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[The Church Growing Rapidly in Africa](#)

Today the continent has 20 times more Mormons than in 1985

With ground broken for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' first temple in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Church now has three temples in development and another three functioning on the continent of Africa.

Related video URL: <https://youtu.be/Pi6ypiE4c1Y>

[Mormon Tabernacle Choir announces virtual sing-along opportunity](#)

All who have dreamed of singing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir now have a chance. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir is inviting people throughout the world to join in a virtual sing-along of George Frideric Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus.

"Handel's 'Messiah' is an extremely powerful oratorio, especially the 'Hallelujah' chorus," said Ryan Murphy, associate music director for the choir. "It is well-known and well-loved. It's an honor for us to perform it, and we are delighted to extend the invitation to join us to singers all over the world."

Those interested in participating can download sheet music for the soprano, alto, tenor and bass parts. They can also learn their parts with the help of videos featuring YouTube star Peter Hollens and his wife, Ewynne. Submissions should then be uploaded to YouTube and submitted through the form on [mormon.org](http://mormon.org), using #Hallelujah. ....

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## Church-Important Africa Dates

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### Upcoming Church related Historical Events in the Africa Southeast Area.

(taken from the resource section at the end of this **Daily News**)

If anyone has any additional historical events for the ASEA Area historical calendar  
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[Illegal pet trade in Madagascar may threaten conservation and survival of endangered lemur species](#)

New research indicates that almost one-third of all lemur species are kept as illegal pets throughout Madagascar. The widespread trading of lemurs in the country may threaten conservation efforts of some endangered species.



Over a period of six months, investigators collected data through a web-based survey resulting in 302 sightings of 685 captive lemurs. Also, an analysis of websites and social media pages of 171 hotels revealed that 15% appeared to have illegal captive lemurs on their premises that were seemingly advertised as an attraction for tourists. ....

[First Elephant in Somalia in 20 Years](#)

An elephant marched hundreds of kilometres and briefly crossed into Somalia this month marking the first time the animal has been seen in the country in 20 years, conservationists said Wednesday.



His march has excited conservationists who say it shows the elephant remembered ancient routes after decades of absence due to war....

**Terms that you may find in the news**

**AGOA**-The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) is a United States Trade Act, enacted on 18 May 2000 as Public Law 106 of the 200th Congress. AGOA has since been renewed to 2025. The legislation significantly enhances market access to the US for qualifying Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries. Qualification for AGOA preferences is based on a set of conditions contained in the AGOA legislation. In order to qualify and remain eligible for AGOA, each country must be working to improve its rule of law, human rights, and respect for core labor standards.

**Al Shabaab**-Al Shabaab is al Qaeda's affiliate in Somalia and operates primarily out of the country's southern and central regions. The group is fighting an insurgency against the internationally recognized Somali Federal Government, which is based in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu.

**ANC**-African National Congress. The African National Congress (ANC) is the Republic of South Africa's governing social democratic political party. It has been the ruling party of post-apartheid South Africa on the national level since 1994, including the election of Nelson Mandela as president from 1994-1999.

**Boko Haram**-Boko Haram, is an Islamic extremist group based in northeastern Nigeria, also active in Chad, Niger and northern Cameroon. The name "Boko Haram" is usually translated as "Western education is forbidden"

**BPC**-Botswana Power Corporation

**CAR**-Central African Republic

**DA**-Democratic Alliance (South Africa). The Democratic Alliance (DA) is a South African political party and the official opposition to the governing African National Congress (ANC).

**ESKOM**-South African Electricity Public Utility

**FAO**- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

**ICC**-International Criminal Court

**ICGLR**-international Conference on the Great Lakes Region.

**IDP**-Internally Displaced Persons

**IMF**-International Monetary Fund

**SADA**-the Southern African Development Community

**Seleka**-An alliance of rebel militia factions that overthrew the Central African Republic on March 24, 2013.

**UN**-United Nations

**UNHCR**-United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**USAID**-United States Agency for International Development.

**Zanu-PF**-The Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front. The ruling party in in Zimbabwe since independence in 1980.

**Multiple African Countries (noted in article) or other African Countries**

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[Hunger intensifies in areas suffering from drought, flooding and conflict](#)

Thirty-four countries, including 27 in Africa, are currently in need of external assistance for food due to drought, flooding and civil conflicts, ....

The figure has grown from 33 last December, after the addition of Swaziland, says the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in its Crop Prospects and Food Situation report. ....

[Namibia: 21 Students Abort Studies At Loudima](#)

Twenty-one Namibian students prematurely ended their studies at Loudima Institute for Technical and Vocational Training in Congo-Brazzaville and returned home on Saturday, due to what they termed "unbearable academic and living conditions".

Several students who went to Congo-Brazzaville in March and November last year flew back on Saturday after demanding government bring them home before completing their three-year course. ....

<p><b>Angola</b></p> <p><b>R</b></p>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	64% / 26%	Population: 22,490,548
		Penetration of population w/ internet	26%	Labor Force: 9,298,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	8,100	Life Expectancy: 52
		Unemployment / year est.	26% / 2014	Church Members: 1,436
		Population below poverty line:	40.5%	Congregations: 8

[Official calls for solutions to mitigate effects on oil production](#)

Luanda - Angolan Oil minister José Botelho de Vasconcelos Wednesday in Luanda urged the managers of the Oil companies operating in the country to exercise solutions to mitigate the negative effects on production. ....

<p><b>Botswana</b></p> <p><b>R</b></p>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	164% / 26%	Population: 2,134,458
		Penetration of population w/ internet	18.5%	Labor Force: 1,017,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	16,000/2014	Life Expectancy: 47
		Unemployment / year est.	17.8% / 2009	Church Members: 3,104
		Population below poverty line:	30.3%	Congregations: 12

[Botswana: Mining Sector Critical to National Economy](#)

The depressed commodity prices have adversely affected the minerals sector and the mineral revenue to government, Minerals, Energy and Water Resources minister ...

...Minerals, Mr Mokaila said continued to contribute substantially to the country's economy with an average of 24 per cent contribution to GDP during 2015/16, while diamonds contributed about 99 per cent to minerals revenue to government.

However, he said the volatile commodity market had impacted negatively on the current employment levels and government commitment to employment creation in the mining industry. This, he said had resulted in job losses from retrenchments due to closures and staff reductions at operations. ...

[Two More Diamonds Recovered from Botswana Mine](#)

Pangolin Diamonds, an exploration and development company based in Toronto, Canada, reported it recovered two diamonds from its wholly-owned Malatswae Diamond Project in Botswana.

<h1>Burundi</h1> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	25% / 2%	Population: 11,209,812
		Penetration of population w/ internet	4.9%	Labor Force: 4,806,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	900	Life Expectancy: 54
		Unemployment / year est.	35% / 2009	Church Members: 526
		Population below poverty line:	68%	Congregations: 3

[Burundi opposition leader arrested](#)

Police in Burundi have arrested one of the last opposition leaders not to have fled the troubled country,....


Hugo Haramategeko, 47, president of the small Nadebu party, the New Alliance for the Development of Burundi, was arrested as he took a shower at home in the capital Bujumbura in a dawn raid by police, a family member said. The police could not be immediately contacted for comment .....

<h1>Cameroon</h1> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	71% / -%	Population: 23,516,740
		Penetration of population w/ internet	11%	Labor Force: 9,105,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	3,000	Life Expectancy: 55
		Unemployment / year est.	30% / 2001	Church Members: 1,498
		Population below poverty line:	48% / 2000	Congregations: 7

<h1>Central African Republic (CAR)</h1> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	33% / 1%	Population: 4,908,506
		Penetration of population w/ internet	4%	Labor Force: 2,217,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	600	Life Expectancy: 50
		Unemployment / year est.	8% / 2001	Church Members: 216
		Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations: 1

<h1>Congo Rep.</h1> (Brazzaville) <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	100% / 7%	Population: 4,825,168
		Penetration of population w/ internet	7.1%	Labor Force: 2,890,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	6,600	Life Expectancy: 59
		Unemployment / year est.	53% / 2012	Church Members: 6,053
		Population below poverty line:	46.5% / 2011	Congregations: 17

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<h1>Congo DR</h1> (Kinshasa) <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	59% / 8%	Population: 72,511,886
		Penetration of population w/ internet	3.0%	Labor Force: 27,590,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	700 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 50
		Unemployment / year est.	46% / 2009	Church Members: 42,689
		Population below poverty line:	63%	Congregations: 145

<h1>Ethiopia</h1> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	26% / 49%	Population: 103,392,064
		Penetration of population w/ internet	2.9%	Labor Force: 47,320,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,500	Life Expectancy: 64
		Unemployment / year est.	17.5% / 2012	Church Members: 1,854
		Population below poverty line:	39% / 2012	Congregations: 4


[Denmark stops all adoptions from Ethiopia](#)

After a series of inspections at adoption facilities in the country, the Danish Ministry of Social Affairs and the Interior has decided to stop all adoptions from Ethiopia, the ministry announced on Tuesday.

The ministry said that a recent trip to Ethiopia by the Social Appeals Board (Ankestyrelsen) found "a worrying situation in relation to the handling of the adoption process in Ethiopia". The board's report, which was obtained by Politiken through a freedom of information request, said that Ethiopian adoption agencies often gave "inconsistent information" on the origins of children within the system and that the for-profit adoption system relies too heavily on money from foreign agencies, giving the Ethiopian centres a financial incentive to send children abroad rather than look for national solutions. ....

<h1>Gabon</h1> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	175% / -%	Population: 1,761,297
		Penetration of population w/ internet	39.3%	Labor Force: 636,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	21,600	Life Expectancy: 63
		Unemployment / year est.	21% / 2006	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations:

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<h1>Kenya</h1> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	83% / 67%	Population: 47,384,458
		Penetration of population w/ internet	63.6%	Labor Force: 17,700,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	3,100	Life Expectancy: 62
		Unemployment / year est.	40% / 2008	Church Members: 12,471
		Population below poverty line:	43.4 / 2012	Congregations: 62



[5 key economic sectors that Kenya needs to turn around](#)

Kenya's economy has experienced a mixed bag of fortunes over the last decade, showing resilience in tumultuous years and sluggish growth in anchor sectors like agriculture and manufacturing.

The stellar performer, according to a World Bank report, is the service sector which contributed 72 percent of the increase in Kenya's GDP between 2006 and 2013. ....

<h1>Lesotho</h1> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	95% / 24%	Population: 2,078,067
		Penetration of population w/ internet	11%	Labor Force: 894,400
		GDP per capita USD\$	2,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 49
		Unemployment / year est.	25% / 2008	Church Members: 867
		Population below poverty line:	49 / 1999	Congregations: 2

<h1>Madagascar</h1> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">R</span>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	40% / ?	Population: 24,927,036
		Penetration of population w/ internet	3.7%	Labor Force: 12,150,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,400 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 65
		Unemployment / year est.	3.6% / 2013	Church Members: 10,322
		Population below poverty line:	50%	Congregations: 38



<h1>Malawi</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	37% / 10%	Population: 17,650,264
		Penetration of population w/ internet	6.1%	Labor Force: 5,747,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 55
		Unemployment / year est.	6.6% / 2013	Church Members: 1,931
		Population below poverty line:	53% / 2004	Congregations: 8



[Malawi Catholic body raises concern over rise in mob justice](#)

The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP) has expressed concern over the rise in cases of mob Justice in the country.

Reacting to the increase in cases of mob justice, CCJP Acting national secretary Martin Chipwanya said the upsurge in the malpractice is worrisome to a democratic country like Malawi. He said people are not supposed to take laws into their hands.

“It is worrisome to note that people have resorted to mob justice whenever the alleged cases of theft, robbery and witchcraft are reported in communities while we have courts and police officers,” said Chipwanya. ...

<h1>Mauritius</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	128% / 40%	Population: 1,328,229
		Penetration of population w/ internet	60.0%	Labor Force: 600,200
		GDP per capita USD\$	17,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 74
		Unemployment / year est.	8.3% / 2013	Church Members: 458
		Population below poverty line:	8% / 2006	Congregations: 2

<h1>Mozambique</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	58% / 22%	Population: 27,641,379
		Penetration of population w/ internet	5.9%	Labor Force: 12,250,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,100	Life Expectancy: 50
		Unemployment / year est.	17% / 2007	Church Members: 7,943
		Population below poverty line:	52% / 2009	Congregations: 26

[Mozambique investigating human rights abuse allegations](#)



The Mozambique government today said it is investigating alleged human rights abuses by security and defence forces, after reports in the media quoted civilians across central Mozambique claiming they have been attacked by government forces over the course of the last year.



[Mozambique: Renamo Member Murdered in Inhambane](#)



Unknown assailants murdered a senior member of Mozambique's main opposition party, Renamo, at the weekend in the southern province of Inhambane, ...



...The Renamo political delegate in Inhambane, Carlos Mela, had no immediate comment, but promised to react to the murder in the next few days ....

[Mozambique Inflation Rate at Nearly 5-Year High](#)

<h1>Namibia</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	137% / 32%	Population: 2,336,522
		Penetration of population w/ internet	15.7%	Labor Force: 1,168,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	10,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 6
		Unemployment / year est.	27.4% / 2012	Church Members: 793
		Population below poverty line:	28.7% / 2010	Congregations: 2

<h1>Reunion Island</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	105% / 48%	Population: 876,835
		Penetration of population w/ internet	34.6	Labor Force:
		GDP per capita USD\$		Life Expectancy:
		Unemployment / year est.	40% / ?	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:		Congregations:

<h1>Rwanda</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	61% / 28%	Population: 12,540,798
		Penetration of population w/ internet	25.4%	Labor Force: 6,061,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,700 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 64
		Unemployment / year est.	3.4% / 2012	Church Members: 281
		Population below poverty line:	44.9 / 2011	Congregations: 3



<h1>Somalia</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	50% / 2%	Population: 10,742,489
		Penetration of population w/ internet	1.5%	Labor Force: 3,011,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	600 / 2010	Life Expectancy: 55
		Unemployment / year est.	25.4% / 2012	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations:

[U.S. Special Operations forces conduct helicopter raid in Somalia](#)

U.S Special Operations Forces conducted a joint U.S.-Somali helicopter raid against the terrorist group al-Shabab in Somalia on Tuesday, according to U.S. defense officials.

A defense official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the operation because it had not been made public, said that there were no U.S. or Somali casualties. ...

[Somalia On a Steady Path to Gender Parity](#)

<h1>South Africa</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	154% / 35%	Population: 51,621,506
		Penetration of population w/ internet	49%	Labor Force: 20,230,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	12,700	Life Expectancy: 57
		Unemployment / year est.	24.9% / 2013	Church Members: 61,221
		Population below poverty line:	31.3%	Congregations: 159

Municipal Elections 2016 coming soon

[Cosatu fears job losses after protesters torch factories](#)

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) has activated its leadership to calm violent protest action in an industrial area of KwaZulu-Natal, amid concern that factories will shut down.

Factories and vehicles were targeted in a second day of protesting in Isithebe near Mandeni on Tuesday, with residents and factory workers fearing for their safety, according to Reaction Unit South Africa.

“Law enforcement were attacked by angry mobs who marched to the Nyoni Police Station and demanded the release of suspects arrested for public violence. These suspects were scheduled to make a court appearance today,” the company said ....

[Zuma visits Nigeria on 'a trade mission'](#)

South Africa's President Jacob Zuma is in Nigeria on a two-day visit. Pretoria said Zuma wants to improve economic ties with Nigeria but experts said the visit is mainly to mend years of strained diplomatic relations.

South Africa's President Jacob Zuma announced the signing of 30 bilateral trade deals between the two African economic heavyweights. Zuma said business ties between South Africa and Nigeria had increased, but said they need to expand their relationship beyond trade. ...

<b>South Sudan</b> <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	28% / 12%	Population: 11,749,434
	Penetration of population w/ internet	15.9	Labor Force:
	GDP per capita USD\$	2,000 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 62
	Unemployment / year est.	12% / 2008	Church Members:
	Population below poverty line:	50.6% / 2009	Congregations:

<b>Swaziland</b> <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	70% / 11%	Population: 1,280,595
	Penetration of population w/ internet	27.1%	Labor Force: 435,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	7,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 49
	Unemployment / year est.	28.5% / 2010	Church Members: 1,768
	Population below poverty line:	69%	Congregations: 4


<b>Tanzania</b> <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	62% / 24%	Population: 50,998,619
	Penetration of population w/ internet	15%	Labor Force: 25,000,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	1,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 61
	Unemployment / year est.	10.7% / 2011	Church Members: 1,336
	Population below poverty line:	36% / 2002	Congregations: 6

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[Tanzania civil servants' social media ban](#)

Government workers in Tanzania have been banned from using social media and chat apps during work hours....

The minister told the BBC's Halima Nyanza social media use was interfering with Tanzania's development. ...

<b>Uganda</b> <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	64% / 11%	Population: 40,777,196
		Penetration of population w/ internet	23%	Labor Force: 18,000,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,800	Life Expectancy: 59
		Unemployment / year est.	4.2% / 2010	Church Members: 13,248
		Population below poverty line:	25.5%	Congregations: 26

[Uganda Police Accused of Stealing Evidence in Poll Dispute](#)


An opposition group that launched a court case against the re-election of Uganda's long-time president accused the police of breaking into a lawyer's office and seizing crucial evidence.

Men in police uniform jumped over a wall fence and broke into the office of lawyers representing former presidential candidate Amama Mbabazi, the Go Forward group said Wednesday. ...


[Uganda Is Stopping Acid Attacks](#)

Acid attack survivors are fighting back against their attackers by pushing to change laws.

According to TakePart, about 1,500 acid attacks occur every year and most of the attacks happen in Southeast Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, the West Indies, and the Middle East. ...

<b>Zambia</b> <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	73% / 10%	Population: 15,549,296
		Penetration of population w/ internet	18%	Labor Force: 6,338,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	4,100	Life Expectancy: 58
		Unemployment / year est.	15% / 2008	Church Members: 3,359
		Population below poverty line:	60.5%	Congregations:

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<b>Zimbabwe</b> <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 98%	Population: 15,762,551
		Penetration of population w/ internet	47%	Labor Force: 5,063,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	2,000 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 60
		Unemployment / year est.	95% / 2009	Church Members: 26,156
		Population below poverty line:	68% / 2004	Congregations: 64

[Fresh UN appeal for Zimbabwe as drought crisis deepens](#)

The UN is redoubling efforts to secure emergency food aid for Zimbabwe where a key official told DW the situation was 'unprecedented.' 16 million people are now facing hunger across southern Africa.

Zimbabwe is facing its worst drought in 25 years. The exceptionally arid weather made worse by the El Nino phenomenon has killed around 20,000 cattle over the last few months and left close to three million people facing hunger in the southern African country.

Zimbabwe itself has launched an appeal for \$1.6 billion (1.5 billion euros) so it can feed those severely affected. ....

[Hundreds rally a year after Zimbabwe regime critic's abduction](#)

Hundreds rallied in Zimbabwe's capital Wednesday over the shadowy disappearance of an opposition activist a year ago, as the United States led calls for a probe into "politically motivated violence".




Zimbabwe's 92-year-old ruler Robert Mugabe, who has led the country since independence from Britain in 1980, has been accused by critics at home and abroad of cracking down on opponents and smothering democracy. ...

[Zimbabwe must act fast to shore up economy](#)

Zimbabwe needs urgent reforms and fiscal belt-tightening as its moribund economy takes further knocks from low commodity prices and an ongoing drought, the International Monetary Fund warned Wednesday.

Zimbabwe has suffered an economic crisis since controversial land reforms were implemented in 2000, when farms were seized from white owners for redistribution, leading to a drastic fall in output in a country that was once Africa's bread basket.

"Economic difficulties have deepened. Zimbabwe cannot wait and needs to act now," ....

<b>United States</b>  <small>Data Provided for comparison</small>	 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 85%	Population: 324,343,287
		Penetration of population w/ internet	90%	Labor Force: 156,000,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	54,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 79
		Unemployment / year est.	5.5% / 2015	Church Members: 6,466,267
		Population below poverty line:	15.1% / 2010	14,018 Congregations

## Travel Advisories/Warnings

[Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Potential Security Threat](#) January 8, 2016  
 The U.S. Embassy has received information regarding a potential security threat in Luanda, Angola. As a precautionary measure, the U.S. Embassy advises U.S. Citizens to avoid the following three locations:  
 1) Belas Shopping (located in the Talatona area of Luanda)  
 2) Ulengo Commercial Center (located in the Viana area of Luanda)  
 3) Hotel Baía (located along the Nova Marginal in Luanda)

This security advisory is effective immediately and will remain in place until February 8, 2016 unless an additional notice is provided by the U.S. Embassy.

[State Department warns that Cameroon is a high-risk travel destination for U.S. citizens](#) 4 January 2016  
 The U.S. State Department is warning Americans about the high risk of traveling to Cameroon. In particular, the department said, U.S. citizens should avoid all travel to the north regions because of the general threat of violent crime, terrorism and the targeting of Westerners for kidnappings and murder.

The terrorist group Boko Haram continues to be a presence in the region. Since July 2015, the group has carried out at least 14 suicide bombings in the north, the State Department reported. The northeastern Nigerian Islamist group has been even more deadly than Islamic State this year. ....

[State Dept. issues worldwide travel alert for U.S. citizens due to increased terrorist threats](#) 20 December 2015 (MyFoxBoston.com) -- The State Department issued a worldwide travel alert for U.S. citizens Monday due to increased terrorist threats.

According to the State Dept., their latest information says that ISIL, al-Qa'ida, Boko Haram, and other terrorist groups are planning attacks in several regions. The department says the attacks may involve a variety of tactics, including conventional and non-conventional weapons and "targeting both official and private interests."

The department also believes there is a continuing threat from "unaffiliated persons" that may plan attacks inspired by other terrorist organizations.

U.S. citizens should take extreme caution when traveling, the department says, and always be aware of your surroundings. This alert says Americans could be at risk anywhere throughout the world.

Homeland Security Expert Anthony Amore said, "There wouldn't be an alert if there wasn't some intelligence telling the government that Americans have to be on the lookout."



[Democratic Republic of the Congo Travel Warning](#) Saturday, December 05, 2015 :: Staff infoZine  
 The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (a.k.a. DRC or Congo-Kinshasa).

Washington DC - infoZine - U.S. citizens should avoid all but essential travel to the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu, the provinces of Bas-Uele, Haut-Uele and Ituriz (northeastern part of the former Oriental Province) and particularly the new provinces of Tanganyika and Haut-Lomami (northeastern and central parts of the former province of Katanga), where instability and sporadic violence continues. Very poor transportation infrastructure throughout the country and poor security conditions in eastern DRC make it difficult for the U.S. Embassy to provide consular services anywhere outside of Kinshasa.


## Resource Section

### [ASEA Mormon Newsroom and Mormon Newsroom Facebook pages](#) YouTube and other Resource sites

**Official Church pages:** [37 Official General Authority Facebook Pages & 27 Official Church Organizations Pages](#)

<b>YouTube  Channels </b>	
<a href="#">ASEA (Africa Southeast Area) Public Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Mormon Newsroom</a>
<a href="#">Mormon Channel</a>	<a href="#">Mormon Tabernacle Choir</a>

### Africa Southeast Area Newsroom & Facebook sites

Countries	 Mormon Newsroom Sites Link from these sites to Facebook!	 Mormon Newsroom Facebook sites.
Church HQ	<a href="#">Mormon Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">Mormon Newsroom Facebook page (English)</a>
Angola	<a href="#">Angola Mormon Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">Angola Mormon Newsroom Facebook (Portuguese)</a>
Botswana	none	<a href="#">Botswana Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)</a>
Congo DR	<a href="#">DR Congo Mormon Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">DR Congo Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)</a>
Congo Rep	none	<a href="#">Republic of Congo Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)</a>
Indian Ocean	<a href="#">Indian Ocean Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">Indian Ocean Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)</a>
Kenya	<a href="#">Kenya Mormon Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">Kenya Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)</a>
Madagascar	<a href="#">Indian Ocean Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">Madagascar Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)</a>
Malawi	None	<a href="#">Malawi Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)</a>
Mozambique	None	<a href="#">Mozambique Mormon Newsroom Facebook (Portuguese)</a>
Namibia	None	<a href="#">Namibia Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)</a>

South Africa	<a href="#">South Africa Mormon Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">South Africa Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)</a>	
Uganda	<a href="#">Uganda Mormon Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">Uganda Mormon Newsroom Facebook page (English)</a>	
Zambia	none	<a href="#">Zambia Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)</a>	
Zimbabwe	<a href="#">Zimbabwe Mormon Newsroom</a>	<a href="#">Zimbabwe Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)</a>	
Totals for ASEA	7 Country-Mormon Newsrooms	14 Country Newsroom Facebook pages!	
Helping Hands	<a href="#">Mormon Helping Hands - Africa Southeast Facebook page</a>		
Public Affairs	All Public Affairs individuals are able to access the Public Affairs Network (Secure Site) at this link: <a href="#">Public Affairs Network</a>		
AFRICASE	<a href="#">Africa Southeast Page</a>	<a href="#">Africa Southeast Area Facebook page</a>	
	<a href="#">Liahona Issues (downloadable)</a>	<a href="#">Liahona Local Inserts</a>	
Online Resources	<a href="#">Use of Online Resources in Church Callings</a> Church Guidelines for setting up 'Unofficial Pages'		<b>R</b>
CREATE.Ids.org	<a href="#">Create and Share your media Talents !!!!</a>		
Church Resources	<a href="#">LDS.org</a>	<a href="#">Mormon.org</a>	<a href="#">Deseret News</a>
	<a href="#">LDS Media Library</a>	<a href="#">General Conference</a>	<a href="#">Life of Christ Bible Videos</a>
Law and Religion Symposium	<a href="#">BYU Law International Center for Law and Religion Studies</a>		
Emergency Preparedness:	<a href="#">Emergency Preparedness and Response</a>		

## Historical Events in Church History for Countries in the ASEA Area

(and related events)

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Country	Year	Date	Historical Event
Zimbabwe	1999	January 1 *	1999: Zimbabwe's first stake is organized in Harare. The first full edition of the Book of Mormon is published in Shona, a native language of Zimbabwe.
Zimbabwe	1980	February 1	Rhodesia becomes Zimbabwe
Swaziland	1990	February 21	In what has been termed a continuation of events in the "dawning of a new day in Africa," Elder Neal A. Maxwell of the Council of the Twelve dedicated two African kingdoms to the work of the Lord and for the preaching of the gospel.  Swaziland, an independent mountain kingdom bordered on three sides by South Africa and by Mozambique on its eastern side, was dedicated Feb. 21. Lesotho, a kingdom surrounded by South Africa, was dedicated Feb. 22.
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Zimbabwe	2013	APRIL 1	2013: Edward Dube is called to the First Quorum of the Seventy, making him the first General Authority from Zimbabwe.
South Africa	1853	April 19	When the first LDS missionaries arrived in Cape Town in 1853, they climbed Lion's Head (which they called Mount Brigham Heber Willard, in honor of the Church's First Presidency) and dedicated the land to the growth of the gospel.
Zimbabwe	2009	July 1	2009: Edward Dube becomes the first native mission president to serve in Zimbabwe.
Nigeria	2005	August 7	Aba Nigeria temple dedicated August, 2005
Zambia	1992	August 20	Zambia-On Aug. 20, at a secluded spot on a hill near a lake on university grounds in the capital city of Lusaka, Elder Nelson <b>dedicated the nation of Zambia to the preaching of the gospel.</b> "It was a touching scene," commented Pres. Vern Marble of the neighboring Zimbabwe Harare Mission who was present for the prayer of dedication.
Botswana	1992	August 21	<b>The prayer of dedication on the nation of Botswana was offered by Elder Scott on Aug. 21,</b> in a small clearing in the Gaborone Game Reserve. Nearly 100 people were present, including members and missionaries.
Cameroon	2009	August 21	Elder Holland dedicated the country of Cameroon on August 21, 2009, on a green hillside overlooking Cameroon's capital city of Yaounde in the company of local church leaders. Later in the day, approximately 600 people gathered to hear Elder Holland speak at Yaounde's City Center. <a href="http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work">http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work</a>
Namibia	1992	August 22	<b>In Namibia, on Aug. 22, a small group of members gathered on Tower Hill in Windhoek to witness the dedication of the land by Elder Nelson.</b> Namibia is part of the South Africa Cape Town Mission. Its president, Blaine Hudson, described the gathering as "the Lord's people who in the past years have been faithful in the desert and in the wilderness, and have made it blossom as a rose."
Congo Rep (Brazzaville)	1992	August 24	<b>The nation of Congo was dedicated Aug. 24 by Elder Scott.</b> Elder Nelson briefly addressed the small gathering of members and leaders who gathered in a peaceful setting in a shaded area located on a hillside overlooking treetops about 10 miles down the Congo River from the capital city of Brazzaville. A picturesque Congolese village was visible in the distance beyond the river's rapids. About 65 members and leaders of three branches in Congo attended the dedication.
South Africa	1985	August 24	1985: On August 24–25 the <b>Johannesburg South Africa Temple is dedicated.</b> <a href="https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng">https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng</a>
Rwanda	2009	August 27	Elder Holland dedicated Rwanda on Aug. 27 during a sacred moment on the top of a mountain overlooking the capital city, Kigali. <a href="http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work">http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work</a>
Ethiopia	1993	September 16	The Church was officially recognized in Ethiopia on 16 September 1993.
Burundi	2010	October 19	The chosen dedication spot for the country of Burundi was located on a hill overlooking Bujumbura, the capital city, with Lake Tanganyika shining in the distance beyond. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve pronounced a blessing upon the country of Burundi in the



			Great Lakes region of Eastern Africa. <b>Elder Holland offered a blessing on the people and the nation, dedicating the country of Burundi for missionary work on Oct. 19.</b>
Angola	2010	October 20	On Wednesday, Oct. 20, a small group of Church leaders and members gathered at the base of a large, several-hundred-year-old baobab tree on a quiet hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean to the west and the capital city of Luanda, Angola, to the north, where <b>Elder Christofferson pronounced a blessing upon the country and formally opened Angola to missionary work.</b>
Uganda	1991	October 23	In late October 1991, Elder James E. Faust of the Quorum of the Twelve dedicated Uganda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe for the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of the Church.  On October 23, Elder Faust, accompanied by Elder Richard P. Lindsay of the Seventy, who serves as president of the Africa Area, dedicated Uganda from the capital city, Kampala. Earlier this year, Uganda granted the Church official status. <a href="https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng">https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng</a>
Kenya	1991	October 24	The next day, October 24, Elder Faust, Elder Lindsay, and President Larry Brown of the Kenya Nairobi Mission traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, where more than one hundred Church members gathered for the outdoor service. <a href="https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng">https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng</a> In the dedicatory prayer, Elder Faust said, “We acknowledge this as a blessed land.” The prayer contained references to Kenya’s beauty, grandeur, and abundant plant and animal life. Elder Faust asked that “the beasts of the earth, which have historically been native to this land, may continue to find a home.”
Zambia	1964	October 24	1964: Northern Rhodesia becomes Zambia, and Southern Rhodesia becomes Rhodesia.
Zimbabwe	1991	October 25	1991: On October 25 <b>Elder James E. Faust (1920–2007) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles dedicates Zimbabwe for the preaching of the gospel.</b>
Malawi	2011	October 25	While the first branch of the Church in Malawi was organized in 1999 and there are now about 1,000 members in four branches, <b>the land had not been formally dedicated. Elder Nelson and others met as a small group for that purpose on Oct. 25. (2011)</b>
Zimbabwe	1991	October 25	On October 25, Elder Faust and Elder Lindsay met Zimbabwe Harare Mission President Vern Marble for the dedication of Zimbabwe.  “Before the meeting, the Saints of Zimbabwe had been fasting and praying for rain,” Elder Lindsay said. “As the dedicatory prayer by Elder Faust concluded, a gentle rain began to fall, and rainfall increased for days afterward.”  In the prayer, Elder Faust asked for a blessing upon the earth of Zimbabwe and prayed that the land would “continue to provide the abundance which it has in the past. ... May the rain fall and the streams flow, and the sun kiss the land to provide for thy people.” <a href="https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng">https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng</a>
Central Africa Republic	2012	October 29	On a heavily forested hillside overlooking the capital city of Bangui, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve offered a prayer of dedication and blessing upon the country and people of the Central African Republic. The prayer was offered Monday, October 29, on Gbazabangui hillside overlooking the Ubangi River—a major tributary of the Congo River—a few degrees north of the equator that is the original site of the Bangui people. <a href="https://www.lds.org/church/news/elder-holland-dedicates-central-african-republic?lang=eng">https://www.lds.org/church/news/elder-holland-dedicates-central-african-republic?lang=eng</a>
Gabon	2013	November 5	On November 5, 2013, eleven days after the Church received full legal status in the Central African country of Gabon, Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles performed a powerful and significant country dedicatory prayer in a forest clearing at the base of a tall tree. He was accompanied by his wife, Susan K. Bednar, and local leaders: Elder Carl B. Cook of the Africa Southeast Area Presidency and his wife, Sister Lynette H. Cook; President W. Bryce Cook, president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Kinshasa Mission, and his wife, Sister Karol Cook; and President Armand Mpandou, president of the Libreville Gabon Branch.
Tanzania	2003	November 18	The East African nation of Tanzania was blessed and dedicated Nov. 18 by Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Elder Nelson, who was accompanied by his wife, Sister Dantzel Nelson, gathered for the occasion on a sunny afternoon with some 15 members and Church leaders on a promontory overlooking Oyster Bay on the Indian Ocean, near the capital city of Dar es Salaam. <a href="http://www.ldschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/44749/Gospel-takes-root-in-Tanzania.html">http://www.ldschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/44749/Gospel-takes-root-in-Tanzania.html</a>
Mauritius	1988	November 22	The islands of Mauritius and Réunion, in the Mascarene Islands Mission, were dedicated late in 1988 for the preaching of the gospel. <a href="https://www.lds.org/ensign/1989/03/news-of-the-church/mauritius-reunion-dedicated-for-missionary-work?lang=eng">https://www.lds.org/ensign/1989/03/news-of-the-church/mauritius-reunion-dedicated-for-missionary-work?lang=eng</a> Elder Marvin J. Ashton of the Council of the Twelve dedicated the two islands, located off the southeast coast of Africa. He visited Mauritius, an independent nation of 1.1 million, on November 22, and Réunion, an overseas department of France with a population of 500,000, on November 23.
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South Africa	1973	December 1	In 1973, President Spencer W. Kimball rededicated South Africa “to the preaching of the gospel ... to the transformation of lives.” Among the many blessings pronounced by this prophet of God, none was more thrilling than his request that “processes might converge to bring a temple to this land” and that “no hungry or thirsty soul may ever miss the privilege of hearing and accepting the truth.” <a href="https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng">https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng</a>

## Books of Interest about Africa

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### 'I Dreamed of Africa'

ISBN 0140287442 (ISBN13: 9780140287448)

This is a beautifully written book about a woman who moves to Africa from Italy, learns to love the country, learns to love the animals and especially learns to love its people. A tender story of survival through hard times. Very tender. (Review by Sister Ford serving in Kenya.)

### 'Left to Tell' by Immaculee Ilibagiza

(2014) ISBN 978-1-4019-4432-2

'Left to Tell' tells Immaculée Ilibagiza's experience during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She survived hidden for 91 days with seven other women in a small bathroom, no larger than 3 feet (0.91 m) long and 4 feet (1.2 m) wide with an area of 12 feet. The bathroom was concealed in a room behind a wardrobe in the home of a Hutu pastor. During the genocide, most of Ilibagiza's family was killed by Hutu Interahamwe soldiers: her mother, her father, and her two brothers Damascene and Vianney. Besides herself, the only other survivor in her family was her brother Aimable, who was studying out of the country in Senegal and did not know the war was going on. In Left to Tell, Ilibagiza shares how her Roman Catholic faith guided her through her terrible ordeal, and describes her eventual forgiveness and compassion toward her family's killers.

### 'Unbowed: A Memoir' by Wangari Maathai

(2007) ISBN 978-0-307-27520-2

In Unbowed, Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai recounts her extraordinary journey from her childhood in rural Kenya to the world stage. When Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977, she began a vital poor people's environmental movement, focused on the empowerment of women that soon spread across Africa. Persevering through run-ins with the Kenyan government and personal losses, and jailed and beaten on numerous occasions, Maathai continued to fight tirelessly to save Kenya's forests and to restore democracy to her beloved country. Infused with her unique luminosity of spirit, Wangari Maathai's remarkable story of courage, faith, and the power of persistence is destined to inspire generations to come.

### 'The Shackled Continent' by Robert Guest

(2004) ISBN-13: 978-0-330-41972 ISBN-10: 0-330-41972-2

The Shackled Continent provides a persuasive look into the persistent problems of modern Africa and offers some possible solutions.

### 'Long Walk to Freedom' by Nelson Mandela

(2010) ISBN 9780230013858

'Long Walk to Freedom' is an autobiographical work written by South African President Nelson Mandela, and published in 1995 by Little Brown & Co. The book profiles his early life, coming of age, education and 27 years in prison. Under the apartheid government, Mandela was regarded as a terrorist and jailed on the infamous Robben Island for his role as a leader of the then-outlawed ANC. He has since achieved international recognition for his leadership as president in rebuilding the country's once segregated society. The last chapters of the book describe his political ascension, and his belief that the struggle continues against apartheid in South Africa.

### 'Dark Star Safari' by Paul Theroux

(2004) ISBN-10 0618446877 ISBN-13: 978-8446872

'Dark Star Safari' (2002) is a written account of a trip taken by author Paul Theroux 'overland from Cairo to Cape Town' via trains, buses, cars, and armed convoy. Theroux had lived in Africa as a young and idealistic early member of the Peace Corps and part of the reason for this trip was to assess the impact on Africa of the many years of "helping" from Western countries. **His assessment is generally critical of the long-term impact of aid programs.**

*If you have any books that you have read that you would like to include in this section, Please, email me the information.*

## Movies of Interest about Africa

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<a href="#">Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom</a> 2013	<a href="#">Zulu</a> (1964)
<a href="#">Hotel Rwanda</a> (2004)	<a href="#">Out of Africa</a> (1985)
<a href="#">Invictus</a> (2009)	<a href="#">The Last King of Scotland</a> (2006)
<a href="#">Mandela and de Klerk</a> (1997)	

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### Sources of information for country banners:

All **church membership** information is provided by [Mormon Newsroom](#) by clicking on the 'Africa' continent on the map (at the right) and then finding the desired country on the list. The information is reviewed from the list and updated as necessary.

All **keywords** and **country** information is collected from an Internet scan of about 60 specific keywords that is supplied to me at 0300 each morning via [Google alerts](#). This keyword list is reviewed and updated as needed.

All **Population data** are from [Country Meters](#) and is updated as needed.

All **Cellphone** and **smartphone** data are from [GMSA Intelligence](#) and is updated as needed.

All **Internet users by country** data are from [Internet Live Stats](#) and [Internet World Stats](#) is reviewed as needed.

**GNI** (Gross National Income per capita) and **Life Expectancy** data is from [The World Bank](#)

**Unemployment and other** data are from [Photius](#), [IECONOMICS](#), [Quandl](#), [Wikipedia](#), [Theodora](#) & [The World Factbook](#).

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