

Ethiopia

It took 10 years for the fruit of the gospel to appear in Ethiopia but today we have 14 brothers in three different centres across the country. Much benefit has been seen following the decision to have 3 and 6 month stays by visiting missionaries. During 2009 Joshua and Rosemary Kisuya from Kenya have been there from February onwards and two further baptisms have resulted in that period.

A first Bible School was held in April when 11 of the brothers assembled in Addis Ababa for 3 days.



Zimbabwe

The recent challenges in Zimbabwe have stimulated a network of visiting local brethren and sisters bringing both spiritual and physical welfare to all parts of the country. Sixty brethren and sisters from all 29 ecclesias and isolated groups attended a very happy weekend in Bulawayo in March for the annual meeting of CBM Zimbabwe representatives. Bro Joshua Pakali, from Beitbridge, was one of several isolated members who made a special effort to come to Bulawayo to share fellowship with their brethren and sisters. The Lord has continued to bless us with a goodly number of new members with 37 in the past year.



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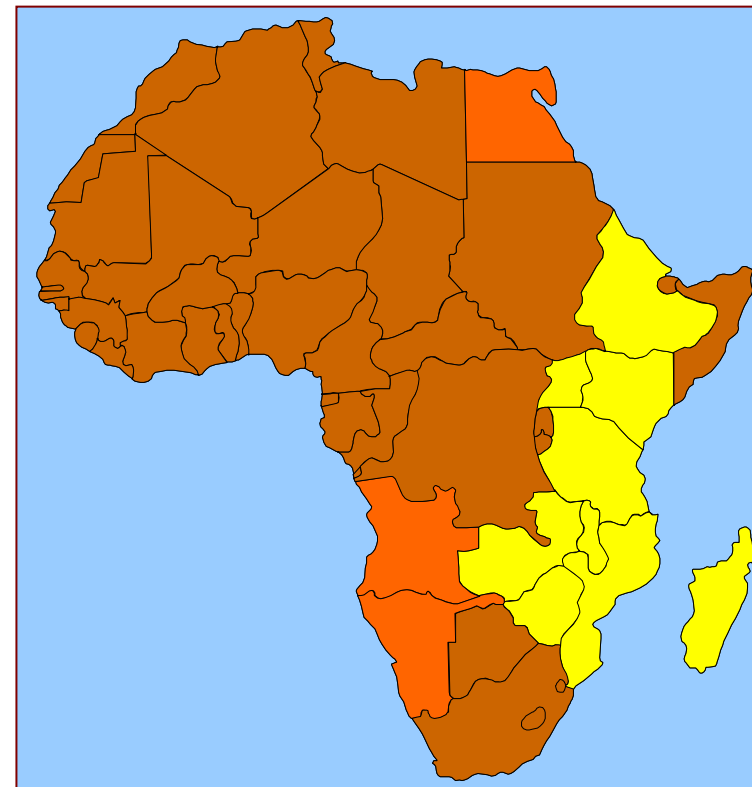
All the brothers and sisters mentioned in this newsletter and many others across Africa depend heavily on donations from UK ecclesias. As funds diminish and more ecclesias are formed it becomes increasingly difficult to provide support for them. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND HELP YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN AFRICA



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East Africa

The work in East Africa continues to expand rapidly. There are more Christadelphians in this part of the continent than there are in the whole of the United Kingdom. On the map below those countries coloured yellow show where baptisms have taken place. Those in orange indicate countries where correspondence work has begun.



Ethiopia
Kenya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mozambique
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe
also
Mauritius
Seychelles
(off Madagascar in the Indian Ocean)

Angola
Egypt
Namibia

The following pages give a little glimpse of recent activities in some of these countries.

Mozambique

CBM first began visiting Mozambique in 1996 after an appeal from a few brethren who joined a Bible talk in Malawi. At the time, CBM did not have the funds to open up new countries, a situation being faced once more, but when we found out that there were already a significant number of brethren and sisters we had no choice but to respond. The Truth spread to Mozambique during the civil war there during the 1980s and early 1990s.



Refugees fled into Malawi for safety, learnt the Truth and then when the war ended returned to spread the Truth in Mozambique. Today there are almost 6,000 brethren and sisters and 227 ecclesias. The gospel continues to spread like wild fire as brethren and sisters preach the good news. The photo shows a campaign in progress, and every one in the picture is a contact.



Zambia

During the last year we have moved from holding a central Zambian Bible School to regional weekend gatherings. These have been very successful – many more brethren and sisters have been able to attend including those who live in deep isolation in the bush. God willing, this will be the pattern for the future.

A Marriage Workshop in Uganda

The Marriage Workshop was held this year in Jinja during April. It was the 3rd in a series over the past 2 years. The first being Elders' Responsibilities in running ecclesias, the second Elders' in pastoral care and now the 3rd on Marriage. Each workshop took the same format with representatives from each of the 55 ecclesias attending a residential centre, away from the distractions of home life, to learn and to teach. The latest workshop concentrated on unity in marriage and the relationship of husband and wife being a parable of Jesus and the church. Subjects such as violence in the home, sex, trust, forgiveness, tolerance and help were all frankly debated and considered. A brother made a tearful commitment at the end of the workshop to treat his wife just as Jesus treated the church, he was ashamed of his past. Since returning from Uganda we have had messages saying that so many brothers and sisters have repented and changed since the Workshops and are also fulfilling their commitment to teach their brothers and sisters in their own ecclesias.

Mauritius

From 27-31 May Bro Harry Baghal and Bro Denis Plaiche from the Quatre Bornes ecclesia, Mauritius, travelled to the neighbouring island of Rodrigues. Around 80 people on the island have been receiving the postal correspondence course run by the Mauritian ecclesia. During their visit the brethren were able to meet with existing contacts, publicise the course and plan for further preaching events later in the year, God willing. May the Lord will bless the work being undertaken in this remote part of His vineyard.

Seychelles.

CBM has been working in the Seychelles for just over 3 years. During this time we have advertised the Correspondence course and built up a list of 135 contacts. Seminars and public talks have been held in Community centres around the 2 main island of Mahe and Praslin. The work is now beginning to show results with 4 applications for baptism, with many more regularly meeting us for Bible discussions on our visits.

