

**Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers:
Equipping God's people for service; Building up the body of Christ.**

The cover of this Lent Card shows some of the 115 Angolan Students - lay, ordained and Mothers' union - who took part in a 'Rooted in Jesus' training course in Luanda in May 2010. They returned to their home communities equipped to lead the course to a further 1400 people. At the same time in Niassa, 12 Catechists from as far as Pemba and Nacala, came to Lichinga for a month long course leading to Community Priesthood - see below. At St Christopher's Seminary in Maputo 10 Ordinands are training for the Priesthood, and across all three of our



partner Dioceses there is a visible sense of purpose, coupled with demonstrable good practice, as they try to meet the theological, health and community development training needs of their people.

There are however, many obstacles: transport costs across huge distances where there is minimal public transport infrastructure; subsistence and accommodation whilst training; cost of materials; lack of materials in appropriate local languages; lack of formal education and resources. This Lent Appeal will address the resources gap by additionally providing 180 copies of the Africa Bible Commentary, (written by Africans and now translated into Portuguese) to assist with continuing ministerial education and developing future church leaders.

Dear Friends,

Our partner churches in Angola, Lebombo and Niassa (in Mozambique) are experiencing remarkable organic growth. The missionary diocese of Angola is now present in 10 of Angola's 18 provinces and plans to be represented in all of them over the next 5 years. In 2010 the first three Angolan women were ordained and a further 15 students graduated from the Mission and Ministry Programmes. Niassa too has seen considerable growth over the last five years with the number of priests up to 45 from 18, and with twice as many Mothers' Union members and Church Members as in 2005. Shortly there will be more Anglicans on the electoral roll in Niassa than in London.

Ordinands in Maputo



The first 3 female Angolan Deacons



We in London have an opportunity through our Lenten disciplines to contribute to TRAINING GOD'S PEOPLE. Our partners achieve so much with so little: their harvest is indeed plentiful but the workers are few. London's Lent Appeal could help to multiply the workers - by raising £64,000 for their training and resourcing. Will you join me:

- as Churches, by contributing a minimum of one Sunday's collection?
- as individuals and families, by donating your Lenten savings?

With thanks for our partnership in the Gospel.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard Chartres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Chartres
Bishop of London