

Transforming Lives ... ALMA's Children

The Diocese of London 2010 Lent Appeal will replenish the ALMA's Children fund which supports projects targeted at helping the young. These projects are identified by our partners in Angola and Mozambique and have transformed the lives of children like the young boy watering the cabbages in his school garden. Prior to 2007 there was no school. Neither was there water. Daily life, before the ALMA's children Chihunzuine project, involved a long trek to fetch water. Now a solar powered pump draws water from the 100-metre borehole into storage tanks and the new school flourishes - like the children and the vegetables.

Lent Appeal Prayer

Lord God in this season of Lent we offer our lives to you:
Plough the hard ground of our souls and bodies.
Plant a new spirit in us, so we better love and serve your world,
so we truly become one body sharing one bread.

May the friendships between Angola, London and Mozambique transform us all and bring your kingdom on earth a little closer to your kingdom in heaven.
Especially for the sake of the little children so precious to Jesus.

How to give

Parishes: Gift Aid envelopes are available for services, Lent lunches, fundraising events. (See guidelines for Treasurers).

Individuals: can give online by using Justgiving, which has a Gift Aid facility: www.justgiving.com/almalents10.

By post: send cheques, payable to **LDF (Lent Appeal for ALMA)** to the ALMA Lent Appeal Officer, London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, London SW1P 4AU. Gift Aid Forms are available on the Diocese of London and ALMA websites - details below.

This appeal aims to be green and cost efficient. All money received in 2010, including any tax recovery, will be spent on ALMA's Children projects in our Link Dioceses in Angola and Mozambique, after deducting the publicity expenses of the appeal. Any donations received thereafter will be retained and applied to the 2011 Lent Appeal.

More information: www.london.anglican.org and www.almalink.org
ALMA, London Diocesan House, 36 Causton St, London SW1P 4AU



Diocese of London Lent Appeal 2010

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ALMA: linking Anglican churches in Angola, London and Mozambique

The 2007 Mozambican Census shows:

- A large minority of children remain outside of the school system: 34.3% of children between 6 and 17 are not attending school
- Children are supposed to enter first grade of primary school at the age of six - but many families do not send their children to school until they are seven, eight or older. The census found that 63.6% six year olds and 41.5% of seven year olds were not at school.
- In 2007 the illiteracy rate is 50.4%. Illiteracy is strongly gender structured - 34.6% of men are illiterate, but among women the figure rises to 64.2%

Angolan Statistics from UNICEF show:

- 2000-2007 enrolment at primary school: male 69% female 59%
- Adult literacy is 67%, illiteracy rate 33%.



POPULATION UNDER THE AGE OF 15

ANGOLA 48%

MOZAMBIQUE 46.9%

United Kingdom 16.7%

Dear Friends,

During Lent 2010 as we explore the transformative nature of the Gospel here in London, may I encourage you to use your Lenten journey to be agents of transformation in our partner dioceses of Angola and Mozambique. Since 1999 ALMA's Children has been helping this to happen, and in 2010 we hope to raise £70,000 to enable our partners to scale up this vital work. Unlike the UK where the average age is 40, it is 17 in Mozambique and 18 in Angola. Furthermore one in three of these young people do not receive a primary education. A real and present challenge to our partners is to guide and mentor their young, and be Jesus to them.

Our challenge in London this Lent- as we seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ as one body in the one bread alongside a Eucharistic understanding of the fruits of creation- is to live in a transformed and transforming way; a way that gives life to others and to our planet.



I'm hoping this Lent that you will join me as congregations, individuals, families, schools and workplaces so that together we

- Make one permanent change to reduce our carbon footprint
- Give up a small luxury for the duration of Lent
- Donate the savings we make
- Donate one Lenten Sunday collection to this Lent Appeal

May all our Lenten journeys be truly transformative.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Richard Chartres'.

Richard Chartres
Bishop of London