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Hallelujah—Hebrew for “Praise ye the Lord.” But what does it really mean? As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter, discover how this ancient exclamation of joy, hope, and love is a fitting summary of Christ’s incomparable mission—and His promise of new life for us all.

Because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will all live again after death. Using the hashtag #Hallelujah, share the joy of Easter by posting a photo on social media of a loved one who has passed on—and whom you’re anxious to see again someday. …

LDS Easter videos celebrate Christ with virtual Mormon Tabernacle Choir singing “Hallelujah Chorus.” More than 2,000 people submitted digital files of themselves singing the chorus from Handel’s “Messiah.” Their voices are blended with the actual Tabernacle Choir and video boxes with their faces are seen surrounding the choir in the video, which can be seen.

Easter Campaign videos can be viewed now at: followhim.mormon.org, easter.mormon.org and lds.org.

Watch First Ever Face to Face Q&A for Young Adults

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Church-Important Africa Dates

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 …please email them to BusiR@ldschurch.org

Interesting Stuff about Africa & ASEA area

Found in the news stream.

Medical News

Uganda ranks low in immunisation coverage

Immunisation is the most effective public health intervention available against vaccine-preventable deadly diseases. Due to lack of verified, up-to-date data, a report ranks Uganda’s routine immunisation coverage as among the lowest in the east African region. …

Social Media/Internet/Tech
The Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Jumanne Maghembe said the new security strategy will involve training a special force that will be equipped with modern and high-tech surveillance equipment to detect elephant poachers and other criminals operating inside Tanzania’s protected parks. …

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 2000th 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.

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

5A economic woes could hurt Zambia

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However, ZIPAR senior researcher Caesar Cheelo said South Africa’s exports to Africa as a whole have been increasing, meaning it has been discovering other African markets for exports.

Mr Cheelo said the importance of Zambia as a market for South Africa’s exports has been inherently declining in relative terms.

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Uganda: Kenya Earns U.S.$3.8 Million From Sale of Embattled Uganda’s Imperial Bank

Kenya has earned $3.8 million from the sale of the Ugandan subsidiary of Imperial Bank shareholding to Exim Bank acquired 58.6 per cent stake of the embattled bank at $6.8 million. However, the Exim Bank’s purchase price is almost half the valuation price of $12.5 million estimated. FTI Consulting, one of the forensic firms appointed by the Central Bank of Kenya, says Kenya’s share of this was paid to the Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Ethiopia

routine aerial patrols in the Democratic Republic of Congo, it has been reported.

A South African Air Force (SAAF) helicopter suffered damage after being hit by groundfire in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), it has been reported.

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Burundi opposition leader Marie Mokoko has urged electorate to embrace change.

His remarks came just three days after the opposition leader announced the formation of an independent electoral commission to monitor the election. He called for a radical change and the founding of a 'new republic.'

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The troops' raids, as well as suicide bombings and landmines used by the insurgents have increased the number of victims.

The hospitals are suffering acute shortages of staff, medical equipment and infrastructure . . . .

Regional forces from Cameroon, Nigeria, Chad, Niger and Benin have been launching raids on the militants since last December.

Cameroon: Victims of Boko Haram Insurgency Overwhelm Hospitals

Cameroon said raids on Boko Haram strongholds along the country's northern border with Nigeria are taking a huge toll, with hospitals in the area overwhelmed by victims wounded during insurgent efforts, officials said.

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Gabon

Presidential Elections August 2016

Gabon’s ruling party endorses Bongo for another term

Gabon’s ruling party, the Gabonese Democratic Party (GDP), on Saturday endorsed President Ali Bongo as its candidate for the national polls which are scheduled to take place in the second half of the year.

Bongo had taken the lead by announcing on February 29 his candidacy for a second term, but it had yet to be approved by the party’s leadership. ...

By injured, one missing after Gabon blast

A worker for Stoper’s Addax Petroleum was missing after an oil tank exploded in Gabon.

Addax said the cause of the accident, which occurred Saturday at its Obangue-East oil producing site, was unclear as investigations were underway.

The accident injured six other people who were flown to a facility in Port Gentil and Libreville with serious burns for treatment. ...

Kenya

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Rwanda

Rwanda president urges more efforts to resolve street children problem

Rwandan President Paul Kagame has asked government leadership to put an end to street children problem which had risen in past few months.

The Rwandan leader made the call on Saturday while opening the 13th National Leadership Retreat, at the Rwanda Defence Forces Combat Training Centre in Gabiro, Eastern Rwanda.

In Rwanda, the growing population of children living on the streets is a reflection of an increased orphan population and unwanted pregnancies in the country.

Somalia

U.S. accuses Uganda of rights violations after presidential vote

Uganda has persistently violated the rights of its citizens and media in the aftermath of last month’s presidential election which saw President Yoweri Museveni retain his hold on power.

U.S. State Department spokesman John Kirby said in a statement on Friday that Uganda’s repeated detention of opposition figures and harassment of their supporters, and the government’s interference in a challenge of the election which saw President Yoweri Museveni

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South Sudan

Sudan: ruling party says ready for early elections

Sudan’s ruling National Congress Party (NCP) has expressed readiness to hold early general elections, pointing that its date must be determined by the political and armed groups participating in national dialogue conference.

NCP political secretary Hamid Mumtaz disclosed that the political and armed movements participating in the dialogue have made two proposals to implement the outcome of the dialogue conference.

Mumtaz told the semi-official Sudan Media Center (SMC) that the first proposal calls for mandat...
Democratic Republic of the Congo: Travel Warning

Homeland Security Expert Anthony Amore said, "There wouldn’t be an alert if there wasn’t some surroundings. This alert says Americans could be at risk anywhere throughout the world. U.S. citizens should take extreme precautions. The department also believes there is a continuing threat from ‘unaffiliated persons’ that may plan attacks inspired by other terrorist organizations. The government is also concerned about the potential for violence from Islamic State-inspired groups planning attacks in several regions. The department says the attacks may involve a variety of tactics, including conventional and non-conventional weapons."

Zambia

The U.S. State Department is warning Americans about the high risk of traveling to Cameroon. In particular, the department says, "Americans should avoid all travel to the north regions because of the general threat of violent crime, terrorism, and the continued presence of Boko Haram."

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) Hotel Baía (located along the Nova Marginal in Luanda)
2) Ulengo Commercial Center (located in the Viana area of Luanda)
3) Al Caffé (located in the Talatona area of Luanda)

Zimbabwe: Supporters of new opposition party attacked

Supporters of a new opposition party in Zimbabwe, founded by the country's former vice president, were attacked with stones at a rally on a Saturday. Six minivans pulled up near the tent where the rally was held and threw stones at supporters of the Zimbabwe People First party, before speeding off. An Associated Press reporter saw several cars with smashed windows. A bleeding man was rushed to a hospital.

Arrest of Gweru Mayor Angers Zimbabwe's Opposition

The Movement for Democratic Change led by Morgan Tsvangirai has condemned the arrest of Gweru mayor, Hamutendi Kombayi, and the Town Clerk, Nathaniel Matau, who are facing charges of criminal abuse of office.

The party says the arrest, which comes barely a week after a High Court ruling to reinstate him and the entire council, is deplorable and downright irrational.

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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

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-Qaida, 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."
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 Orientale 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.

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Mormon Channel
Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Africa Southeast Area Newsroom & Facebook sites

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Church HQ
Mormon Newsroom
Mormon Newsroom Facebook page (English)

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Mormon Helping Hands - Africa Southeast Facebook page

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All Public Affairs individuals are able to access the Public Affairs Network (Secure Site) at this link: Public Affairs Network

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Africa Southeast Page
Africa Southeast Area Facebook page

Liahona Issues (downloadable)
Liahona Local Inserts

Use of Online Resources in Church Callings
Church Guidelines for setting up 'Unofficial Pages'

CREATE.lds.org
Create and Share your media Talents!!!

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Historical Events in Church History for Countries in the ASEA Area

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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 1863, they climbed Lion’s Head (also known as Mount Bishop Heber Willard, in honor of the Church’s first President) 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
The nation of Botswana was offered by Elder Scott on Aug. 21, in a small clearing in the Gaborone Game Reserve. Nearly 100 people were present, including missionaries and members.

Cameroon 2009 August 21
Elder Holland dedicated the country of Cameroon on Aug. 21, 2009, on a 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.

Namibia 1992 August 22
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. Namibia is part of the South Africa Cape Town Mission. Its president, Rhine Haupt, 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 ( Brazzaville) 1992 August 24
The nation of Congo was dedicated Aug. 24 by Elder Scott. 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 a beach about 12 miles down the Congo River from the capital city of Brazzaville. A picturesque Congo River 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

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Kenya 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.

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Ethiopia 1993 September 16
The Church was officially recognized in Ethiopia in Sept. 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. Elder Holland offered a blessing on the people, and dedicating the country of Burundi for missionary work on Oct. 19.

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 small hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and to the west and the capital city of Luanda, Angola, to the north, where Elder Christofferson pronounced a blessing upon the country and formally opened Angola to missionary work.

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 in the past years have been faithful in the desert and in the wilderness, and have made it blossom as a rose.

2007) of the Quorum who was present for the prayer of dedication.

Zambia 1999 October 24
1999: Northern Rhodesia becomes Zambia, and Southern Rhodesia becomes Rhodesia.

Zimbabwe 1991 October 25
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“Before the meeting, the Saints of Zimbabwe had been fasting and praying fervently for a long time,” 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.”

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Kenya 1991 October 24
The next day, Oct. 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.


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, the land had not been formally dedicated. Elder Nelson and others met as a small group for that purpose on Oct. 25, 2007.

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Central African 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 performed a prayer of dedication and blessing upon the country and people of the Central African Republic. The prayer was offered Monday, October 29, on Glazabangi 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.

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 performed a significant country dedication 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 Carol 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 Mpondou, president of the Libreville Gabon Branch.

Tanzania
2003 November 18
The last African nation of Tanzania was dedicated and named Rev. 18 by Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Elder Nelson, who was accompanied by his wife, Sister Dorinda Nelson, gathered for the occasion on a sunny afternoon with some 15 members and Church leaders on a promontory overlooking Oyster Bay on the island capital near Dar es Salaam. http://www.hlschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/44749/gospel-takes-root-in-tanzania.html

Mauritius
1988 November 21
Elder Marvin I. Ashworth 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 Reunion, an overseas department of France with a population of 500,000, on November 23.

Reunion
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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 “some process 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.”

Books of Interest about Africa

‘I Dreamed of Africa’
This is a beautifully written book about a woman who moves from Africa to 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.

‘Left to Tell’
Left to Tell tells Immaculee 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) long and 4 feet (1.2) 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 and neighbors were killed. She saw her father, her two brothers Damasceen 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’
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. Pursing through head-runs with the Kenyan government and personal losses, and jailed and beaten on numerous occasions, Maathai continued to advocate for sustainable solutions 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’
Long Walk to Freedom’ by Nelson Mandela
ISBN 9780300313858
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
ISBN 978-0-618446877
‘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 his trip was to assess the impact of Africa on the many years of ‘helping’ from Western countries. His assessment is generally critical of the long-term impact of aid programs.

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Unemployment and other data are from Photius, ECONOMICS, Quandl, Wikipedia, Theodora & The World Factbook.

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