



19<sup>th</sup> March, 2007

Dear Friends & Supporters of Brass For Africa

**Subject: The Future of Brass For Africa**

Sadly we wish to announce that at the past two meetings of the Brass For Africa Committee it was decided to close the committee due to lack of personnel to continue to run the organisation. The Committee has functioned in its current form for some 7 years but the members found that they could no longer give the time and energy which BFA requires. The closure of the Committee should not be taken in any way to indicate their dissatisfaction with either the aims or outcomes of BFA. Simply people were running out of puff and no new personnel emerged.

The good news is that it was decided that BFA would remain as a mission arm of SWAC (Springwood & Winmalee Anglican Churches), but without the Committee to administer it or run events.

What will this mean for the future?

**Future Events & Support**

- The funds raised and held to bring Archdeacon Ise-somo to Australia in 2007 will be sent to Ise-somo to enable him to develop a couple of further ministry projects. This is approximately \$6,000. The projects Ise-somo has proposed are:
  - a) evangelisation in new areas and train 12 evangelists who will stay there to work. Those new areas are Bandundu and Equator regions.
  - b) reinforcing evangelism in schools, hospitals, prisons, orphanages and also among pygmy people.
  - c) Multiply training seminars in different Dioceses for church growth (in quantity and quality) (if funds not all used on a) and b)
- Individual supporters may wish from time to time to run one off fund raising events for ministry in the DRC. These will need to be approved and co-ordinated via the SWAC office and will be able to be promoted under the retained name of "Brass For Africa".
- Archdeacon Ise-somo currently is not being paid by the Province, so SWAC has adopted Ise-somo as a link missionary and will support him by prayer and financially. Roseville Anglican Church also supports Bishop Masimango's ministry. Donations for their ministries can be directed through either church.

**Future Administration**

- BFA accounts are being finalised & audited and will be presented as normal at our Parish APM, as required by the BFA Constitution. The BFA bank account will be closed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007. A copy of the audited Financial report will be posted on the BFA website as soon as possible.
- Future gifts or funds raised for ministry in DRC will be banked and distributed via the SWAC missionary account. However, SWAC will not be able to supply the administrative structure previously provided by the BFA Committee so receipts and thankyou letters will not be able to be provided.

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- BFA wishes to publicly recognise the enormous work done by Graham & Wendy Toulmin over many years in nurturing and maintaining BFA. However, they are not in a position to be able to administer further donations or correspondence in relation to BFA. Therefore, supporters are requested to direct any such enquiries through the SWAC Administrator, Warwick Coghlan, during office hours.

### **Future Information**

Grant Robinson has agreed, with the Committee's encouragement, to continue to maintain the BFA Congo Support website as a source of up to date information on the state of the DCR and especially Christian ministry there.

### **BFA Funding Distribution 2006-2007**

- \$600 Grodya to fly to Bukavu for Bishop's consecration
- \$2500 Shipping of \$12,000+ worth of dental equipment
- \$3500 Dental kit
- \$2326 Reimbursement of 50% of Nov 2006 mission travel costs in Africa for Bragg & Toulmin
- \$2500 Training of 2 dental nurses by Grodya in Bukavu (Apr-May 2007)
- \$1000 Two Aru School dental programs (May-June 2007)
- \$6000 Purchase of land in Butembo for establishment of AIDS Orphans Centre
- \$5903 "Bring back Ise-somo" Funds - after consultation with Ise-somo these funds will be used by him to:
  - Training evangelists to be sent to new areas where the church has not yet been planted.
  - Evangelism in schools, among soldiers, orphans, pigmies and victims of HIV/AIDS.
  - Multiply training seminars in different Dioceses for church growth (in quantity and quality)
- \$300 Administration & Postal expenses

On behalf of the BFA Committee, we would like to thank you for your support of BFA as we have sought to stand beside our brothers and sisters in the DRC. Much has been achieved. Much more is needed under God. Please continue to be diligent in prayer that God in his mercy would bring both political stability and saved lives through the proclamation of the gospel, and that he would strengthen His people to stand firm in Christ with joy through their enormous hardship.

Your brothers in Christ,

Rev Graham Crew  
(SWAC Senior Pastor)

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(Chairman BFA Committee)