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THE INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP—SPRING 2026



The Rev. Canon Edward Ihde
Executive Director—IAF

I am reminded today of the following discourse found in the Gospel of Luke. John the Baptist is facing execution, and in a moment of ‘hesitation’ he wants to confirm that Jesus is the Messiah and that his own work had not been in vain . . . When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’” . . . So [Jesus] replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

The season of Lent in which we have embarked sometimes brings with it questions of uncertainty about our faith, about Jesus, about our mission in life and about our place in the universe as believers in Christ. Humans, such as we are, worry about everything, and we long for answers that sometimes remain unanswered. Jesus of course replies to John in no uncertain terms that He is the Messiah, not because he says he is, but because the works themselves proclaim his identity as the Messiah and the identity of all those would follow after him throughout the ages . . . works of mercy, of kindness and of love.

I bring this story to you today in a report of our own, to you, our members, that during the past several months the IAF has continued its mission in bringing the good news to the poor by building up congregations in diverse places like Indonesia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. In Kenya and in Uganda we have sent emergency medical supplies to children suffering from HIV and Cholera. The IAF has strengthened communities providing needed assistance in acquiring land and building security

where Christ’s mission was seen as in immediate jeopardy. The IAF has indeed accomplished great things with your help, your prayers and your financial assistance, and we intend to keep doing this work for as long as we remain able through the generosity of our many donors.

Within the next several pages, please see for yourself the wonderful accomplishments that have been done by selfless missionaries, aided by your contributions to the International Anglican Fellowship. This issue of “The Mission” provides members with a way to hear the story, live the story and share the story with others, by way of email or in print to friends who may not yet know of a way they can join in on international missionary outreach. The IAF is one the very few charitable organizations (NGOs) in the world that spends nearly ninety-six cents out of every dollar collected to fund world mission outreach.

Blessings to all,

Canon Edward H. Ihde
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IAF DESIGNATED GRANTS FOR YEAR 2026

	RECIPIENT	2025	2026	PURPOSE
	ACC CHURCH OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	DESIGNATED IAF ANNUAL MISSIONARY GRANT
	ACC DEANERY OF INDONESIA & PROVIDENCE CHURCH IN INDONESIA	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	DESIGNATED IAF ANNUAL MISSIONARY GRANT
	ACC DIOCESE OF THE MISSOURI VALLEY -SUN STAR MISSION SOUTH DAKOTA	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	DESIGNATED GRANT— ELECTRICITY & PROPANE
	FARSI SPEAKING MISSION CHURCH OF INDONESIA	\$9,440.00	\$9,000.00	DESIGNATED MISSIONARY SUPPORT TO THE FARSI MISSION
	ANGLICAN MISSION TO SUDAN WAR REFUGEES IN UGANDA, AFRICA	\$43,000.00	\$6,000.00	DESIGNATED FUND FOR MISSIONARY CHURCH IN UGANDA
	CHANGE DESTINY LIFE AFRICA OF KENYA	\$5,500.00	\$4,000.00	DESIGNATED FUND FOR NEW PERIMETER SECURITY FENCING, TUITION AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES
	ACC DIOCESE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	\$0	\$8,000.00	DESIGNATED GRANT TO ESTABLISH SAINT MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH IN GOME, D. R. CONGO
	SUPPORT FOR ANGLICAN IMMIGRANT CLERGY	\$2,300.00	\$3,000.00	DESIGNATED GRANT FOR HOUSING EXPENSES TO REV. NAZIR GILL IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
	PRELIMINARY TOTAL GRANT BUDGETS	\$71,000.00	\$41,200.00	

Report from THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF INDONESIA

By Fr. James Long

The hotel in Karawaci provides me with two breakfast tickets each day, so it is my custom to have as many people as I can over for breakfast appointments! It gives the refugees a huge, solid meal, and the setting is fairly conducive to conversation and even prayer together.

Abdullah was the second after Edris took advantage of my breakfast club this trip.



I asked him to retell his story from the beginning. His father had taken a job driving a truck filled with desks and chairs through Taliban-patrolled territory. Someone had tipped them off that the furniture was for a girls' school, a thing the Taliban is dead against. After Abdullah's father had been missing for two weeks, the Taliban sent word to his family that they had detained and then killed him for his crime. At that point Abdullah, his mother, and his young wife had felt they must flee to Pakistan, which they did. From there Abdullah had gone on to go, he hoped, to Australia. He was

stopped in Indonesia and has been essentially trapped there for years and years. He was converted and baptized by an unusual Korean missionary who had first served in Afghanistan, before moving to Jakarta. That missionary had brought some of his men to PAC, and they had become the core of our Afghani members. Abdullah has never seen his son, who was born six months after his departure, and has not seen his wife or mother for many years. What he thought might be three years, is heading toward ten. PAC is his only source of support, and due to their own shrunken membership, they have reduced his support only to what Nanci is able to send each month. Since that reduction six months ago, he not only is unable to send anything to his family, but he has had to borrow just to keep up with his rent in Jakarta. Please pray the funds we need will be released soon.

Another of the men who came originally with Abdullah is a man we call Peter. He also suffered tragedy similar to Abdullah. He also fled with his wife and young children, a son and daughter to Pakistan. He also got stuck in Indonesia, but he has been able to find ways to work and send money home. He was practically forced to be baptized by the Korean missionary, but at the same time sensed God's true call to embrace Christ. Peter was my first close friend among this group, and he would look for Muslims who were willing to hear the gospel and bring them to me for conversations about Jesus. He called to visit the same day as Abdullah, and when he arrived, he had a surprise. He had a young man with him. He asked if I recognized him. I did not. It

turned out he had managed to get his son out of the camps in Pakistan and over to Indonesia to live with him. Peter wanted me to share the gospel with Asghar, by now seventeen years of age. We found a quiet spot in the hotel lobby, and I shared from creation to fall to redemption, leading to the question of whether he was desirous of following Jesus God's Son as his Saviour and King. He was. We prayed together and I asked Peter to go over everything with him at home, so that if he truly believes, we can arrange for him to be baptized. Peter trusts me implicitly because years ago I explained that I wanted to help him, no strings attached. He has never forgotten that. In addition to his son Asghar's baptism, please pray for us to find a way to finish his education. He has only completed tenth grade. He will need tutoring to be able to obtain an equivalency degree. And please pray that God will allow this father and son to find a home where they can work legitimately and worship freely. Thank you for your prayers. I am so blessed to have had this opportunity to share the message of the kingdom with an Afghani Muslim, and to see him trust in the Lord Jesus. This is the fruit of prayer and cooperation from the entire body of Christ. Some pray and support, and others go and preach, but we are all in this mission together under Christ the Lord.



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF INDONESIA Continued)



A Report on IAF EMERGENCY FENCING PROJECT in Kenya

By Rev. Samson Onzare Karens

Good afternoon, Fr. Ihde,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to update you on the fencing project. Funded by the IAF.

We have successfully purchased the necessary materials and are now awaiting their transportation to the site. I've attached some pictures of the materials for your reference. Our team on the ground is actively at work, and I will keep you posted on our progress. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare to take our children back to school.



Editor's Note: This emergency IAF fencing project in Kenya was the result of a threat from a government official to take back ownership of the land purchased by Change Destiny Life Africa, since it was not yet fenced in. Apparently plots of land must be secured in a way that prevents this kind of action in Kenya.



A Report form CHANGE DESTINY LIFE AFRICA in Kenya

By Rev. Samson Onzare Karens

This year has been a remarkable journey for our children ministry in KENYA, marked by significant milestones that reflect the dedication and unwavering support of our leadership and partners. One of the most noteworthy achievements was made possible through the tireless efforts of His Excellency The Right Reverend William Bower, Bishop Ordinary of the Anglican Diocese of the Eastern United States (ADEUS), alongside our founding member, Carolyn Kerouac, and her husband, Fr. Michael Kerouac. Their commitment to our cause has been instrumental in fostering connections that have greatly benefited our children.

Thanks to their advocacy and vision, we were able to establish a vital partnership with the **International Anglican Fellowship (IAF)**. This collaboration has proven to be transformative for the children in our care, particularly those living with HIV. The IAF has generously provided essential resources that have made a significant impact on their well-being, ensuring that they receive the support they need to thrive. Moreover, the IAF has played a crucial role in facilitating the construction of a perimeter chain link fence around our future facility which is underway.

This development is not just about fencing; it symbolizes our commitment to creating a safe and nurturing environment for our children in the future. With this perimeter fence, we will ensure their safety, allowing them to grow, learn, and play without fear. Together, we are making strides toward a brighter future for our children, and we remain hopeful for what

lies ahead. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us.

Your continued support and prayers are vital as we work together to ensure that every child succeeds and flourishes. This year has been a remarkable journey for our children's ministry in KENYA, marked by significant milestones that reflect the dedication and unwavering support of our leadership and partners.





A Report From DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

By +Bishop Dr. Steven Ayule-Milenge

Editor's Note: In past years, the IAF established several church plants in Congo through the work of Mr. Walter Killian, former Executive Director of the IAF and the Ven. Alan Koller of St. Joseph's Anglican Church in Brooklyn, NY. Upon the reunification of the ACA with the ACC, the IAF decided to help fund the St. Matthias Mission project (a new church plant) in Gome, Congo at the request of Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge. The first task was to secure a plot of land for the future mission church of Saint Matthias, Gome. This project will be a long term building development of the IAF. Parishes or groups who might like to sponsor portions of this building project are invited to contact Fr. Ihde directly at the IAF for further information on how to help.

Dear Father Canon Edward Ihde,

Here are the Christians of the Saint Matthias Mission in Goma worshipping in a Christian's home. The Mission was opened in 2018 under the name Saint Joseph; however, due to a lack of funds to pay the rent and, above all, the damage caused by the Nyirangogo volcano, it was closed for three years, until 2021. We then reopened the Saint Matthias Mission on the feast day of Saint Matthias with a new Mission leader who made a room in his house available for worship. We tried to raise money to buy a plot of land for the mission, but we were unsuccessful.

Thank God, the International Anglican Fellowship (IAF) took pity on our plight, and the first project targeted is the purchase of the Saint Matthias Mission's land in Goma. Reverend Deacon Wetemwami Emenea will be ordained a priest this Sunday, January 18, 2026.

May God bless you all.

+Bishop Dr. Steven Ayule-Milenge





Future Site of Saint Matthias Church, Gome, D.R. Congo



Bishop Steven on his way by boat to secure the purchase of land for Saint Matthias, Gome

First Sunday service on the new site by newly ordained priest, Father Wetemwami Mulezi Emenea



Report from ACC DIOCESE OF THE CARIBBEAN—CUBA

By Archbishop Juan Garcia

The Anglican Catholic Church, Diocese of the Caribbean, encompasses the Greater Antilles, the Lesser Antilles, and the Bahamas, stretching from Cuba to Trinidad and Tobago. Cuba, the largest island in the Caribbean, is located very close to Florida (USA).

Cuba, under a Communist-Socialist government for more than 60 years, has suffered greatly, with poverty affecting the entire island. Despite these challenges, our church is actively engaged in missionary work in Cuba. I will list these efforts.

First, we have Father Antonio Rodríguez, who comes from the Episcopal Church and in the process of incardination with the ACC Diocese of the Caribbean. He is currently in charge of two missions: the Resurrection Mission in the city of Morón, Ciego de Ávila Province, Cuba, and the Nazarenos Mission, located in the city of Ciego de Ávila, Ciego de Ávila Province, Cuba, for which a small chapel is being built. Father Antonio has the support of his immediate family and a group of dedicated servants of Christ, most of whom come from the Episcopal Church





The Franciscan Brothers of the ACC, Diocese of the Caribbean, consist of Brother Priest Adianel Pichs Ruiz, Brother Deacon Yoel Valdez Lozano, and Brother Josman José García Landa. This community is dedicated to caring for elderly individuals. They have a small home, donated by one of the elders of the community, where they live in extreme poverty and rely on the charity they receive. They also serve as a first-aid center for the surrounding community. We are also in communication with a priest from the Roman Catholic Church who is requesting information to be incardinated with us. Due to the situation in Cuba, the process of sending aid is very difficult. I would like to request that any aid collected be channeled through the Diocese of the Caribbean to keep track of the funds sent to the different missions and ensure that resources are used effectively so that aid reaches its destination as quickly as possible. I appreciate all your prayers and assistance in this regard in support of our brothers .



Brother. Adianel Pichs Ruiz – Priest



Brother. Yoel Valdez Lozano – Deacon



Brother Josman José García Landa

As of January 2026, the following churches, families, and individuals are a part of our Sustaining Member family.

Diocese of the Northeast, USA:

Church of the Good Shepard, Charlestown, New Hampshire
St. Margaret of Scotland, Conway, New Hampshire
Trinity Anglican Church, White River Junction, Vermont
Trinity Anglican Church, Rochester, New Hampshire
Olde St. Paul's, Portland, Maine
St. Thomas, Ellsworth, Maine
St. Luke's, Amherst, New Hampshire
St. Matthias, Mystic, Connecticut
St. Elizabeth's, Tuxedo, New York
Anglican Church of the Resurrection, Camden, Maine
The Anglican Church of the Transfiguration, Mechanicsville, Maine

Diocese of the West USA:

St. Augustine Anglican Church, Hamilton, Montana
All Saints Anglican Church, Fountain Valley, California
St. Mary of the Angels, Hollywood, California
St. Francis, Portland, Oregon

Diocese of the Eastern United States USA:

St. Stephen's, Timonium, Maryland
St. George's Columbus, Georgia
St. Peter's Anglican Church of East Palatka, Florida
St. Barnabas, Picayune, Mississippi

Diocese of the Missouri Valley USA:

Trinity Anglican Church, Prairie Village, Kansas
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St. John's Cathedral, Quincy, Illinois
St. Augustine's of Canterbury, Topeka, Kansas
St. Dunstan's Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota
St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Des Moines, Iowa
Anglican Church at the Lake, Lake Ozark, Missouri

Anglican Church of Western Australia:

Saint Andrew's Parish, Lesmurdie, Western Australia
Saint Peter's Parish, Booragoon, Western Australia

Anglican in North America (ACNA)

Church of the Word, Gainesville, VA

The Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

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Stewards

The IAF Steward program has been established as a management tool and communication link between the Board of Directors (specifically, the Executive Director) and members of various TAC churches and organizations. Working with the IAF Executive Director, Stewards (who are volunteers) assist the Board by maintaining contact with and funneling IAF related information to the churches and individuals in their home dioceses. This includes distribution of newsletters, collection of donated funds, and information concerning the IAF mission and planning goals. They also field questions regarding IAF operations and help identify candidates for the Sustaining Member Program. Currently, we are pleased to have eight active Stewards:

The Very Rev. Canon Edward Ihde, Diocese of the Northeast

Darlene Peacock, Diocese of the West

Sarah Albert, Diocese of the Missouri Valley

Laura Ewald, Diocese of the Eastern United States

The Rt. Rev. Brian Tee, Diocese of Western Australia

The Rev. Melque Ambrosio, Traditional Anglican Church of Brazil

The Sustaining Member and Steward Programs

Sustaining Members

The IAF Sustaining Member program was begun in 2012 as a tool to formally recognize those churches and individuals that support the Fellowship on a recurring basis. For example, if one of the line items in a church budget contains a donation to the IAF, that church is eligible to become a Sustaining Member. Similarly, individuals or families who desire to provide support on a regular basis can be recognized as Sustaining Members.

This program helps to give the IAF Board of Directors an idea of how to plan distribution of donated funds for Anglican Church missionary projects and to target those projects that are most in need. As a token of appreciation, Sustaining Members are presented with a wall plaque (shown to the right) . . . a tangible example of commitment and caring.

