

**VISITS are an opportunity to share the lives of people in different contexts, be inspired by what God can do, make new friendships and have our understanding of the world transformed.**

## 2014 ALMA VISITS

- **Feb:** Revd Helen Van Koevering, ALMA Link Officer for Niassa, visits London, Blair Peach Primary School & St Augustine's Whitton Dorcas Group, and meets ALMA Reps at an evening gathering
- **Mar:** Revds Chris Fox & Steve Melliush visit Niassa and share at clergy conference.
- Ven Rachel Treweek, ALMA Chair, & Sheenagh Burrell, ALMA co-ordinator, attend Bishop Dinis' farewell service and visit ALMA projects in Lebombo: Maciene; Magueyto; T3; Magoanine
- **July:** Bishop Dinis & Lina Sengulane visit London for ALMA Sunday -a celebration of his unique ministry
- John Tasker, ALMA Twinning Officer, attends the first ALMA Sunday celebration in Luanda, leads twinning seminars in Luanda & Uige, and visits projects in Luanda, Nsosso and Songo
- **Aug:** Canon Treasurer of St Paul's Cathedral, Phillipa Boardman, and School Chaplain, Revd April Keech, visit Lichinga, partly coinciding with Bishop Dinis & Lina's farewell visit to Niassa
- Rebecca Burrell visits WASH Project in Milange
- **Sept:** Revd Chris & Sandy Swift visit St Nicholas Shepperton's link parish and satellite churches in Milange; Revd Derek Winterburn, Kel Razza & Mirella Kellaway from St Mary's Hampton visit their link parish and satellite churches in Mandimba; and Revd John Seymour, ALMA Schools Officer, attends the consecration of Bishop Carlos Matsinhe, as the new Bishop of Lebombo, in Maputo
- **Oct:** ALMA Friend Simon Gordon Clarke visits Angola & Church of Patterson the Missionary

## 2014 ALMA HIGHLIGHTS

- 4<sup>th</sup> Angolan Diocesan Synod held in Benguela. Site of the new school blessed and started (a London Lent Appeal & St John's Pinner Project)
- Blessing of Xai Xai Church, Lebombo (helped by Hammersmith & Fulham Deanery Synod)
- Bishop Paul Williams is the new London 'Bishop for ALMA' & Archdeacon Rachel Treweek is the new Chair of ALMA London Strategy Group
- Bishop Dinis, the Anglican Communion's longest serving Bishop, retired in March after 38 years as Bishop of Lebombo, and renowned peacemaker
- Opening of Bernard Mizeki Church, T3, Maputo (Hammersmith & Fulham Deanery Synod project)



- Consecration of first Suffragan Bishop in Niassa in June. Bishop Manuel Ernesto (left) will have responsibility for Lurio & Zambezia and training
- ALMA Sunday celebration services in London with Bishop Dinis and Lina (front cover photo) and Luanda. ALMA Partnership enters 17<sup>th</sup> year
- ALMA London awarded grant for developing RE educational resources based around the school links within the ALMA partnership
- 3 ALMA Reps Meetings in London -with Helen Van Koevering, on the WASH project, on RE with Soul, and an afternoon tea for Reps with Bishop Dinis and Lina on ALMA Sunday
- Consecration of Bishop Carlos Matsinhe (photo right) as new Bishop of Lebombo in September.
- Banners displayed on ALMA Sunday in St Paul's Cathedral reach Lichinga and Mecanhelas

## ALMA

Angola London Mozambique Association:  
Linking the Anglican Churches in Angola London and Mozambique



## ANNUAL REPORT



**2014**

## ALMA Life, Links and Projects

**Being Church Together** is the defining characteristic of the ALMA partnership. We are not an NGO nor a mission agency but a companion link - sharing and learning from each other as we try to live as authentic 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians. Aware of the huge economic disparity between us we acknowledge the particular challenge we in London face in living Gospel centred lives, and that we have much to learn from our partners who have very rich human and spiritual resources alongside the economic, social and environmental challenges they face.

In 2014, out of the 187 countries listed in the Human Development Index, the ALMA partners were ranked:

UK	14	income per capita in \$	35,002
Angola	149		6,323
Mozambique	178		1,011

The 60 connected ALMA parishes and schools learn something of walking in one another's shoes. Visits, and increasingly regular facebook contact make this sharing ever more real and rooted.

Small scale local projects like the Magumeto nursery solar powered water supply, the Good Seeds Project in Mandimba, contributions to church building and clergy housing projects, impact on each link parish and their local witness.

## SCHOOLS' WORK

ALMA London was awarded a significant grant by Culham St Gabriel's to create web based RE curriculum resources on global citizenship and loving our neighbour.



The modules draw on our Diocesan partnership, building on the Twyford School Link with Maciene School in Lebombo, and the Southall churches & Blair Peach Primary School banner project for Lichinga. The website is a creative resource to help schools and churches work together to teach RE and to develop Diocesan companion links.

[www.rewithsoul.co.uk](http://www.rewithsoul.co.uk)



William Perkin School Choir singing on ALMA Sunday

## FACTS AND FIGURES 2014

### Total Donations in 2014:

**£90,056.69**

### Unrestricted Donations:

(ALMA General Fund)

**£13,780.69**

### Restricted Donations:

(Special Projects Funds, link parish and school programmes)

**£76,276.00**

This includes:

- £19,396 from the 2014 Diocesan Lent Appeal 'Helping Children Be Children' which will be used for ALMA's Children work. Particular thanks to Revd Bertram Olivier for his marathon fundraising effort
- the significant grant received for the RE with Soul project

### Donations remitted to ALMA

**Partners:**

**£142,462**