

# Lord's Move to AFRICA



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## SOUTHERN AFRICA (10 countries)

Lampstands in 3 countries  
(South Africa, Zimbabwe, Angola)

Approx. 1500 saints in the church life in 13 localities.

## ANGOLA

No. of localities: 2

No. of saints in church life: 600

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 400

*Situated on the western coast of Southern Africa, Angola is the largest among the six Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa (the others are Mozambique, Equatorial Guinea, Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea-Bissau).*



## Update on the Lord's move

Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, there has been very little blending physically among the churches in Angola in the past year. However, the saints in Uige continued to pay visits and have fellowship with the saints in the cities of Ndala Tando, Malange and Luanda. Meanwhile, the saints could participate in online conferences and trainings. These have been an encouragement to the saints and have opened the way for many to enjoy the ministry more and more. Despite the restricted environment, during the year 2021, approximately 25 saints were baptised in the country.



In Uige where the largest number of saints gather in the country, we are able to meet physically. During the combined meeting held on 6 February (photo on the left), the saints were filled with joy to be able to gather together to offer praises to the Lord.

We ask for the Body to stand with us in our prayer for the migration of a couple to the southern region of the

country (city of Huambo). We pray that this migration will be a blessing to the saints in the southern region of the country, such as Huambo and Bié, as well as Moxico in the east.

Please also continue to pray that the Lord will open a way for the consolidation of His testimony in Luanda, the capital of Angola, by raising up Nazarites, who are exclusively for the interest of the Lord.

## SOUTH AFRICA

No. of localities: 10

No. of saints in church life: 500

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 350

During the past 2 years of the pandemic our church life in South Africa has been mostly virtual. We are grateful to the Lord for His provision in this regard. However, three closely related segments of our church family have really struggled over time with this “virtual” church life. These are our children, young people and students. We thank the Lord that from the end of 2021 the environment allowed the churches to slowly return to an “in person” church life as far as possible. Therefore at the start of 2022 we were able to hold physical gatherings for all these three age groups. We would like to report briefly on this wonderful new beginning.

### Children and Young People

Our Southern Africa Young People’s Camp (ages 13-18) and Grade 6 & 7 Camp (ages 11-13) were held concurrently on the weekend of 6-9 January 2022. Our goal with the Grade 6 & 7 Camp was to present the full gospel to this age group in a clear and prevailing way. Our topic was “Where are you?” and we enjoyed the Lord’s convicting and compassionate answer to this penetrating question. We had a large group of young ones from all over Southern Africa in this age bracket and 24 out of 26 registered children came for the entire weekend. Most of the children who attended have grown up in the church life, but there were also a number of children who have been regularly attending the Neighbourhood Children’s Meetings who also joined the camp. There was an excellent coordination among the serving ones (who were mostly parents and even older siblings of the children).



The children were so cherished by an event which had been arranged especially for them and their hearts were warm and open. Eventually they were also nourished by the Word of God, specifically related to their salvation from terrible effects of the fall of man. A number prayed in a personal way to receive the Lord and 7 (3 boys and 4 girls) were baptised. May our young brothers and sisters confess their faith before their friends and family. May they also pursue Christ with companions in the kingdom of God, the church.

At the same venue and over the same weekend, we had 36 young people from all over Southern Africa attend a Young People’s Conference and cover the topic “The Lord’s return”. What an encouragement to be together in person, singing and pursuing Christ with one another! We particularly enjoyed the supply of the students that joined the camp as serving ones. It is remarkable how well these age groups fit together and complement one another. Many of the young people reconsecrated themselves to the Lord and 5 were baptised.

### University Students

The National Student Training was held from Monday to Lord’s day, 24 - 30 January 2022. Before and during the Student Training the coordination among the serving ones and community saints was very sweet and prevailing. We hadn’t seen each other in person for such a long time, in some cases we have never even met before in person! As with the other two camps this solid coordination and one accord opened the way for the Lord’s commanded blessing of life.

Around 70% of the 26 students who attended the training full



time had never been to a Student Training before, but right from the first song the atmosphere was very warm and the Spirit was flowing. Our evening sessions were attended by about 55 people and we truly enjoyed many “gates into the city”, so that as the week progressed everyone was breaking through and touching the Lord. We were so encouraged to see the training topic in action, “Rise up and build!”

As we are at the beginning of the academic year, we prayed and fellowshiped daily about reaching first year students on the various campuses around the country. This year we have a sense that there will be more opportunities to meet new students in person. It has been difficult to have face to face contact with students for the past two years and we are desperate to bear fruit.

## **Prayer**

1. Pray that the church throughout the whole of Southern Africa would have peace, being built up and multiplied.
2. Pray that the children, young people and students would continue to be knit, joined and built up practically in the church life via the 2s and 3s, the homes and the church meetings.
3. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would thrust out workers into His harvest, bringing us into contact with the sons of peace as building material for His house.