

## 'Mission with face-to-face contact changes everything ...

**Visitors never return unchanged; hosts learn of the wider world; friendships are begun; knowledge of other places and cultures increase'** (Helen Van Koevering)

### 2015 Link Visits

- ◆ Team of six from St Mary's Stoke Newington went to Tete for the opening of the Church of the Epiphany
- ◆ Three people from Southall parishes visited Lichinga
- ◆ Three from St Mary's Hampton returned to Mandimba
- ◆ Maciene and Twyford School exchange: a Twyford teacher visited Maciene, the Maciene Head and 2 students visited Twyford School and also Brussels for EU debate
- ◆ 2 ALMA visits to partner Dioceses: Co-ordinator to Lebombo, and Niassa for Diocesan Strategic Review, and Twinning Officer to Angola visiting Luanda and Huambo
- ◆ Bishop Mark Van Koevering came to London to celebrate ALMA Sunday and share the Niassa Diocesan Plan 2015-20



◆ Four ALMA Partner Bishops and other delegates went to Recife in Brazil for the second Conference of Portuguese speaking Anglican Dioceses. The Lusophone network was set up to continue this helpful communication and sharing

## 2015 Highlights

### People

- ◆ **London:** Bishop for ALMA, Bishop Paul Williams, moved to become Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham Chair of ALMA Strategy Group, Archdeacon Rachel Treweek, moved to become Bishop of Gloucester
- ◆ **Niassa:** Bishop Mark Van Koevering left Niassa after 12 years to be Assistant Bishop for Mission in West Virginia. Revd Helen Van Koevering, our long serving ALMA Link Officer, will continue her studies in the USA.
- ◆ **ALMA Sunday** celebrated these ALMA ministries by presenting ALMA Stoles to Bishops Mark and Rachel; Lebombo sent a very special pectoral cross made in the Maputo 'Swords into Ploughshares' project for Bp Rachel.



### Key Events

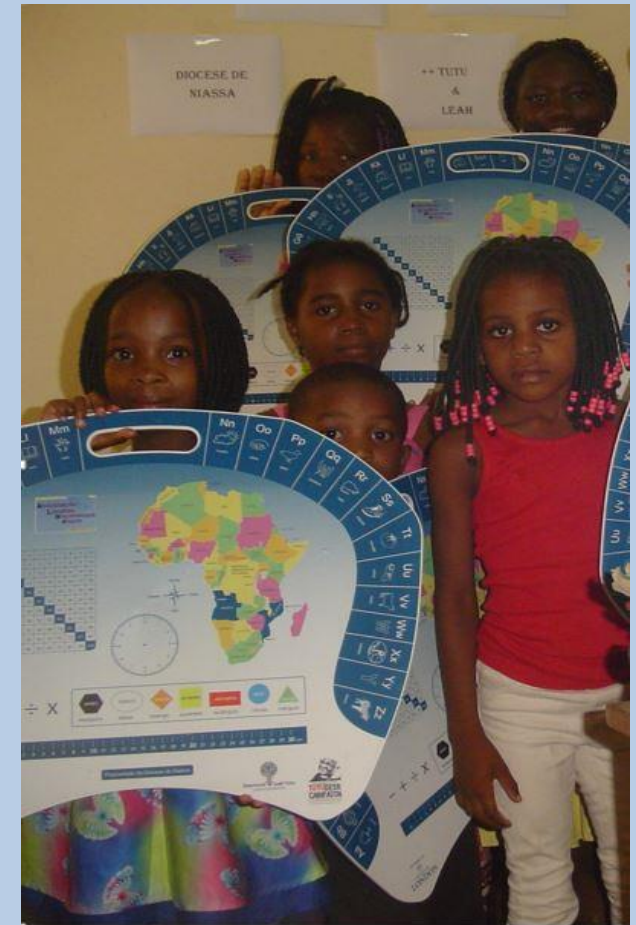
- ◆ **Niassa** suffered severe flooding at the start of 2015. The diocesan emergency teams played a vital role in helping displaced people and in distributing basic survival kits
- ◆ **2,200 ALMA Tutudesks** were delivered to Mozambique (from South Africa): 1100 to Maputo for Maciene School and rural schools in Pungue; 1100 to Nampula for Nacala, Messumba, Milange and Ngema schools. These £10 laptop desks will enhance the learning of children in schools where there are insufficient numbers of desks. In 2016 ALMA hopes to raise funds for more of these desks.

# ALMA

Angola London Mozambique Association

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## Annual Report 2015



## ALMA Life, Links and Projects

**Being Church Together** is the defining characteristic of the ALMA partnership. We are a Companion Link, and not an NGO, nor a mission agency. ALMA is about sharing and learning from each other, and the increasingly complex world we share, as we seek to live authentic 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian lives.

However, the huge economic disparity of our contexts is a particular challenge we in London face in living Gospel centred lives, and we acknowledge that we have much to learn from our partners who, have very rich human and spiritual resources.

In 2015, out of the 187 countries listed in the Human Development Index, the ALMA partners were ranked:

UK	14	income per capita in \$	39,267
Angola	149		6,822
Mozambique	180		1,123

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

**Projects** including church schools in Angola, the Good Seeds Projects at Mandimba and Maciene, support of new churches and vicarages, and the Tutudesk project impact on each link parish and their local witness - in Angola, London and Mozambique!

## ALMA and Capital Vision 2020

Capital Vision 2020 is London's Diocesan plan with the goal of building a more confident, creative and compassionate church to serve and witness to Christ's love in London – London, the World City.



ALMA is part of **Pray for 7** with the bookmarks being translated into Portuguese so we can share this prayer initiative across the partnership.

ALMA, through the development of web accessed RE teaching resources, **RE With Soul**, has enabled parish



churches to engage with their local schools using the ALMA relationship as an authentic and unique lens for 'Understanding Christianity' in the new RE Curriculum. See: [www.rewithsoul.org.uk](http://www.rewithsoul.org.uk) to explore if this could benefit your church and school.

## 'Neighbours across the World growing in love'

## ALMA Facts and Figures 2015

### Total Donations Received in 2015:

**£48,183**

### Unrestricted Donations:

(ALMA General Fund)

**£22,224**

### Restricted Donations:

(Emergency Appeal, Special Projects, Link Parish and School Projects)

**£25,959**

### Donations remitted to ALMA Partners:

**£71,815**

This includes:

- £15,573 raised for flood relief in Niassa
- The major school building project in Benguela, Angola
- Completion of upper storey, 5 classroom, extension to St Stephen's School Luanda.