to Pretoria, South Africa for six months of missionary preparation training with OM South Africa. Between 2005–2007 he worked with OM in Angola, West Africa, then returned to PNG. In 2010, he took a Teaching English as Second Language course with YWAM Canberra.

CURRENT WORK

Kenneth is now a volunteer English Teacher with Ebenezer Shiloh Secondary School, a private school owned by Br Frank & Dafroza Mzoo of Tanzania. They met in 1999 when Br Frank was travelling on the OM Ship MV Doulos and it stopped in Lae. Six years later, Kenneth met him again along with his wife Dafroza at a missionaries retreat. Br Frank asked Kenneth to consider helping him with his work in Tanzania. When Kenneth had trouble obtaining a work permit to return to Angola and teach English, he decided to join Br Frank in Tanzania instead.



Kenneth faces the challenge of teaching a group where new students are added regularly, are at different levels in their education and have different levels of understanding of English. Kenneth gives them entry tests to ascertain their starting level so he can adapt his teaching to suit them. With a recent enrolment of three more students in addition to the previous nine, he is currently taking four sessions from 8:00am–4:00pm.



CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES

Some of the greatest challenges Kenneth faces are the language and culture. He is learning Swahili as he teaches English. Other issues include understanding local church doctrine and practice, learning how to relate with the opposite sex, arranging food and accommodation in rural villages, filing the correct paperwork with Customs & Immigrations, and working with different churches. It is important to be in tune with God and not lose focus in real life situations.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Kenneth would like to start a CRC work in Tanzania in time. His first two years in the country are becoming a research time as he identifies key people and ministry possibilities, learns about government policies, church partnership opportunities and how to work effectively with local communities. He also regularly visits some of the pastors he has connected with. One challenge in the area is that most of the churches have a very low income and pastors are struggling financially. Kenneth faithfully supports them and wants to build up the current work of God in Tanzania before starting anything new.

Updates around the world

Remote Communities, Australia

Five children from Amata, SA have enrolled in Lighthouse Christian College in Cranbourne, Victoria. The children all stayed in the home of Ps Phil & Ps Norma Cayzer together while adjusting to a non indigenous family culture. As they adjust, they are being placed in the homes of other church families. In years to come this will enable many children to return to their communities having received good education and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Kenya Crusade

The new building in Njoro, Kenya, with Ps John Masika, has been erected and is already nearing capacity. The aim was for the work at Njoro to be totally self-sufficient within three years, however with the current six motorbikes and money for the seventh to be purchased shortly, this aim has been reached in only two years.



Sri Lanka

Due to heavy and unseasonal rains, a large portion of the rice harvest at the Kalkudah farm was lost. However 96 x 60kg bags were harvested – 4 bags held for seeding, 3 bags given as a gift to the farmers and 89 bags sold to the Children's Homes at slightly less than market price, and the funds returned to the farm. Last year's harvest was 150 bags.

Six girls graduated the sewing school in May and a new group has commenced. The six month course includes pattern drafting and making 50 different garments.



Myanmar

The Beulah Preschool was established nine years ago and is located in Mandalay. There are 24 children from Buddhist families attending and 4 from Christian families. Two graduates from Shiloh Bible College teach the children each weekday. On Saturdays they give their time freely to teach other children from the local community.



North Africa

N & L work in a city of 2 million people with one functioning house church and very few strong local Christians. Their role is in finding 'People of Peace' (Luke 10): people who receive them, their message and refer them to others. They try to engage whoever they meet in spiritual conversation to test if they are interested to know more or study the Bible with them. Please pray for them working in a very sensitive area.



Uganda & Kenya

Mike & Shirley Tyrrell



UGANDA

Mike and Shirley Tyrrell have been living as missionaries in Uganda since 2010, ministering mainly within Uganda and Kenya, with the occasional visit to Tanzania and Rwanda. They minister in various local churches as well as being involved in conferences and crusade evangelism.

At this time their main focus is encouraging pastors and preaching. Mike and Shirley are gaining a good reputation amongst Ugandan pastors as being godly and reliable, and able to minister the Holy Spirit.

Their long term aims include planting churches in Uganda, which they can use as a base to create a facility to teach and train believers, primarily in healing and on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Mike and Shirley have 21 acres of land in Uganda where they are developing a sustainable farm which will provide a source of income as well as provide work for local families in the area. They plan to have facilities on the land which will allow them to live there and provide accommodation for visitors and visiting ministry. Building has now started on a small house to live in. Eventually, they will build a bigger house and convert the current one into either a guest house or storage rooms, or possibly a multi purpose facility.

KENYA

In Kenya, Mike and Shirley are in partnership with Bishop Gerishon Njoroge, senior Pastor of Wings of Life, a group of over 90 churches around Kenya. These churches are very open to teaching on the Holy Spirit and the new creation message and many people are being impacted with the gospel through the work of these churches.

Bishop Njoroge started planting churches in Kenya in 2000 and has raised up 78 different congregations during that time. Mike ministered with him in December, starting with a week long regional conference at Gitugi, north of Nairobi, under the shadow of Mt Kenya, the county's highest peak.



During the mornings and afternoons, ministry was to pastors and leaders, while in the late afternoons, outreaches were conducted in the main market area. At night ministry was to the combined local churches. It was exciting to see believers filled with the Holy Spirit and receive prophetic words.

Following the conference Mike went to far western Kenya to hold more pastors meetings and be the main speaker at a local wedding.

New networks and relationships have grown in a way that only God could create and direct.

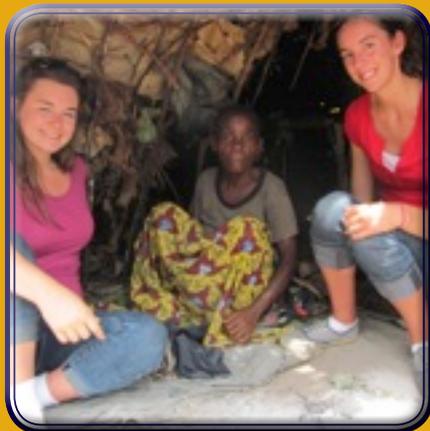
DR Congo

Partner Fields: Australia HOPE International

Australia HOPE International have recently been ministering in DR Congo. Local pastor Mozart Kile organised an event which drew thousands. Nearly 400 adults and 400 children gave their hearts to Christ, were given literature in their own language and introduced to local pastors for welcoming to a nearby church. Hundreds of sick and needy were prayed for and there were great testimonies of God's healing power.



The new HOPE Community Hall is still being completed, however church services are being conducted even before the floor is concreted. This is where Ps Mozart and his wife Sephora serve. The completed facility will seat up to one thousand people.



In February a team from HOPE joined with Ps Mozart to minister to a pygmy tribe. After the pygmies have suffered hundreds of years of violence and abuse by others, Ps Mozart's church is the first to really embrace them as equals. A Congolese missionary couple have now been ministering there for over six years and made great contact.

South Sudan

Partner Fields: African Action International

African Action International (AAI) have launched a new project in the Obbo Community of Southern Sudan. Obbo has been devastated by 21 years of war, during which many people fled as refugees. A church was started here in 2012 and is already growing and functioning under the leadership of Mark Okullu with 60 to 80 people attending services. The church began under a tree but now meet in a timber structure with plastic sheeting inserted under the dried grass roof to protect from the heavy rains. Jean & John Leak with Jim Hewett are leading a team to visit the Obbo community in September. The Sudanese church is preparing for the visit with great excitement. They



have handmade and baked thousands of mud bricks to build two huts for accomodation, and carried straw from far away to build the roofing.

Uganda Update

The Primary School in Bweyale has 30 students and the Teacher Accommodation and Administration Building have been completed.



In the nearby Refugee Camp a vibrant Christian Church is now functioning with many testimonies of miracles and blessing in many lives. Ps Daniel Kageni has initiated a 'small loan' cooperative of micro finance. This aims to empower people in the refugee camps to develop their own businesses. The refugees are thrilled by the opportunity and many are already building a business buying and selling goods in local markets. The Medical Clinic there rarely has enough medicines but now the nurse has taken a small loan with which she can buy medical supplies and provide treatment for clients.

International Youth Jamboree Honiara, Solomon Islands

Thursday night 17th to Monday 21st April
2014
Easter Weekend

Guest Speaker - Ps Mark Tobias from New
Zealand

Plus opportunity for outreach activities.

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