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## **SOUTHERN AFRICA** (10 countries)

Lampstands in 4 countries (South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Angola)

Approx. 1500 saints in the church life in 14 localities.

## **Angola**

No. of localities: 2

No. of saints in church life: 600

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 400

Situated on the western coast of Southern Africa, Angola is the largest among the six Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa (the others are Mozambique, Equatorial Guinea, Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea-Bissau).



*Vital Church Life* - Through the coordination and supply of the Body, the church life in Angola was revitalised in 2015 with visiting saints coming from Brazil and South Africa. Some saints started to travel and participate in regional conferences as well as short-term trainings in Pretoria, South Africa. In March 2020, a brother who had recently graduated from the Full-Time Training in Pretoria (FTTP) returned to Angola. He is now serving in Uige, the locality with the largest number of saints gathering in Angola. This has been an encouragement and strengthening to the saints in Angola. At present two brothers have the desire to join the Full-Time Training in Caacupé, Paraguay. Please pray that their visas will be released.

*Unceasing Prayer* – During the pandemic, we received the burden to join the global prayer for 30 days. We tried to overcome technical difficulties due to Internet and device limitations. Eventually we made use of Google Hangouts, which was a more viable and economical option for the saints, but only up to 10 saints could pray together online. In order to overcome this limitation we had the feeling to group 10 to 15 brothers in a house in order to pray, despite the restrictions imposed by the Government on physical gatherings. After the initial 30 days, the prayer burden was extended for another 30 days. Afterwards, the saints in Uige had the burden to continue the daily prayer. This



has continued and currently the saints are still praying unceasingly. Such a prayer life has brought in many blessings. We have witnessed an increase in the number of saints coming into the church life. During this period more than 30 new ones have been baptized. In addition, the Lord has raised up gatherings of believers in two neighboring cities, Maquela and Bungo. May such blessings continue to abound and to flow to other cities in Angola, in particular to the capital city Luanda.

**Perfecting the Young People** – Since sometime last year, the Church in Uige has rented a house for the gathering and perfecting of young people (approximately 16-25 years of age). This house has proven to be very useful to the Lord's move in Angola - the young people gather day by day.

Every first week of the month, a young people's training is held. Trainings for other saints are also held periodically. We thank the Lord for raising up a group of young



people who voluntarily offer themselves to serve the Lord and shepherd the saints from house to house, perfecting them and leading them to have a genuine and practical church life full of the expression of life.

**Visitations** - During the pandemic, inter-city public transport has been very limited. By the Lord's mercy there were some visitations to the saints in Ndalatando and Malange recently. We pray that the Lord will continue to shepherd the saints and recover His testimony in these cities.



## **MALAWI**

No. of saints in church life: 38 No table meeting established yet

Malawi is a landlocked country in southeastern Africa bordered by Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania. It spans an area of 118,484 km<sup>2</sup>, a third of which is taken up by Lake Malawi, the  $5^{th}$  largest fresh water lake in the world by volume.



Praise the Lord for His move in Malawi which started in the early 2010s, when some visiting saints brought ministry books and materials to the country. As a result some local believers learned some truth and read about the normal Christian church life. In 2019 a conference was organized in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. During the conference, there was a clear revelation of Christ and the church. There was also a call to come out of denominations into the reality of Christ. We can say that this conference marked the beginning of the proper church life in Malawi.

Currently 38 saints are practicing the church life in two major cities, Lilongwe and Blantyre (the second largest city). The pandemic has subsided in the country. Nevertheless, the Government continues to impose guidelines: wearing masks, social distancing and prohibiting large gatherings. We thank the Lord for His provision and abundant supply during this time. Through online means (Whatsapp and video-conferencing) we have been able to participate in some regional and international trainings and conferences. This has brought more light and has given the saints a wonderful way to experience and enjoy the Lord in a corporate way. Please pray for Malawi – for the saints to be established and vitalized, and for lampstands to be raised up in this country for His testimony.