

THANKSGIVING

During 2009 the Lord graciously provided through individuals and Trusts £89,956, all of which has been allocated for existing projects. The Trustees are grateful for the support of the Lord's people and continue to look to the Lord for His ongoing help and provision to meet the needs of the Fund for future costs.

PRAYER POINTERS

- Praise the Lord with us for the wonderful generosity of the Lord's people in meeting the costs of the major projects completed in the past year.
- Pray that the new edition of the Chokwe Bible will be a blessing to many.
- The work in Angola is facing many challenges and the Trustees and missionaries would appreciate prayer for wisdom in seeking to be faithful to Scripture as they work for the spread of the Gospel and the edifying of the saints.
- Pray for the work of the schools that, as children are daily exposed to the claims of Christ in the Gospel, many will be truly saved.
- Pray that the literature provided by the Fund will continue to have safe passage through customs in Angola and prove to be a help in establishing the believers.
- Pray for the distribution of literature into the interior of Angola that it might reach those in need.
- Pray for the Lord's continued provision in the coming year for the current and future projects.

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ANGOLAN LITERATURE FUND

10TH ANNUAL REPORT

As we celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the Angolan Literature Fund we do so praising the Lord for His wonderful provision in meeting the many needs in the spread of the Gospel and the building up of His people in Angola.

MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED

The Trustees are delighted to report that the major project of publishing 20,000 copies of the new Chokwe Bible has been completed. The Bibles were delivered to Medical Missionary News who kindly shipped them out to Angola in a 20ft container. We are thankful too that they have been released from customs in Luanda and are now available to the Chokwe speaking people of Angola, Congo and Zambia. The Trustees acknowledge with gratitude the unstinting labours of three Canadian sisters in the Lord, Doris Pitman, Marjorie Beckwith and Gertrud Harlow who despite advancing years and failing health have worked tirelessly in revising, typesetting, checking and rechecking for mistakes, proof reading, and providing the skills to complete these tasks.

Part of the 20,000 Chokwe Bibles in the warehouse shortly before being shipped to Angola



Their labours have provided generations of Chokwes with the priceless treasure of the Word of God in their own language.

The Trustees also wish to acknowledge the help and organisation provided by OPAL Trust in the production, and Echoes of Service as copyright holders for permission to reprint. This project could not have been completed without the sacrificial giving of many of the Lord's people, and the Trustees praise Him for all that He has provided from individuals and Christian Trusts and funds.

1000 Portuguese Bibles have been purchased and sent to Angola to help to meet the increasing need of having the Scriptures available in Portuguese. **300 Study Bibles in Portuguese** have also been purchased and made available to those believers who wish to study the Scriptures in greater depth. Many more such Bibles are required and the Trustees continue to look to the Lord for His help in making these Bibles available to those who can profitably use them.

10,000 copies of the Portuguese/Chokwe Hymn Book have also safely arrived in the country and are now available to the believers. Once again this is cause to thank the Lord for His wonderful provision and kindness in making this possible.

BIBLE STUDY AND HELPS

There continues to be a good interest in the Portuguese version of William MacDonald's Believers Bible Commentary that has now been available for almost a year. Many believers are actively seeking to purchase a copy and in numerous cases the missionaries have been able to help those who wish to purchase but have not had the money available.

Expressions of appreciation for this book have been received and Serefim, an elder from an assembly in Lunda Norte province, writes saying, "I give thanks for the missionaries and the brothers in the UK that through their work and the giving of their hearts to the Lord and to the people of God in Angola we now have an excellent book that is a blessing to the people of God. Our minds are too small to be able to express our sincere gratitude. May God bless you".

The Trustees have also been able to purchase many different titles of books in Portuguese which they are confident will prove to be a help to the Christians who wish to grow spiritually.

These books include a Panorama of the Bible, individual study books, devotional books and for the first time a Daily Reading book which we trust will help families establish and maintain the important discipline of a family altar.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

This aspect of the work is vitally important otherwise the literature will only be available to those who live in Luanda and Saurimo. There are a number of believers who are willing and able to take supplies into the interior but the main burden still lies with the missionaries who, in all their travels, take a variety of literature with them.

A new mobile book shop which displays the books available is proving to be very useful and easy to use in the distribution of literature in the villages. Prayer is valued very much for this important but easily neglected work. Travel continues to be difficult in the interior but the appreciation of the people who are able to purchase the material makes the effort worthwhile.

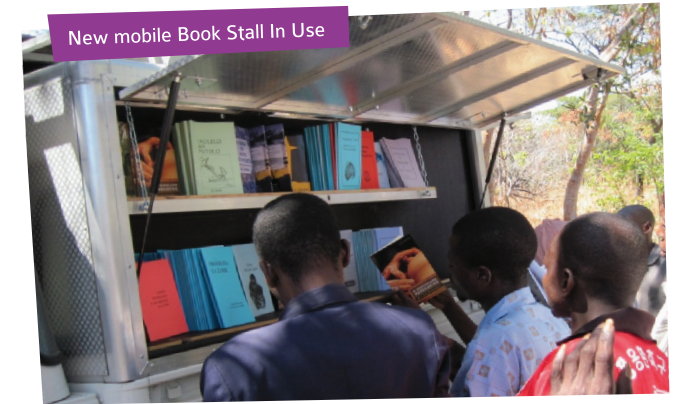


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Doris Pitman and
Marjorie Beckwith

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Gertrud Harlow

VILLAGE SCHOOLS

The Trustees continue to support the ongoing work of the schools in the villages of Camundambala, Buila and Luma Casai with Bibles and Bible story books for the pupils. The Trustees count it a very real privilege to be able to provide these materials which introduce young children to the Gospel at a very early age. Please pray that many of them, as they read and have the stories explained to them, will be led to trust the Saviour in younger years and that they will go on to become pillars in the local assemblies.



FUTURE PROJECTS

20,000 Portuguese Bibles

With the possibilities of education increasing to many, there is a growing need to have more Portuguese Bibles available. With the completion of the Chokwe Bible project the Trustees are now seeking to purchase **20,000 Portuguese Bibles** to help meet this need.

MegaVoice

Progress has been slow with the **MegaVoice** project. This has in part been due to the difficulty in accessing the studio in Luanda which has been undergoing refurbishment. The Trustees are exploring other means whereby this project can move forward. One of which is the possibility of bringing the brother, a local evangelist, who is responsible for the recording, to the UK where he can give his attention to the task. The Trustees would value prayer for this project that aims to bring the Scriptures to those who cannot read.

PRACTICAL ISSUES

The missionaries have been advised that both the room for the printing facility and missionary house in Luanda will no longer be available to them from the beginning of 2011. This is a matter in which the Trustees would value the prayers of the Lord's people, that a suitable solution be found. In the meantime the ongoing printing in Luanda continues under the hand of Jorge Messene, and the Trustees are thankful for his patience while working in trying and cramped circumstances. Feliz and Jacob continue in the Saurimo printing facility, meeting the needs of printing Emmaus courses and a variety of other material that are required by the many local assemblies in that area.