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

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[Why Do Mormons Have Churches and Temples?](#)

(An interesting article by Huff Post.-rb)

Church-Important Africa Dates

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Upcoming Church related Historical Events in the Africa Southeast Area.

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

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
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(A very interesting article with great pictures.-rb)

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[Google wants to write your Facebook posts for you](#)

Writing pithy posts that people will like on social media is hard: Every company in the world hires social media experts for that very reason. But a new patent from Google might have the answer for those of us who need help crafting our posts about the latest online trends.

In a patent awarded to the company yesterday (Jan. 19), Google outlined a suggestion system for sharing links to social networks from emails. In the scenario that the patent envisions, someone receives an email from a friend with a link to a new book. When they click on the link, Google's system would pop up a window with suggestions on how to share the link on social media. "Many users share links or start a conversation through emails," the patent says. "However, email is not an optimal mechanism for sharing links or for engaging in a conversation."

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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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[Panic grips corrupt Nigerian officials as Buhari signs agreement on stolen funds with United Arab Emirate](#)

There was panic among corrupt incumbent and former government officials Tuesday after news filtered in that President Muhammadu Buhari has signed agreements with the United Arab Emirate on repatriation of stolen funds and extradition of culpable officials.

The Mutual Legal Assistance on Criminal and Commercial Matters, which will allow the UAE government return monies hidden or invested in banks and real estates in the country, was among a series of other bilateral agreements signed by the President's delegation, which was in the country for the World Energy Forum.

[Nigeria's stock market has lost nearly as much value in 2016 as it did all of last year](#)

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: The Fate of Portugal's BPI Bank Lies With Africa's Richest Woman](#)

One of Portugal's largest and most venerable banks, the Banco BPI could be brought to its knees, not through bankruptcy or similar problems, but because its operations in Angola would be hamstrung if they lose their link to the Banco de Fomento Angola (BFA).

In the first six months of 2015, BFA operations made up 70% of BPI profits. That shows the extent of the BPI's dependency on this single financial institution in its Angolan operation. And BPI's partner in the BFA is none other than Unitel.

Step forward Isabel dos Santos, billionaire daughter of Angola's President Jose Eduardo dos Santos. In other circumstances, it might be quite deliciously ironic to see a post-colonial African entrepreneur - and a female to boot - take down a bank connected to the old boys' club of Portugal's well-heeled aristocracy (Santos Silva and Ulrich). In reality, it is much more complicated.

Isabel dos Santos's holding company Santoro owns 18% of Banco BPI's shares, with voting rights held directly by the lady herself. Thanks to the transparency rules enshrined in Article 20 of Portugal's 'Codigo de Valores Mobiliarios' (the CMVM - Securities Exchange Commission) we know that Isabel dos Santos is a direct shareholder in BPI.

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

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: Official Denounces Churches That Do Not Play True Role](#)

Luanda — The General Secretary of the Organization of Angolan Women (OMA), Luzia Inglês, admitted Tuesday that the country has many churches that do not exercise their true role and contribute nothing to the civic and moral values of citizens.

Speaking at a press conference Monday, when making an assessment of the activities already developed of the 6th congress, to be held next 02-05 March, in Luanda, the official stressed that churches are multiplying, but most of them do not spread the gospel.


She acknowledged that the emergence of many churches in the country did not come to make a useful contribution in morality, civic society, solidarity and love of neighbour, as many of them have some cultures and traditions that hurt the morals and principles of the Angolan society.


[Standard Bank Angola sets limits on purchases with Visa](#)


Standard Bank Angola has decided to set limits on transactions with Visa cards abroad because of the difficulty in obtaining foreign currency, the bank said in a letter to customers.

The letter, cited by financial news agency Bloomberg said the monthly limit per customer is US\$504, including internet shopping, and will be put in place on 21 January.

Standard Bank said in the letter that the decision was a result of "prevailing conditions in Angola regarding the availability and implementation of foreign exchange transactions."

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

<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

[Christians and Muslims unite against Boko Haram in Cameroon](#)


(Interesting cooperation.-rb)

After three years of continued attacks by Boko Haram in their attempt to create an Islamic state, Muslims and Christians in Cameroon are now joining forces to protect each other.

Hundreds of Muslims gather each Friday for prayers at the central mosque in Mozogo near the border to Nigeria. In order to protect worshippers and the mosques from attack, the Muslim community has formed vigilante groups. But this means that those protecting the mosque would not be able to enter the building and pray, something that is required by their religion.

So the Muslim community has teamed up with Christian organizations to help protect each other. Joseph Klofou of the Protestant Church of Cameroon said that his church decided with members of self defense groups to guard mosques so believers do not have to miss their religious obligations.

[Orange, MTN owe \\$166 million in taxes to Cameroon: graft watchdog](#)

<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

[The United Nations is warning of a hunger crisis in Central African Republic that is affecting half the country's population](#)


BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP) — The United Nations is warning of a hunger crisis in Central African Republic that is affecting half the country's population.



The U.N. World Food Program said Wednesday that some 2.5 million people in the conflict-ravaged country face hunger. The number has doubled in just one year, officials said.

Central African Republic suffered through a brutal rebel regime and then waves of sectarian violence that has forced nearly 1 million people from their homes over the last three years.

WFP deputy country director Guy Adoua said the instability has kept people from tending to their fields and livestock.

Central African Republic is due to hold a presidential runoff vote later this month and there are concerns that political disputes could lead to renewed clashes.

<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

[Congo finishes review of adoptions on hold since 2013](#)


Congolese authorities have reviewed all pending cases of more than 1,000 adoptive children in the Democratic Republic of Congo after drafting new adoption legislation.



In November, local authorities approved exit permits for 72 children, but many children remained pending the completion of the new adoption law.

The draft law, to be voted on in March, would allow international adoptions only if there are no options in the country. Under the new law, Congo will only consider adoption requests from diplomatic allies, and adoptive parents must present themselves before a local tribunal.

<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

[Ethiopia hit with liquidity crisis as banks experience record big-cash withdrawals](#)

<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:

<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

[Election tensions are already rattling Kenya's most combustible region](#)

(An interesting article.-rb)

[Kenyan Muslim who shielded Christians from terrorists dies](#)

Kenya (CNN)Kill us all or leave.

That's what Salah Farah told Al-Shabaab gunmen who ambushed a bus he was riding in the Kenyan county of northeast Mandera in late December. The gunmen said they were going to kill Christian passengers.

"They told us if you are a Muslim, we are safe," he then recalled to the BBC. But Farah and other Muslims on the bus stood up to the terrorists and risked their lives by shielding the Christians.


Farah was shot. Over the past several weeks, he has seemed in good spirits, talking to reporters and his family. But on Monday, during surgery, he died.

The school teacher's words of peace and brotherhood are being praised this week in international news coverage.

"People should live peacefully together," he told Voice of America earlier this month. "We are brothers. It's only the religion that is the difference, so I ask my brother Muslims to take care of the Christians so that the Christians also take care of us. ... And let us help one another and let us live together peacefully."

[Kenya's film regulator is calling Netflix a threat to the country's national security](#)

Netflix's introduction to East Africa's largest economy isn't going so well. The Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB), the government body that regulates all visual media in the country, called the streaming service a threat to the country's "moral values and national security" and said it would seek to block the service if inappropriate content was not dealt with.


Lesotho <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


[Botswana: Khama Saves Lesotho From Sanctions](#)

President Ian Khama has managed to solve the impasse between Lesotho and SADC over the report on the Commission of Inquiry regarding the political crisis in the country.

In a press briefing on Wednesday, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations Dr Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi revealed that after the summit, President Khama - who is also the SADC Chairman - met with Lesotho Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili and convinced him to accept the report.


"Prime Minister Mosisili agreed to accept the report yesterday (Tuesday) and this changed the complexion of the situation," said Moitoi, adding that the Troika had earlier recommended either the exclusion or sanction of Lesotho on SADC activities after they refused the report on Monday.


Madagascar <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

Malawi <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

[Open defecation hits Malawi](#)

..... United Nations (UN) and other international organisations such as World Vision have established that extreme poverty and lack of sanitation are statistically linked; and eliminating open defecation is a vital part of development efforts since it is correlated with a high child mortality, under nutrition, poverty and disparities between the rich and poor.

Mauritius <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

Mozambique <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

[Top opposition Renamo MP shot, wounded in Mozambique](#)

Maputo (AFP) - A top Mozambican opposition official and lawmaker was shot and seriously wounded Wednesday in the central city of Beira, Renamo said, raising fears the attack might heighten political tensions in the country.


Manuel Bissopo "had just come out of a press conference where he denounced the kidnapping and killing of three of our members when two military and security cars gave chase and then attacked him," Renamo spokesman Antonio Muchanga, told AFP.

"We would really like to know their motive," he said.

He is in intensive care at a private hospital.

His bodyguard was killed in the attack and three other people who were in the same car were also wounded.

Police confirmed the attack but would not speculate on the assailants.

Namibia <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

[Independent power producers set to boost supply in Namibia](#)

Namibia has experienced relative economic growth partly due to reliable energy supply. This growth is now under threat as supply agreements from South Africa and Zimbabwe draw to a close. In order to hedge itself

against this likely challenge, the country has invited independent power producers to come and invest in its power sector.

[No load shedding in Namibia for next three years](#)

Namibia is most probably one of the few countries in the region that has not been compelled to introduce load shedding in 2015.

Obeth Kandjoze told the media Monday in the capital Windhoek that the country has undertaken short-term energy projects that will cost 2.4 billion Namibian dollars (around 144 million U.S. dollars) between 2016 and 2019.

He said there is a renewable energy feed-in tariff project that will produce 70MW and a solar photovoltaic project that will produce 20MW. According to Kandjoze, these projects will be ready by Dec. 2017.

Kandjoze further said Namibia is working on a 44MW wind energy project expected to be complete by 2017 as well as a heavy fuel oil diesel project that will generate 120MW set to be commissioned in Aug. 2016.


Apart from these projects, the minister said, a further 490MW will still be imported from Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Currently, Kandjoze said Namibia needs 611MW and this will go up to 879MW by 2020.

Reunion Island <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:

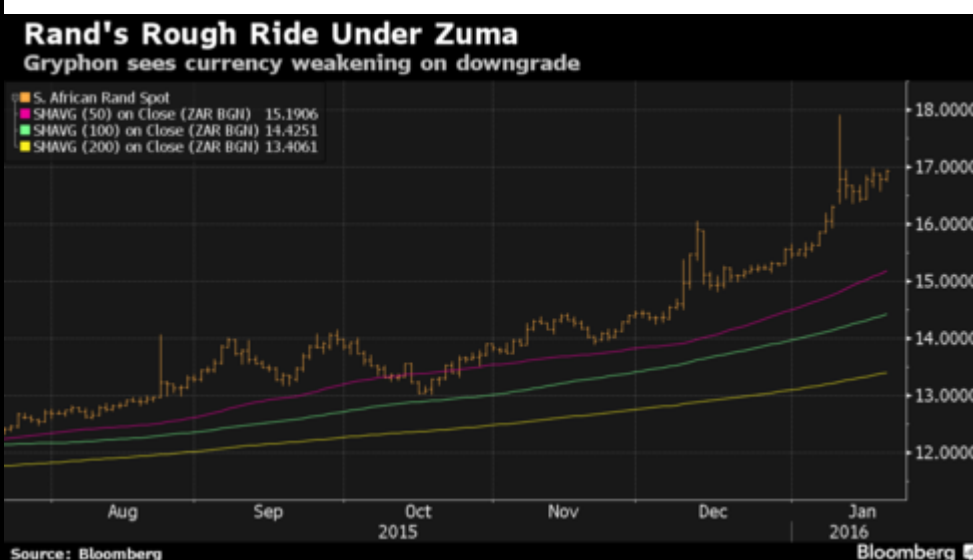
Rwanda <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	61% / 28%	Population: 12,540,798
	Penetration of population w/ internet	25.4%	Labor Force: 6,061,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	1,700 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 64
	Unemployment / year est.	3.4% / 2012	Church Members: 281
	Population below poverty line:	44.9 /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

Somalia <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:

South Africa <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

[Gryphon Sees Rand at 20 Per Dollar Unless Zuma Leaves Office](#)

The rand may weaken another 16 percent from current levels should South Africa’s credit rating be



downgraded to junk under President Jacob Zuma’s leadership, according to Gryphon Asset Management’s Abri Du Plessis, who helps manage the equivalent of \$236 million in Gryphon-branded funds.

“If we do not change the Zuma regime, then I think we’re going to see a downgrade somewhere in the year,” Du Plessis said in a Jan. 12 interview for Bloomberg Brief’s Sub-Saharan Africa newsletter. “And in that instance, the rand can

easily go to 20 against the dollar.”

[Judith February: 2016 – The year #ZumaMustFall became anti-democratic, racist](#)

(An interesting article.-rb)

[SA FLAG TAKES OVER ‘ZUMA MUST FALL’ BILLBOARD SPOT](#)

The flag replaces the notorious Zuma Must Fall billboard that was torn down at the weekend.

CAPE TOWN - The South African flag has now found its home in a prime advertising spot at the top of Cape Town’s iconic Long Street.

The flag replaces the notorious Zuma Must Fall billboard that was torn down at the weekend.



It’s still unclear who paid for hoisting the flag.

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The newly added feature has attracted a small crowd of curious onlookers at the top of Long Street.

Following the uproar around the Zuma Must Fall billboard, many Capetonians say its replacement is a better idea.

While a criminal proceedings are underway against those responsible for the banner, it’s still unclear who is behind the South African flag.

[ANC councillors who tore down 'Zuma Must Fall' banner investigated](#)

The party's members climbed on top of the building in the corner of Orange and Kloof streets and tore down the gigantic billboard

[Drought Pushes South Africa To Water, Energy, and Food Reckoning](#)

PONGOLA, South Africa — January 7, 2016 could hardly have been worse in this thunderously beautiful, water-parched, and economically reeling nation of 55 million residents at the bottom of Africa.

The South African rand slid in value to its lowest level ever and is now worth barely more than 6 U.S. cents. The business confidence index fell to its worst-ever rating. National meteorologists projected that a deep drought, already a year old, would persist until the end of 2016. Agronomists said that grain harvests were likely to be half the normal total. Layoffs in the farm sector caused by moisture scarcity and unplanted fields lifted the country's persistent joblessness to more than 35 percent. Thermometers in Pretoria, the nation's capital, reached a sun-blistered peak of 41.5 degrees Celsius (107 degrees Fahrenheit) the highest ever recorded.

The endowment of optimism and progress that South Africans embraced at the start of the new multi-racial elections and the formal end of Apartheid in 1994 has dissolved into a period of deepening national economic and social stress. Talk radio hosts reached a candid national consensus that the first Thursday of the new year was among the worst days in the 22-year post-Apartheid era. On one news station, hosts interviewed a psychic, who counseled listeners to stay calm.

[South Africa Rhino-Horn Ruling to Fuel Illegal Trade, Group Says](#)

A South African court decision to allow the sale of rhino horns within the country will make it harder to enforce a global ban on the trade, the World Wildlife Fund said.

The North Gauteng High Court affirmed an earlier ruling that lifted a domestic ban on the trade of the horn, rejecting a government appeal. The decision comes the day before the release of official rhino poaching figures for last year in South Africa, which is home to 80 percent of the world's population.

"There is no domestic demand for rhino horn in South Africa, so it is inconceivable that anyone would buy it -- unless they intend to sell it abroad illegally or they are speculating that international trade will be legalized," the WWF said in an e-mailed statement on Wednesday. "It's hard to see any positive conservation benefits from lifting the moratorium on domestic trade in rhino horn."

The horn is typically sold in Asian countries, including Vietnam and China, where it's used in traditional medicines. Rhino horn is composed chiefly of keratin, the same substance as a human fingernail, and there's no evidence of its medicinal benefit.

More than 1,000 rhinos were poached in South Africa in 2014, up from 333 in 2010.

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

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

[Swaziland has maize stocks to last for two months only](#)



[South African Electricity Tariff Hike To Affect Swaziland](#)

South Africa electricity Eskom has planned to increase its electricity tariffs by 16.6 per cent for 2016/2017 which will significantly affect Swaziland that import 80 per cent of power from South Africa.

The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) granted SEC 11 per cent tariff increase for two years, which could have made SEC to apply for another increment in 2017 April.

Eskom is in a bid to secure a tariff increase of 16.6 per cent for 2016/17 and its move will begin on Monday, with two weeks of public hearings by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), the first of which is in Cape Town.

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

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

[Uganda's Karamoja Faces Drought Emergency](#)

Kampala — At least 640,000 people in Uganda's northeastern Karamoja region - more than half its population - are facing food shortages as a result of a drought-affected harvest.


Scaled-up food assistance for the semi-arid region will be needed in 31 out of 52 sub-counties over the next three months, according to a recent joint government and UN World Food Programme report highlighting conditions.

These households were "found to be heavily dependent on WFP assistance and coping by migrating to the green belts of the region, felling trees for firewood/charcoal and reducing the number of times and amounts of food eaten in a day," it said.

[Uganda: 4.7 Million Children to Get Polio Vaccine](#)

Kampala — Beginning Saturday, the Ministry of Health will immunise children below five years against the polio virus using the oral polio vaccine.

According to the Permanent Secretary, Dr Asuman Lukwago, the vaccination campaign will start from January 23 to January 25 in 57 high-risk districts.

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

Zimbabwe



Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 98%
Penetration of population w/ internet	47%
GDP per capita USD\$	2,000 / 2014
Unemployment / year est.	95% / 2009
Population below poverty line:	68% / 2004

Population:	15,762,551
Labor Force:	5,063,000
Life Expectancy:	60
Church Members:	26,156
Congregations:	64

[Former Child Brides Just Got Zimbabwe To Ban Child Marriage](#)

Zimbabwe's Constitutional Court outlawed child marriage on Wednesday after two former child brides took the government to court in a ground-breaking case to challenge the practice that is rife in the southern African nation.

Loveness Mudzuru and Ruvimbo Tsopodzi asked for child marriage to be declared illegal and unconstitutional, saying it was a form of child abuse which trapped girls in lives of poverty and suffering.

The court ruled that as of January 20 no one in Zimbabwe may enter into any marriage, including customary law unions, before the age of 18, and struck down a section of the Marriage Act which allows girls to marry at 16 but boys at 18.

Nearly a third of girls in Zimbabwe marry before they are 18 and 4 percent before they turn 15, depriving them of an education, increasing the likelihood of sexual violence, and putting them at risk of death or serious injury in childbirth.

[Zimbabwe: Don't Donate Towards Lavish Mugabe Birthday Bash, Zimbabweans Urged](#)

Zimbabwe opposition parties have called on ordinary Zimbabweans not to be coerced into donating towards President Robert Mugabe's 92nd birthday party to be held in Masvingo next month, according to a report.

Organisers of the nonagenarian's birthday this year reportedly have to raise at least \$800 000 for the celebration at Mucheke Stadium on February 28, with the drought hit Masvingo province expected to raise at least \$100 000, the reports said.

United States

Data Provided for comparison



Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 85%
Penetration of population w/ internet	90%
GDP per capita USD\$	54,800 / 2014
Unemployment / year est.	5.5% / 2015
Population below poverty line:	15.1% / 2010

Population:	324,343,287
Labor Force:	156,000,000
Life Expectancy:	79
Church Members:	6,466,267
Congregations:	14,018

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)
Congo DR	DR Congo Mormon Newsroom	DR Congo Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Congo Rep	none	Republic of Congo Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Indian Ocean	Indian Ocean Newsroom	Indian Ocean Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Kenya	Kenya Mormon Newsroom	Kenya Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Madagascar	Indian Ocean Newsroom	Madagascar Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Malawi	None	Malawi Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Mozambique	None	Mozambique Mormon Newsroom Facebook (Portuguese)
Namibia	None	Namibia Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
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Public Affairs	All Public Affairs individuals are able to access the Public Affairs Network (Secure Site) at this link: Public Affairs Network	
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Emergency Preparedness:	Emergency Preparedness and Response	

Historical Events in Church History for Countries in the ASEA Area

(and related events)

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)	

If you have any movies that you have watched that you would like to include in this section, Please, email me the information.

Sources of information for country banners:

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

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

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

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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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