



AFRAM ZONE

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"We can't row the canoe fast with one paddle"
(African proverb)

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Dear Fellow Coordinators,

Communications. With joy I share with you the news that our AFRAM Area Coordinator for communications, Mirek Wolodko, is back to Togo in good health. Please know that our AFRAM Website is functioning well! I'm inviting you to visit: www.svdafram.org and keep the address among your "Favorites".

Visites. Mirek said that confreres and other interested people are consulting our AFRAM Website. Our visitors come from the different parts of the world – Italy, Poland, France Germany, Belgium, Slovakia, Portugal, United States, Canada, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, etc. As confirmation I myself received a message from Fr. Pascal Kinoti (Missionary from KEN working in PAR) just to assure me that he is visiting us. Paradoxically, from the three months, up to the day Fr. Mirek wrote me our Website got only two visits from Africa: from Ghana and Maroc. The counter had already gone beyond 500 visitors. Certainly now that we know that Website is functioning we can expect more visitors from our own Zone.

Communicate. Please give a bit of your time and communicate to our confreres the existence of our Website through Internet and through your Provincial, Regional or Mission Newsletter. Inform too our CFCs, Novices and Seminarians. It is one way of uniting us as a zone. Through the Website we can exchange news and information, stock our documents, make known our provinces, regions and missions, share interesting pictures and profiles of our work and mission, etc.

Contact. Please send your communications and other items to our AFRAM communications coordinator: mirekwolom@gmail.com (Newsletters, Reports, Features, Pictures, etc.). You might also have your Websites and Blogs. I hope that provincial, regional and missions communications coordinators keep contact with Fr. Mirek and collaborate with him in building up our Website. I also hope that JPIC, BPM, Mission and Formation Coordinators contribute news and documents to our Website. There are different ways of sending information (like using megaload.com) which you know perhaps better than me.

Impact. We can hardly estimate the impact of this modern way of communication. Some said that Barack Obama has generated bountiful funds for the elections campaign through Internet! Africa is often considered as a forgotten continent. Pictures and news often seen and heard are that of hunger and war. It is a big part of our mission to give a more complete image of the AFRAM Zone: its people with diversities of cultures and tradition, its fast growing Christian faith, its sceneries, its fauna and flora, its immensity and beauty, our SVD missions, activities, achievements and challenges.

Togo. Last August 16 six confreres were ordained priests. It is interesting to note that four are assigned to the AFRAM Zone. Warm welcome to Frederic Koubi (TCD), Jean Aloula (TCD), Pierre Claver Chabi (ANG), Thierry Dovi (TOG). Congratulations to Marcellin Ahadi (ESP) and Firmain Azalekor (POL).

Congo. Last September 8 seven confreres pronounced their perpetual vows. Also four are assigned to AFRAM: Etienne Mayu (CNG), Jean-Paul Mangenzi (CNG), Jacobson Dey (GHA) and Rogatien Kpogbe (TOG). Congratulations to Albert Mamonjosa (PNG), Benjamin Adusei (BRS), Bienvenu Mbota (BRN),

Fraternally yours in the Divine Word,

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