

DIOCESE OF LONDON

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2008

OF THE

**MISSION AND MINISTRY TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME (ANGOLA)**

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Financial Summary

This is the third annual report of the Mission and Ministry (M&M) Training and Development Programme covering the twelve months ended 31 December 2008. Donations amounted to £1,333 in 2008, compared to £67,833 in the previous year. Grants made totalled £30,522 (2007: £21,524).

The value of the M&M Programme fund at 31 December 2008 was £57,572 (31 December 2007: £82,282) including both restricted and unrestricted funds.

Introduction

The M&M Programme was made possible by a generous grant from a couple in London specifically for the benefit of the Diocese of Angola. This donation was being spread over three years after which the Programme was expected to have achieved self-financing status if, as intended, it is to continue in the long term. However, the slower pace of spending than anticipated means that the original budget will be extended over a longer period allowing more time to build a long term, sustainable future.

Three local coordinators are responsible for delivering the course material at six local Centres; the main ones being in Luanda (with Cabinda and Cunene), Uige (with Songo) and Mucaba. The first intake of 57 students completed the three-year course in November 2008 and ceremonies were planned for February 2009 (to be reported on next year). A total of 50 new or continuing students had registered for this new academic year, which does reflect quite a high drop-out rate from previous years due mainly to employment or family reasons. Distance from the training centres can also be a problem.

Production of the remaining SEAN course volumes continued during the year under the leadership of Revd Mike Clark. Improvements in the administrative arrangements between the Diocese of London and the Diocese of Angola, including rectification of late payment of grants, came about by early 2009 which should also benefit the Programme.

Unfortunately, a replacement for the previous Programme supervisor, Revd Dr Adrian Chatfield, who had to resign in 2008 due to the pressures of his new job, has not been found so far. Efforts to fill this important role are continuing.

The Mission & Ministry Programme

The accompanying Diocese of London accounts for the calendar year 2008 provide figures in pounds sterling and US dollars, each compared to the actual results in the previous twelve month period. The Diocese of Angola, which prepared the original budget, has provided its own audited accounts of the M&M Programme for 2007.

Total income during the year of £5,812 (2007: £71,728) includes donations of £1,333, compared to £67,833 in the previous year – the difference being due to the fact that the third and final gift from the donors was not requested since there was a substantial surplus on account from previous years. Grants totalling £30,522 (2007: £21,524) were made during 2008 leaving a net deficit of -£24,710 (2007: £50,204) to be carried forward as at 31 December 2008.

The most significant difference in expenditure in 2008, compared to the previous year, related to US\$20,097 (2007: US\$0) spent on the printing of new hymn and liturgy books for the M&M Programme, as originally budgeted for. There was no capital spending but a new vehicle is under consideration, again as budgeted. It has also not proved possible to make progress on the Agricultural Development Programme, which is intended to assist the M&M Programme to self-financing status.

Future Prospects

While the Programme has come through some challenging circumstances in the last couple of years it has proved its value in terms of catechist training in the Diocese of Angola. Once a new programme supervisor is in place, and the remaining SEAN course volumes are available, the M&M Programme should be well placed, under God's guidance, to fulfil a significant part in the growth and development of the Church in Angola.