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[Elder Holland, Sister Stephens and Elder Hallstrom to participate in first Face to Face event for young single adults](#) 8 March 2016

On March 8, the LDS Church will host the first Face to Face event geared toward young single adults. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles will be joined by Sister Carole M. Stephens, first counselor in the Relief Society general presidency, and Elder Donald L. Hallstrom of the Seventy as they answer questions submitted by young single adults throughout the world.

[LDS.org launches 14-day 'Love One Another' challenge](#)

The arrival of February signals the approach of Valentine’s Day. In honor of the upcoming holiday, LDS.org launched a 14-day challenge Friday to spread love, but the challenge does not limit itself to romantic love.



Instead, it focuses on emulating the love of Christ.

“In the words of our loving prophet, President Thomas S. Monson, ‘Love is the very essence of the gospel, and Jesus Christ is our exemplar,’” the website reads. “If we want to be better followers of him, we need to be more. We need to love more.”

For 14 days, those who participate choose a task from a list. The tasks help participants show more love and include things like

forgiving an offender or thanking someone.

[Elder and Sister Bednar share lessons, advice on finding a spouse, making marriage work at BYU-Idaho](#)

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and his wife, Sister Susan Bednar, shared lessons they've learned in their marriage and in overcoming difficulties, answered a few questions and shared some advice Tuesday at Brigham Young University-Idaho during a date night hosted by university President Clark Gilbert and his wife, Christine.



Elder Bednar pointed to how much work goes into a marriage when he was asked how he and Sister Bednar have grown in their marriage.

“Marriage is fun and demanding,” he said. “It can be sad, and it requires relentless work. Early on we tried to figure out how to do that work and

enjoy that work.”

Elder Bednar said one thing that has helped them in their marriage is to learn how to address problems when they don't always see things the same way.

“We can come to an agreement, that’s what’s amazing about this whole thing,” Sister Bednar said. “Even though he has a perspective and I have a perspective, we can talk about things and we can come to an agreement.” .....

**Family Discovery Day**

[RootsTech 2016 to feature speakers, classes, LDS Family Discovery Day](#)

..... The largest family history event in the world, sponsored by FamilySearch International, will take place Wednesday, Feb. 3, through Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Salt Palace Convention Center. As in years past, RootsTech will feature prominent keynote speakers, more than 200 classes for all ages and levels of family history skill, an expo hall, entertainment, and a day specifically designated for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with messages from LDS Church leaders. For those unable to attend, video streaming of some events and classes will be made available online at [RootsTech.org](#). .....

[Taylor Halverson: The Book of Mormon and the modern-day Tyndale moment](#)

..... “My vision is that the floodgates of scriptural knowledge that are locked away in the great libraries of the world be broken open so that all people, whether of high station or low, have at their fingertips the very best resources about the scriptures. No longer should it be the sacred domain of a few trained scholars to have access to the best readings and learnings about scriptures. Just as Tyndale labored to make the scriptures available to all people, not just for the trained elite, so too in our day, we can provide better access to the existing scriptural resources and know-how that are typically only available to a limited number (of individuals). ...

“Imagine if we could distill the most useful and relevant content and contextually connect it digitally to our scriptures so that those insights, those meanings, those applications, those connections were persistently and contextually available during our scripture study. What if everyone had access to the greatest knowledge about scriptures? .....

**Church-Important Africa Dates**

<b>Upcoming Church related Historical Events in the Africa Southeast Area.</b>	
(taken from the resource section at the end of this <b>Daily News</b> )	
<b>Swaziland</b>	21 February 1990: President Neal A. Maxwell dedicates Swaziland.
<b>Lesotho</b>	22 February 1990: President Neal A. Maxwell dedicates Lesotho.
If anyone has any additional historical events for the ASEA Area historical calendar ...please email them to <a href="mailto:aseapublicaffairs@ldschurch.org">aseapublicaffairs@ldschurch.org</a>	

## Interesting Stuff about Africa & ASEA area



Found in the news stream.

## Medical News



### [Africa urged to be vigilant over Zika virus](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that the Zika virus, responsible for a surge in birth defects in South America, could rapidly spread to Africa. A global response unit has been set up.

### [NEW \\$65M ANTI-MALARIA PUSH TO PROTECT 50 MILLION PEOPLE](#)

The initiative by the health agency UNITAID and non-profit group IVCC will be rolled out over four years. ....

### [Health workers sent to north Uganda as malaria epidemic kills over 650](#)

KAMPALA (Thomson Reuters Foundation) – Uganda dispatched a team of more than 370 health workers to the northern part of the country on Monday where a malaria epidemic ravaging the region since July has killed about 658 people.

Uganda reported an unusual outbreak of malaria in the north of the country in July, which health officials say has affected one million people from a population of about 39 million.

Uganda has one of the highest rates of malaria in Africa, with some 100,000 deaths, mostly pregnant women and children under five, and 16 million cases a year, according to the country's Ministry of Health.

The emergency team sent to deal with the epidemic consists of 26 medical doctors as well as clinical officers and nurses. ....

## Social Media/Internet/Tech



### [WhatsApp Tops 1 Billion Monthly Active Users](#)

..... As of today, 1 billion people are using WhatsApp.

That's **nearly one in seven people on Earth who use WhatsApp each month to stay in touch** with their loved ones, their friends and their family

## Misc.

Found in the news stream.



## Animal Conservation and related articles



### [Conservationists Rush to Save the Congo's Last 38 Giraffes](#)

Poachers have taken a toll on an already precarious population.

### *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 Zimbabwe since independence in 1980.

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



### [Is democracy on the retreat in Africa?](#)



Given the terrible new human rights abuses in African countries such as Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Central African Republic (CAR), the question is frequently asked whether democracy in Africa is in retreat.

The answer is that in some countries in Africa overall democracy has deepened, in others aspects of democracy have been strengthened and in others previous democratic gains have been reversed whether in parts or overall.

Since African independence from colonialism starting in the late 1950s, three core African countries have consistently performed better in democracy building than others: they are Mauritius, Cape Verde and Botswana.

A second group including South Africa, Tunisia, Ghana, Namibia and Senegal have more recently become democratic.

Of these two groups of genuine African democratic countries Mauritius, Cape Verde and Botswana have certainly over the years been consistently the most democratic overall. ....

<h1>Angola</h1> 		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

[Angola pledges tighter bank regulation in face of dollar drought](#)

Angola’s central bank has pledged to tighten financial regulation and step up anti-money laundering measures after two international banks halted US dollar supplies to the southern African nation.



Bank of America and Standard Chartered decided to stop supplying greenbacks to Angolan banks late last year, apparently over concerns about lax regulation. The oil-dependent nation was one of Africa’s fastest growing economies over the last decade, but it is now grappling with the collapse in crude prices, which has led to a shortage of dollars in the economy. ....

[Nigeria and Angola may have to devalue currency](#)

LAGOS — The Nigerian and Angolan governments’ decision to approach the World Bank and the African Development Bank (AfDB) for concessionary loans could lead to a devaluation of the countries’ currencies.

Both countries, Africa’s biggest oil producers, desperately require support to help survive the regime of low crude oil prices and strained public finances.



Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari’s government is seeking to spend its way out of an economic crisis triggered by a collapse in oil prices. ....

<h1>Botswana</h1> 		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: Defence gets fat share in 2016/2017 budget allocation](#)

Botswana’s ministry of defence, justice and security received the lion’s share of 24 per cent of the 2016/17 budget allocation delivered by the Minister of Finance and Development Planning, Kenneth Matambo on Monday.

“The Ministry takes the largest share of the proposed budget, mainly to cater for provision of defence equipment, communication equipment and infrastructure, in order to improve Botswana Defence Force’s defence capabilities,” said the minister. ....

<h1>Burundi</h1> 		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

[At Least One Killed in More Violence in Burundi](#)

NAIROBI—At least one person was killed in a grenade attack on a bar in Burundi on Monday night, witnesses said, in more violence since the African Union backed away from sending in peacekeepers without the government's consent.

The grenades went off in the Butere neighborhood of the capital Bujumbura on Monday night.



"One (person) was killed instantly," said Jean de Dieu, who was near the scene of attack.

Police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye confirmed two grenades were detonated and eight people were wounded. ....

[Burundi Crackdown on Journalists Forces Many into Exile](#)

..... More than 230,000 Burundians have fled their country to escape the violent crackdown that has raged since last April, when people took to the streets to protest President Pierre Nkurunziza’s announcement that he would run for a third term. Some 72,000 refugees—among them hundreds of union leaders and their members, including at least 250 teachers—have sought shelter in neighboring Rwanda.

The government’s efforts to intimidate and control the press has forced at least 100 journalists into exile, the Committee to Protect Journalists reports, and many others have been arrested and jailed, says Niyungeko. In addition, two Western journalists were arrested and briefly held last week. ....

<h1>Cameroon</h1> 		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


[Cameroon to use witchcraft in fight against Boko Haram](#)

The president of Cameroon, Paul Biya has demanded that an aspect of witchcraft be integrated into the fight against Boko Haram sect.

Local chiefs in that country who were worried by the spate of attacks of the sect on the country had asked their president, Paul Biya, to give them the permission to use their witches and wizards to fight and destroy the bloodthirsty sect.

According to Bisong Etahoben, a respected Cameroonian journalist, the chiefs believe with the supernatural powers of the witches and wizards, Boko Haram will be decimated.

Confirming the development via his Twitter handle, Etahoben tweeted that President Biya has given them the go ahead to use their spiritual power to wipe out the sect from the shores of the country. ....

<b>Central African Republic (CAR)</b> <u>R</u>		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


[UN in Central African Republic releases \\$9 million to respond to urgent needs](#)

2 February 2016 – The United Nations announced today that the Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) in the Central African Republic (CAR) has released \$9 million for life-saving assistance to 2.3 million people who need urgent support, including those displaced by violence, returnees, refugees and vulnerable host communities.

According to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the allocation will fund projects that respond to critical and urgent humanitarian needs to improve access to basic services, and contribute to reducing violence in and among communities.

“Our priority through this CHF funding is to bring life-saving assistance to the people mostly affected by the crisis,” said Aurélien Agbénonci, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in CAR, in a press release.

“This funding will help humanitarian organizations to provide clean water and sanitation, camp management of [internally displaced persons] sites, education, healthcare, food and immediate livelihoods support, nutrition, protection and shelter and non-food items,” he added. ....

<b>Congo Rep. (Brazzaville)</b> <u>R</u>		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

[Amnesty calls on Republic of Congo to free opposition figure](#)

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) - Amnesty International has called on Republic of Congo authorities to unconditionally release an opposition leader detained for more than two months.

The organization said Monday that Paulin Makaya was detained and charged for exercising his right to freedom of expression by participating in an October protest against amendments to the constitution in Brazzaville.

Amnesty International says Makaya and others arrested are prisoners of conscience. It says all charges should be dropped in the run-up to national elections.

Republic of Congo opposition leaders called for a boycott of an Oct. 25 referendum vote that ultimately passed to allow the country's longtime president to seek another term.

Amnesty says 16 people died in clashes during demonstrations in Brazzaville and Pointe Noire.

Elections originally scheduled for July, will be held March 20.

[Congo Brazzaville: More opposition candidates ahead of March polls](#)


Ahead of March 20 Election, three more opposition candidates have registered to join the race for presidency in Congo Brazzaville.


The candidates include former minister André Okombi Salissa, who served under current President Dennis Sassou Nguesso from 1997 -2012.

“I currently live for Congo with a passion. It is for Congo, its future, its destiny which are the root of my political commitment,” he said.

Other candidates are Nganguia Engambé, 2009 presidential hopeful who will vie under the PAR (Party for Action of the Republic)and Pascal Tsasy Mabila, current secretary of the Pan-African Union for Social Democracy party (UPADS) of former President Pascal Lissouba.


The presidential election will be held on March 20, and not in July as previously planned. In a speech delivered before parliament. Congolese President Denis Sassou Nguesso had indicated that it would take place in the first quarter of 2016. ....


<b>Congo DR (Kinshasa)</b> <u>R</u>		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


<b>Ethiopia</b> <u>R</u>		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


[\\$1.4 billion aid needed to deal with Ethiopia drought](#)


[Ethnic clashes kill dozens in Ethiopia](#)


<b>Gabon</b> <u>R</u>		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:


<b>Kenya</b> <u>R</u>		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

<b>Lesotho</b> <u>R</u>		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

<b>Madagascar</b> <u>R</u>		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

<b>Malawi</b> <u>R</u>		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

<b>Mauritius</b> <u>R</u>		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

<b>Mozambique</b> <u>R</u>		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: Opposition Leader Threatens Takeover](#)**

In response to the leader of the the opposition political party RENAMO threatening to seize power in disputed provinces of Mozambique Freedom House issued the following statement:


“Freedom House is concerned about the escalating tension between the governing FRELIMO party and the opposition RENAMO party, fueled by the attempted assassination of RENAMO Secretary-General Manuel Bissopo and threats by party leader Afonso Dhlakama to seize power,” said Vukasin Petrovic, director for Africa programs. “As violence continues to force citizens to flee to Malawi and the SADC region for safety, we call for restraint by all parties.” .....


**[Malawi: 4,000 refugees flee ongoing terror in Mozambique](#)**


There are now over 4,000 people in Malawi claiming to have fled government aggression in Mozambique, Zitamar News has learned, while government officials contradict each other over the reasons behind the exodus.


Zitamar’s correspondent in Moatize, the coal-rich district in Tete where the refugees are crossing into Malawi, interviewed refugees at the Kapise camp in Malawi on Saturday 30 January.

“Government troops are torturing us, killing, burning our houses and barns” said Rogério Bernardo . “They kill people and leave their bodies in the river – it’s inhuman.” .....


<b>Namibia</b> <u>R</u>		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

<b>Reunion Island</b> <u>R</u>		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:

<b>Rwanda</b> <u>R</u>		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

<b>Somalia</b> <u>R</u>		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:

**[Somalia records a year free of piracy](#)**

<b>South Africa</b> <u>R</u>		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

**[S. Africa’s Zuma Wants Auditor-General to Consider Home Upgrade](#)**

South African President Jacob Zuma has proposed the auditor-general and finance minister be tasked with determining how much he should pay back for upgrades to his private home in Nkandla in KwaZulu-Natal province.

The constitutional court will consider if the idea is appropriate at a hearing Feb. 9, according to a statement from Zuma’s office on Tuesday. While Zuma still objects to “factual aspects and legal conclusions” in a 2014

report by the public protector, which recommended he repay the state out of his own pocket for some of the renovations at his traditional homestead, he wants to find a “simple” resolution, it said.

South African opposition parties have gone to court in a bid to force Zuma to refund some of the 215.9 million rand (\$13 million) of taxpayer money spent on a swimming pool, cattle enclosure and an amphitheater at the private residence. While the graft ombudsman recommended partial repayment, a police report, adopted by the National Assembly controlled by Zuma’s African National Congress, has cleared Zuma of liability.

[Maimane to outline plans to cut cabinet by more than half](#)

“In 2009, when Zuma announced his first bloated national executive of 34 cabinet ministers, it was for the purpose of ‘improving and speeding up the implementation of our progressive policies and programmes’,” a DA statement said.

“South Africans have yet to see this declaration come to fruition.”

The party said that the “cabinet become a tool for dispensing patronage to those connected to Zuma and the African National Congress, instead of delivering the needs of the South African people”. ....

[ANC has made South Africa more racist: de Klerk](#)

<b>South Sudan</b> <a href="#">R</a>	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:


[S. Sudan rebels accuse gov’t forces of using chemical weapons](#)

February 1, 2016 (ADDIS ABABA) – South Sudan’s armed opposition group, (SPLM-IO) on Monday accused forces loyal to the Juba government of allegedly using chemical weapons on their forces in Lanyi and Mundri in East county of western equatoria state. ....

<b>Swaziland</b> <a href="#">R</a>	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> <a href="#">R</a>	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

[Tanzania is still Failing to Protect its Children who Live with Albinism](#)

<b>Uganda</b> <a href="#">R</a>		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

[A Ugandan general who has criticized the country's long-serving president has been charged in a court-martial and remanded to jail](#)

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — A military general who criticized Uganda's longtime president was charged in a court-martial and remanded to jail, but his supporters say he is the victim of state persecution.

Gen. David Sejusa was charged Tuesday with being absent without leave, participating in political activities and insubordination.

A lawyer for Sejusa, David Mushabe, described Sejusa as "a prisoner of conscience" who has been targeted for calling President Yoweri Museveni a dictator.

Sejusa's problems started in 2013, when he wrote a letter to the domestic spy chief urging him to investigate allegations of a plot to kill high-ranking government officials seen as being opposed to the political rise of Museveni's son, Brig. Muhoozi Kainerugaba.

Kainerugaba is the commander of Uganda's special forces, a position that puts him in charge of his father's security. Many Ugandans believe Kainerugaba is being groomed to succeed his father, despite the president's denial. ....


[Health workers sent to north Uganda as malaria epidemic kills over 650](#)




KAMPALA (Thomson Reuters Foundation) – Uganda dispatched a team of more than 370 health workers to the northern part of the country on Monday where a malaria epidemic ravaging the region since July has killed about 658 people.

Uganda reported an unusual outbreak of malaria in the north of the country in July, which health officials say has affected one million people from a population of about 39 million.

Uganda has one of the highest rates of malaria in Africa, with some 100,000 deaths, mostly pregnant women and children under five, and 16 million cases a year, according to the country’s Ministry of Health.

The emergency team sent to deal with the epidemic consists of 26 medical doctors as well as clinical officers and nurses. ....

<b>Zambia</b> <a href="#">R</a>		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:

<h1>Zimbabwe</h1>   	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

[Zimbabwe chief prosecutor charged over Mugabe bomb plot case](#)

Zimbabwe's chief prosecutor has been charged with obstructing the course of justice after allegedly dropping charges against people accused of plotting to bomb the president's dairy.

Four army officers also appeared at the magistrates court in the capital Harare charged with treason.

Attorney General Johannes Tomana denies the charges. He was brought to court in the back of a police pick-up truck.

The milk production plant is run by President Robert Mugabe's wife, Grace. ....

[Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu-PF to act on social media](#)

Harare - Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu-PF politburo is set to meet to discuss the "negative" use of social media by party officials who are allegedly using it to attack other party members, the state-owned Herald newspaper reported on Tuesday.

According to the party spokesperson, Simon Khaya Moyo, aggrieved party members should use party structures to raise their complaints and to communicate party information.

This came after the party's affiliate, the Zimbabwe Nation Liberation War Veterans Association (ZNLWVA), alleged that some party members were abusing social media.

"The president [Robert Mugabe] says that we must avoid social media. We are a party with structures and where we have situation of transgression they should be brought to the party through relevant structures. I think that if somebody raises those issues [at the party's politburo meeting], I think the party will come up with a position," Moyo was quoted saying. ....

[Mujuru campaign jolts Mugabe, Tsvangirai](#)

PRESIDENT Robert Mugabe and opposition MDC-T leader, Morgan Tsvangirai have lined up a number of nationwide campaign rallies amid reports the two politicians have been shaken by the tremors caused by former Vice-President Joice Mujuru's underground campaign, particularly in the rural areas. ....

[4 000 farmers evicted by Mugabe policy](#)

Robert Mugabe launched the land reform programme in 2000 to redistribute property from white farmers to landless black Zimbabweans.

Around 4 000 whites were forcibly evicted and 18 farmers were killed during the violent land reposessions.




Most of the country's white farmers have now been removed in what 91-year-old President Mugabe claims is a bid to redress Zimbabwe's colonial history.

In the 1980s the country was home to 120 000 whites and more than seven million blacks - yet around half of the land was owned by white people.

According to the UK Government website, 210 farmers in Zimbabwe are being prosecuted for refusing to vacate homes allocated for redistribution.

There are now understood to only be around 300 white farmers living in the country.

[Zimbabwe President Says Africa Should Quit the United Nations — Unless the Continent Gets a Permanent Spot on the Security Council](#)

<h1>United States</h1>    <p>Data Provided for comparison</p>	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.

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[Mormon Newsroom](#)

[Mormon Channel](#)

[Mormon Tabernacle Choir](#)

## 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'	
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><a href="#">the land had not been formally dedicated. Elder Nelson and others met as a small group for that purpose on Oct. 25. (2011)</a></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

			<p>Faust concluded, a gentle rain began to fall, and rainfall increased for days afterward.”</p> <p>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.”</p> <p><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></p>
Central Africa Republic	2012	October 29	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><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></p>
Gabon	2013	November 5	<p>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.</p>
Tanzania	2003	November 18	<p>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.</p> <p><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></p>
Mauritius	1988	November 22	<p>The islands of Mauritius and Réunion, in the Mascarene Islands Mission, were dedicated late in 1988 for the preaching of the gospel.</p> <p><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></p> <p>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.</p>
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South Africa	1973	December 1	<p>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.”</p> <p><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></p>

## 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.

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