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ASEA Area Presidency Introduction to the 2016 Area Plan. (Excellent!)



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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**)

Swaziland 21 February 1990: President Neal A. Maxwell dedicates Swaziland.

Lesotho 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 aseapublicaffairs@ldschurch.org

Interesting Stuff about Africa & ASEA area

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Found in the news stream.

Medical News Found in the news stream.

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[Monkeypox outbreak reported in Mbomou prefecture, Central African Republic](#)



Health officials are advising the public to avoid any manipulation with sick or dead animals and their secretions as a monkeypox outbreak has struck Mbomou prefecture in southern Central African Republic (CAR).

According to the Ministry of Public Health, at least two deaths have been reported leaving a number of other people quarantined. The health ministry says they have the situation under control; however, they call for vigilance. Ms. Margueritte Maliévo Samba said, "I call all the Central African population in general and that of the Prefecture of Mbomou especially for calm and strict respect for preventive

measures that were to wash hands regularly, avoid any manipulation with sick or dead animals and secretions of infected person and objects."

Social Media/Internet/Tech

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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

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[Nigeria's Fulani Herdsmen Named Fourth Deadliest Terror Group in World](#)

..... According to THE INDEPENDENT UK, operating mainly in the middle belt of Nigeria, opposed to the north which is dominated by Boko Haram, the group recorded 847 deaths last year across five states, and has also been known to stage attacks in the Central African Republic (CAR), according to the latest report from the Global Terrorism Index.


[Has The Latest Oil Price Plunge Brought Forward Nigeria's Day of Reckoning?](#)

Imagine a petroleum-dependent economy, one further constrained by an unrealistic currency peg to a resurgent US dollar.

Not Saudi Arabia, which can put off its day of reckoning, cushioned by foreign exchange reserves of \$640 billion. Down to its last \$30 million in reserves, oil-rich Nigeria may have run out of cards to play in its fight to maintain a fixed currency as the 18-month slide in crude oil prices gathers momentum.

Over the weekend, Nigeria's central bank lifted some of its restrictions on foreign currency transactions, permitting commercial banks to accept foreign currency deposits, a practice halted last year. In turn, commercial banks have allowed customers to transfer foreign funds abroad.

The move came after the Nigeria's currency, the naira, fell to more than 300 against the dollar in the parallel market, a far cry from the official rate of 197-199 to the US unit. The central bank did itself no favors in its quest to prevent a widening of the gap between the official and black market rate last week, when it halted direct sales of foreign currency to non-bank institutions, further restricting the circulation of dollars in a hard-currency starved economy.

Angola R		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 starts murder trial of church group leader and followers](#)

HUAMBO, Angola, Jan 18 (Reuters) - The leader of a fringe Christian sect in Angola went on trial with 10 of his followers on Monday charged with the murder of nine police officers and attempted murder in central Huambo province last year.

Police say the officers were shot dead during raids which ended with the capture of preacher Jose Kalupeteka, leader of a millenarian sect called "The Light of the World", and his followers last April.

The raids were launched as a part of a drive against fringe Christian church groups now illegal under new rules that require denominations to have 100,000 registered members spread across at least a third of Angola's 18 provinces.


Kalupeteka's church has an estimated 3,000 members.


Angolan opposition party UNITA has said that more than 1,000 civilians were killed when police clashed with members of Kalupeteka's church, though police have said only 13 sect members died.

[Angola's Human Rights Crisis - the Abuse of Preventative Detention](#)

..... At that time, the Angolan President, José Eduardo dos Santos, had decreed pardons to prisoners who had served half of their sentences (provided those sentences did not exceed a maximum of 12 years). Government news releases hailed the move with the headline: "Thousands of prisoners are set free thanks to the presidential pardon".

Yet while convicted felons benefited, the presidential pardons had no effect on detainees held for years without trial in what Angola calls "preventative detention".

Botswana R		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

Burundi R		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 Still Hopeful for Peaceful Settlement](#)

The exiled leader of the Opposition Front for Democracy in Burundi (FRODEBU) said efforts toward a peaceful resolution of the Burundian crisis are not dead because the Burundian people want peace.

Peace talks that were scheduled to resume on January sixth in Uganda's capital, Kampala, did not take place because the government of President Pierre Nkurunziza said it would not negotiate with certain opposition figures it considers as "coup plotters" or "sponsors of acts of terrorism."

But FRODEBU leader Jean Minani said the president has said 'the peace process can't be dead because all Burundians expect to have peace. So, if the current government of Nkurunziza doesn't want to negotiate, they will be forced to go into negotiation, he said.'

[Burundi conflict more horrifying as hearts found missing from bodies](#)

That was among the shocking revelations that unfolded in the just-ended, four day sessions of public hearing on the atrocities taking place in Bujumbura. They had taken place inside the plenary hall of the East African Legislative Assembly within the East African Community (EAC) Headquarters here.

The Arusha-held public hearing on the petition by East African Citizens on deteriorating humanitarian situation in Burundi follows the petition submitted on November 16, 2015 by the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU) and five other Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

These include Atrocities Watch Africa, Centre for Citizens' Participation on the African Union (CCPAU), East African Civil Society Organisations' Forum (EACSOFF), East Africa Law Society (EALS) and Kituo cha Katiba – The Eastern Africa Centre for Constitutional Development.

The Chairman of the Burundi Civil Society Organisation, Mr Vital Nshirimana, stated here that as soon as killers murder their victims, they proceed to perform macabre surgeries on the dead men and women chests, cutting them open and removing the hearts.


Where those bodily organs are being taken remains a mystery. Mr Nshirimana, who also represented the Forum for Reinforcement of Civil Society (FORSC), called upon EAC member states to seriously look into the matter because right now **the number of Burundi citizens who have lost their lives is climbing towards 1,200 with nearly 400,000 fleeing the country as refugees camped in Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania.**

[THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IN BURUNDI](#)

About **13 cases of forceful gang rape** have been recorded in Burundi since the beginning of December, according to the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein. In a statement released on Friday, he also said there has been a sharp rise in the rate of killings in December and **witnesses have**

reported the existence of nine mass grave sites. Burundi has been torn apart by violence since President Pierre Nkurunziza decided to run for a controversial third term. Violence has continued since he won the elections.

Fresh allegations of human rights abuses in Burundi is alarming. About 350 people have been killed in politically- motivated violence since April 2015, according to a report by Amnesty International and other national human rights monitors.

<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: Boko Haram Targeting Cattle, Food](#)

Boko Haram militants have not only taken the lives of more than 1,000 civilians and soldiers in Cameroon in the past three years, but the government says the country has lost thousands of cattle, sheep and goats to the terrorist raiders.

[4 dead in suicide attack at Cameroon mosque: security source](#)


YAOUNDE: Four worshipers were killed in a suicide bombing at a mosque in northern Cameroon Monday, a security source said, five days after a similar attack left 12 people dead.

Monday's blast hit the village of Nguetchewe in Cameroon's Far North region, in an area near the border with Nigeria regularly targeted by Boko Haram militants.

[Official: Teenage suicide bomber kills 4 at Cameroon mosque](#)

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP) — A Cameroon official says a 14-year-old suicide bomber has attacked a mosque in Cameroon's north, killing at least four people.

Governor Midjiyawa Bakari said Monday that the boy came early into a town in the Mayo Tsanaga Division in Cameroon's far north and blew himself up during morning prayers. He said a civilian defense group set up to fight Boko Haram extremists prevented more deaths by quickly warning those praying.


<h1>Central African Republic (CAR)</h1> 	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



[730 troops deployed in C.A.R.](#)

The Zambia Army has started pre-deployment training for 730 troops earmarked for peacekeeping in the Central African Republic.

[UN whistleblower who exposed sexual abuse by peacekeepers is exonerated](#)

Anders Kompass 'relieved but sad' after being cleared of wrongdoing for revealing abuse in Central African Republic.

<h1>Congo Rep. (Brazzaville)</h1> 	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


<h1>Congo DR (Kinshasa)</h1>  	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

[DR Congo to prosecute militia leader Katanga, convicted by ICC](#)

Kinshasa (AFP) - The Democratic Republic of Congo said it plans to prosecute notorious militia leader Germain Katanga, who had been scheduled to leave prison in Kinshasa on Monday after completing a sentence handed down by the International Criminal Court.

"He will not leave" prison, Justice Minister Alexis Thambwe Mwamba told AFP in an interview Monday.

He said Katanga was implicated "in other cases just as serious" as the one he was convicted for by the ICC in 2014 -- that of arming an ethnic militia which in 2003 carried out a brutal village massacre, killing some 200 people.

<h1>Ethiopia</h1> 	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: 64

[Why Ethiopia is making a historic 'master plan' U-turn](#)



A controversial plan by the Ethiopian government to expand the capital, Addis Ababa, is set to be scrapped after a key member of the ruling coalition withdrew its support.

The expansion plan sparked deadly violence in the central-southern state of Oromia, which surrounds Addis Ababa.

Rights groups say that at least 150 protesters have died and another 5,000 have been arrested by security forces. Similar protests in May 2014 left dozens of protesters dead.

Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn had vowed on 16 December that his government would be "merciless" towards the protesters, who he described as "anti-peace forces".

However in a surprising move, the Oromo People's Democratic Organisation (OPDO) said on 12 January that it had resolved to "fully terminate" the plan after a three-day meeting.



<h1>Gabon</h1> 		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:

[Gabon recalls Paris ambassador over French PM's election comments](#)

Gabon has recalled its ambassador to Paris after France's prime minister appeared to question the legitimacy of President Ali Bongo's election in 2009, the central African country said.

The latest sign of fraying relations between Gabon and its former colonial ruler follows a French investigation into the origins of the wealth of the Bongo family, which has ruled the oil producing nation since 1967.



Asked during a television interview on Saturday whether Bongo had been democratically elected, Prime Minister Manuel Valls said: "No, not as I understand it."



<h1>Kenya</h1> 		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



[Kenya plans spending cuts to curb surging budget deficit](#)

The Kenyan government plans to cut spending by 1 per cent of gross domestic product in the next six months as it seeks to rein in its ballooning budget deficit and create "buffers" to counter emerging market turbulence.

[Kenya Hoping to Export Oil, Despite Global Downturn](#)

<h1>Lesotho</h1> 		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> 		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



[Former Malawi president's billions still under investigation](#)

..... According to Nyasa Times, the investigation would be limited to Matharika's children, namely his son Madalitso, and daughters, Duwa and Tapiwa.

Current President Peter Mutharika will not be investigated, because he has presidential immunity from investigations and prosecution.

The ACB said it was waiting for information about an account that Mutharika opened in Jersey, Europe, in order to investigate if fraudulent activities had taken place.

<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 registers 13,000 youth for military service](#)



The National Director of Human Resources in Mozambique's Ministry of Defense, Edgar Cossa, said 13,302 youths throughout the country have registered for military service in the first two weeks of this year's compulsory registration for military service. Cossa told a media briefing in the capital, Maputo that of these, 8,986 are men and 4,316 are women.



Registration began on 4 January and will continue until 28 February and under Mozambican legislation all citizens must register for military service in the year of their 18th birthday.



The registration covers not only 18 year-olds but anyone who failed to register in previous years, for whatever reason, as long as they are under the age of 35.



[Mozambique university to launch Chinese degree course](#)

Students at Eduardo Mondlane University will have the chance to visit Chinese universities



<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:

[Somalia received Saudi aid the day it cut ties with Iran – document](#)
 NAIROBI, (Reuters) – Somalia received a pledge of aid for \$50 million from Saudi Arabia this month on the same day it announced it was cutting ties with Saudi rival Iran, a document seen by Reuters showed.

<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

[#ZumaMustFall dominates social media](#)
 #ZumaMustFall dominated social media over the past week, according to media monitoring company ROI Africa.

While it received 11.02% of news coverage, on social media, #ZumaMustFall took up 51.75% of the conversation on social media over the past week.

[Analysis: Why the rand is falling](#)
 (An excellent article.-rb)

[Drought Dries South African Maize Silos](#)
 JOHANNESBURG—South Africa is quickly running out of maize as the El Nino drought deepens. Like many other countries in southern Africa, South Africa is experiencing its worst drought in decades. As the current crop withers due to extreme heat and little rainfall, food prices are rising and may be out of reach for millions.

A devastating drought caused by adverse effects of El Nino has left South Africa exposed to a serious food security threat. El Nino is a global climate phenomenon characterized by the warming of ocean surface temperatures in equatorial parts of the Pacific and recurs every few years.

[South African White Corn Exceeds 5,000 Rand, Rising to Record](#)
 White-corn futures in South Africa, the continent’s biggest producer of the grain, exceeded 5,000 rand (\$298) a metric ton for the first time, climbing to the highest on record as the driest weather in more than a century hurts production.
 White corn for delivery in July climbed 2.5 percent to 5,020 rand a ton on the South African Futures Exchange in Johannesburg, the highest level since trading started on the bourse in August 1996.

[South Africa: Mbeki Said Zuma Would Be Taken Care of Should He Resign - Lawyer](#)
 Back in 2003, former ANC president, Thabo Mbeki offered Jacob Zuma millions in return for him resigning following an announcement by former NPA head, Bulelani Ngcuka that there was a Prima Facie case against Zuma.

This was revealed in papers filed by Zuma's lawyer, Micheal Hulley last week which were published by the Mail & Guardian.

"It is correct that Mbeki asked Zuma to resign prior to the Ngcuka announcement in 2003," Hulley said in the documents.

"This was a request purportedly based on a huge case [volumes of data] against him [Zuma]. If Zuma left quietly, he would not be prosecuted and he would be well looked after financially [a R20m amount was mooted]."

[EFF literally counting down days to ConCourt date with Zuma](#)
 Cape Town – In 21 days, the EFF will face off with President Jacob Zuma in the Constitutional Court to hold him accountable for paying for a portion of taxpayer-funded upgrades to his Nkandla homestead.

And the party is looking forward to the day.



The case will be heard in the Constitutional Court on February 9 2016, and the EFF will lead a march to the court on that day.

This is according to a "#PayBackTheMoney March to Concourt" clock on its website.

[Anti-racism should be taught in SA schools: ANC](#)
 Children should be taught from a young age to be against racism, the ANC's KwaZulu-Natal chairperson Sihle Zikalala said.

"South Africans should be taught at young stage to despise racism. To achieve this, the department of education should ensure that life orientation currently taught in our schools has extensive content that deals with social cohesion and racism," Zikalala said.

"The department of education must engage with private schools to adopt life orientation, private schools cannot be left as platform to sustain divisive tendencies of the past," he added.


<h1>South Sudan</h1> 		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:

[South Sudan vows to shut down oil fields, pipeline over high transportation fees](#)
 January 17, 2016 (JUBA/KHARTOUM) – South Sudan’s Petroleum and Mining ministry says it may be forced to shut down its oil fields in Upper Nile state and turn off pipeline, should the Sudanese government a request to lower its oil transit fees.

A pipeline that transports crude oil from the south to Port Sudan (Reuters)

"We are left with no option at the moment rather than to shut it down because it's not feasible. We cannot sell the oil at loss", the ministry said in a memo sent to Sudan's Ministry of Petroleum and Mining.


South Sudan, according to a negotiated agreement, pays Khartoum up to \$25 per barrel for its crude oil transported through the Sudanese territory.

<h1>Swaziland</h1> 	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

[New US envoy promises to help Swaziland regain AGOA membership](#)

The new United States ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson brings hope for the country's efforts to regain the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) status which it lost on January 1, 2015 because of failure to fully meet five benchmarks, APA reports on Monday.

After replacing former Ambassador Makila James on January 4, 2016, Peterson has since sent a video directed to the people of Swaziland, in which she briefly outlines what she would be doing during her tenure in the kingdom.

<h1>Tanzania</h1> 	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



[#WhatWouldMagufuliDo: Tanzania bans mini skirts](#)

Dar es Salaam - In yet another surprising move, Tanzanian President John Magufuli has banned mini skirts, Kenya's Standard media, reports.

Following his sweeping victory last October, Magufuli has become an international hero due to cost-cutting measures introduced across the country.

Now, Magufuli has surprised the public once again, by banning mini skirts across Tanzania.

The move comes just a few months after the country banned "twerking".

<h1>Uganda</h1> 		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



[Ugandan Court Says No to Parliament's Move On Journos Without Degrees](#)



The Ugandan High Court has moved to block a parliamentary directive that sought to ban journalists without university degrees from covering its proceedings, a report said on Monday. This comes after the east African nation's parliament last week issued a directive to media houses saying that journalists without university degrees would not be allowed to cover parliamentary proceedings as from May 2016.

The parliament argued that this would to curb what it described as "lazy journalism".

"... journalists who cover Parliament must meet certain minimum requirements," the parliament was quoted as saying in a statement.

However, according to the Observer, the country's forum for parliament journalists - the Uganda Parliamentary Press Association (UPPA) - launched a complaint against the Parliamentary Commission's directive, saying that parliament "had no right to lock out reporters on the basis of academic qualifications", thus, leading to High Court Judge Beatrice Stella Atingu temporarily blocking the move.

<h1>Zambia</h1> 		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 Denies Reports of Mugabe Heart Attack](#)

[Food aid, baobab on menu as Zimbabwe struggles with drought](#)

MUTARE, Zimbabwe, Jan 18 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Elliot Nzarayebani, a farmer in Zimunya, a small community near Mutare city, expects to have to rely on food handouts due to the drought ravaging his maize.

"Crops are wilting right in front of our eyes. The situation is desperate," said the 45-year-old father of four.

The maize planted in November in this part of eastern Zimbabwe is wilting fast, while some crops planted in late December never even germinated.

"We are not expecting much help from our government because it's broke," said Nzarayebani. "We hope NGOs will chip in with food aid for us to survive through the year."




There is fear and anxiety among Zimbabwe's farmers as the country faces yet another damaging drought.

[Zimbabwe Faces Hangman Crisis](#)

At least 117 prisoners are on death row in Zimbabwe and no executions have been carried out for the past 12 years due to the unavailability of a hangman, the Constitutional Court heard recently.

Zimbabweans are shunning the job.

Appearing for 14 death row prisoners who are challenging the constitutionality of the death penalty despite spending lengthy periods in custody, Harare lawyer Mr Tendai Biti said the number of condemned prisoners awaiting death stood at 117.

United States  <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.

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Botswana	none	Botswana Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
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Malawi	None	Malawi Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Mozambique	None	Mozambique Mormon Newsroom Facebook (Portuguese)
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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 dedicated the nation of Zambia to the preaching of the gospel. "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	The prayer of dedication on 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 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. http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work
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, 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	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 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 Johannesburg South Africa Temple is dedicated. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng
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. http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work
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. Elder Holland offered a blessing on the people and the nation, 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 quiet hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean 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 serves as president of the Africa Area, dedicated Uganda from the capital city, Kampala. Earlier this year, Uganda granted the Church official status. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng
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. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng 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 Elder James E. Faust (1920–2007) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles dedicates Zimbabwe for the preaching of the gospel.
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. (2011)
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.” https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng
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. https://www.lds.org/church/news/elder-holland-dedicates-central-african-republic?lang=eng
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. http://www.ldschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/44749/Gospel-takes-root-in-Tanzania.html
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. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1989/03/news-of-the-church/mauritius-reunion-dedicated-for-missionary-work?lang=eng 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.” https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng

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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[Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom](#) 2013

[Zulu](#) (1964)

[Hotel Rwanda](#) (2004)

[Out of Africa](#) (1985)

[Invictus](#) (2009)

[The Last King of Scotland](#) (2006)

[Mandela and de Klerk](#) (1997)

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Sources of information for country banners:

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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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