

What in the World??

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A Quick Report on the IAF

Thanks to everyone who has helped keep our Fellowship growing and filling a need in so many different places around the world. This is an abbreviated newsletter whose main purpose is to present the financial wrap-up information for 2019 and to describe a few of the mission supports over the last several months. A more detailed issue on Fellowship issues will be forthcoming within a few weeks.

Needless to say, impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic are being felt everywhere you turn. In many cases, normal schedules and activities are no longer “normal.” With regard to Fellowship levels of giving, I have noticed a significant decrease since February of this year. I suspect that it is due, in large part, to uncertainty caused by the virus and its disruptive effects. Hopefully, things will return to normal sooner than later. In the meantime, your Fellowship will continue to provide support to all of our normal missionary support projects.

God bless,
Erv Lischke, Executive Director

Letter from the President of the Board



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this time when we are experiencing a worldwide health emergency, it is well for us to remember that the IAF is called on to serve our missions in several third world countries. Countries in Africa, India and Indonesia do not have the medical infrastructure that we have in North America. For that reason, we should be particularly attentive to the needs of our brothers and sisters in these areas.

My wife, Ljuba, returned recently from the island Bali in Indonesia. As you may know, Father Jim Long has established a mission on that island and Ljuba had the opportunity to worship with he and his wonderful congregation. Father Long has, by the grace of God, built a strong Christian presence in Indonesia.

Though the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 was relatively small but in Bali, Ljuba expects that the number of cases may well increase exponentially over the next several weeks and months.

While we are facing a major challenge in the United States and Canada, the challenges facing third world countries could be substantially worse.

Please continue to contribute to the IAF at this time. The need is truly great.

Faithfully in Christ,
The Most Rev. Brian Marsh, President

Financial Wrap-up for 2019 and the First Quarter of 2020

THE numbers were really flying into various “pots and buckets” throughout 2019. Here is a year-end summary breakout of our most notable financial efforts during the year:

This list does not include every expenditure – for more detail, contact Erv Lischke at (406) 642-3085 or via email at: iafoffice@wildblue.net

Recipient	Disbursement (US dollars)	Purpose	Comments
Continuing Anglican Church of Zambia (CACZ)	\$6,000	Recurring Missionary Grant.	
	\$4,000	Generator Purchase	
Anglican Church in India	\$6,000	Recurring Missionary Grant	
Traditional Anglo-Catholic Latin American Province	\$12,000	Recurring Missionary Grant	
Anglican Church in Southern Africa	\$9,500	Recurring Missionary Grant	Includes Zimbabwe
Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (DPRC)	\$4,200	Recurring Missionary Grant	Support for Dominican Republic Churches
	\$12,258	Earthquake Relief	
Sun Star Mission	\$43(per month)	Mission Support	Church Electric Bill
	\$500	Propane Heater Purchase	
Providence Anglican Church, Jakarta, Indonesia	\$3,000	Recurring Missionary Support	
Caracas, Venezuela	\$600	Humanitarian Relief	Foodstuffs for St Mary’s Anglican Church
Beginning Balance for 2020	\$36,987	IAF General Fund	

A Partnership at Work

St. Marys Anglican Church
Caracas, Venezuela



For the second time, the IAF, and members of the Diocese of the West (Anglican Church in America) joined forces to help provide a little relief to our brothers and sisters at St. Mary's Anglican Church in the beleaguered country of Venezuela. A 300 pound shipment of non-perishable foodstuffs was sent to Caracas. Over the last several months, four shipments have made it to the folks at St. Mary's.



St. Mary's Anglican Church, Caracas, Venezuela



Packing the foodstuffs in Los Angeles

*Judy Creel, Tere Caicedo, Darlene Peacock
(The "Master Packers")*

Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (DPRC)

Beginning in December 2019, several hundred earthquakes began hitting the southwestern part of Puerto Rico.



Earthquake damage to buildings in Puerto Rico.

At least one hit with a magnitude of 6.4. Damage was extremely heavy and many of our Anglican brothers and sisters were impacted. Church congregations and individuals from Canada, England, and the U.S.A., answered the call for aid and contributed \$12,258(USD) during a relief drive.



More earthquake damage to buildings in Puerto Rico.

Sun Star Mission (Kyle, South Dakota, U.S.A.)

Yes...it does get rather “nippy” during wintertime in South Dakota. To help thwart "Old Man Winter" and with approval of the IAF Board of Directors, the Fellowship donated \$500(USD) to purchase a propane fired space heater for the mission church. It may look small and unassuming, but evidently it does the job.



The new heater for the Mission.

The Continuing Anglican Church in Zambia (CACZ)

The electric power grid in Zambia is very unreliable. Blackouts of 14 hours or more are not uncommon. The results include lack of reliable communications (including internet access), no lighting or water pumps. This unacceptable situation was negatively impacting normal operations of the CACZ as well as the Makeni Ecumenical Centre for which Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba, CACZ Bishop Ordinary, is the Managing Director.



The new 60KVA generator in Lusaka, Zambia

In order to help solve the problem, in November 2109, the IAF Board of Directors approved an expenditure of \$4,000(USD) to help in the purchase of a 60KVA generator. That machine is now up and running.

The Anglican Church of India

This is an appeal recently received from Archbishop Samuel Prakash, Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of India:

The COVID-19 virus is still in early phases of spread and we are praying to God that soon it will stop. To overcome

the situation, the Government of India announced total lock-down in India from 24th March to 14th April 2020 and there are chances that if the spread is not controlled then the lock-down will be increased. The Anglican Church is in full support to the Government of India and we are telling people to stay at home and maintain social distancing.

In such times of crisis people look up to religious leaders for prayers and word of support for that we arranged “prayer from home” program where anybody can join this prayer program. We have told with our parish priests to help the needy and distribute food to poor people, labour class people and anyone who needs any help as the small businesses and daily wage workers are worst hit and they cannot buy food for their family and soon another problem might arise where people would be dying of hunger.



Anglican Church of India parishioners helping with food distribution.

We are asking our congregation members to sew cloth masks and provide to the needy. We are together in this as a community to save the humanity and to end the spread of the virus.

India is the most populous nation with a lot of people who live below the poverty line and are illiterate and do not have awareness about an illness like COVID-19. There are low socio-economic areas where, sometimes, people do not

understand the severity of the spread of this virus. The social distancing seems to be working for now in India but there have been cases where people have not been adhering to the rule where new cluster of cases are emerging and they are spreading disease to other people. India doesn't have resources with which to fight this disease as we have shortages of medical staff, for example, there is 1 doctor to 11,000 people, approximately, and if the situation rises further, the results will be dire.



Distributing food to the needy.

The Anglican Church of India has very limited funds to handle the pandemic situation. We request to the IAF to arrange funds to help the situation arise in India.

*Yours In Christ,
The Most Reverend Samuel Prakash*

You may contribute to this appeal by sending a cheque to the IAF and earmarked for “India COVID-19 Relief” to the :

*International Anglican Fellowship
1760 Red Crow Rd.
Victor, MT 59875*

When a reasonable amount has been accumulated, funds will be transferred via electronic means to the Archbishop's bank account. If you have any questions, please contact Erv Lischke: (406) 381-6890 or at iafoffice@wildblue.net