

**REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR OF COMMUNICATION  
TOGO/BENIN PROVINCE (2007 - 2010)**

**1. MEDIA-TOGO-SVD**

1.1 Audio-visual animation in parishes - projections of movies on big screen (movies on St. Paul and other biblical movies)

1.2 Fixing, purchases and advice in the area of computer for the SVD confreres, diocesan priests and other religious groups (Lomé, Bassar)

1.3 Video SVD ordinations

1.4 Air directly on Radio Maria-Togo priesthood ordinations of our confreres in Lomé.

1.5 Hope

1.5.1 - A video on the Arnoldus family to show on the Togolese and Beninese television, and elsewhere

**2. EDIVERBUM-SVD**

Writing, publishing and distributing.

2.1 Booklet: Arnold Janssen, un Saint qui prie pour le Togo (*Arnold Janssen - A Saint Who Prays for Togo*) - (distribution continues in all French-speaking countries of the SVD)

2.2 Biblical Agenda Calendar

Biblical Agenda Calendar –distribution in Togo, Benin, Burkina, Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Gabon for the past ten years

In 2007, 2008, 2009, in collaboration with CEBILO – (10, 000 copies every year) – with the lay-out and content on the SVD, SSpS and SSpSAP, St. Arnold Janssen and St. Joseph Freinademetz

2.3 SVD Calendar

SVD, SSpS, SSpSAP 2007, 2008, 2009 calendar, (5000 copies every year) - distribution in all French-speaking countries where the SVD is present: Togo, Benin, Congo, Madagascar, Chad, Canada, Belgium, France, and elsewhere: Burkina and Ivory Coast.

2.4" The Lectionary and Missal in Lamba" in three volumes, Year A, B, C (started by Fr. Christophe Kolis) is finished.

## 2.5 Bible et Foi (Bible and Faith) Series

2.5.1 Qui étaient les frères de Jésus (*Who Were Jesus' Brothers*) (2000 copies)

2.6 Ecoutez et Annoncez (*Listen and Proclaim*) - Year A (500 to 3 000 copies)

## 2.7 Liturgical Calendar

2007, 2008, 2009 Liturgical Calendar (6 000 - 8 000 copies per year) - in collaboration with the St. Augustine Publishers in Lomé - distribution in Benin

## 2.8 In progress

Bible and Faith Series, Listen and Proclaim Year B and C, A Guide for Life in the TOG/BEN Province

## 3. FORMATION

3.1 Semester courses on audio-visual at St Paul Institute taught by the coordinator of communication until 2007.

## 3.2 Hope

3.2.1 Better use of the World Day of Social Communications.

For the World Day of Social Communications 2010 with the theme: "The priest and the pastoral in the numeric world: the new medias to the service of the Word", the coordinator of communication has already prepared a website to pose different documents on the Church and Internet. See

<http://www.svdafram.org/journeecomm2010.htm> or

<http://www.archidiocesedelome.org/journeecomm2010.htm>

Copies of the Pope's message for this year World Day of Social Communication are distributed to confreres in their districts and parishes.

## 4. CONTACT

4.1 *Entre Nous* - the provincial bulletin (a contact between the confreres of the Province and other Provinces). Since December 2004 the bulletin is available on internet on the official site of the SVD – [www.svdcuria.org](http://www.svdcuria.org)

There is an electronic version of all the bulletins, which is in progress. Soon this will be available on the CD

4.2 The Grain - bulletin of the SVD Postulat in Lomé (available also on Internet)

4.3 Parish bulletins:

Agbalepedogan: The Messenger  
 Agoényivé: The Voice of Theotokos  
 Sonahoulou: Nyamle

## 5. WEBSITES

5.1 The Province continues to update its website: <http://svdtogben.free.fr>

5.2 The Province's blog: <http://svdtogoben.over-blog.com>

5.3 Videos on activities and life of the Province: [www.werbisci.tv](http://www.werbisci.tv)

5.4 The coordinator of communication of the province as the zonal coordinator of communication has created the website for AFRAM Zone: [www.svdafram.org](http://www.svdafram.org)

5.5 Other websites directed and managed by SVDs

[www.cebilo.org](http://www.cebilo.org)

[www.isplome.org](http://www.isplome.org)

[www.cedicom.org](http://www.cedicom.org)

[www.archidiocesedelome.org](http://www.archidiocesedelome.org)

5.6 The provincial house has established Wifi connection

NB: We think that the websites could be more developed for and by other specific apostolate ministries: Missionary animation, Bible, JPIC, Vocation, friends and benefactors of the SVD.

## 6. ENGAGEMENTS IN LOCAL CHURCH

The provincial coordinator takes the responsibilities in the area of communication of the local church:

6.1 For the archdiocese of Lomé

6.1.1 - Director of the CEDICOM (Diocesan Center of Communications) - see the details on CEDICOM in the separated raport.

6.1.2 - The provincial coordinator COMM-TOG is Vice - President of the Diocesan Commission of Communications in Lomé.

## **7. DISTRIBUTION OF VARIOUS BIBLICAL AND PASTORAL PUBLICATIONS**

At the end of 2004 EDIVERBUM began a new engagement of the distribution of the Verbum Bible Publications for West Africa. Until the end of the year 2009 more than 100 000 books in French from VB have been distributed, in which there are 24 publications concerning the biblical pastoral and published by VB.

In 2008 the OCDI-national asks EDIVERBUM to distribute *Dieu parle à ses enfants (God's Speaks to His Children)* and *Je Crois (I Believe)* in French. Since then more than 15 000 copies of *God Speak to His Children* and more than 20 000 of *I Believe* have been distributed in West Africa.

Since 2009 OCDIs-National entrusted to EDIVERBUM-SVD the distribution of *Dzifomo*, a book of the prayers and songs in Ewe, inherited from our first missionary SVDs in Togo, and the dominical *Missal* in Ewe also published by VB and printed in Spain.

## **8. FORUM ON THE RELIGIOUS LIFE**

In collaboration with the Secretary of Mission and the Postulate the First Forum on the religious life was organized in Lomé in 2008, which was aired on the Radio Maria and shown in the SPES television. A short video report is available on DVD.

## **9. DISTRICT OF BENIN**

In the district of Benin, some activities in the area of communication continue.

9.1 The broadcasts biblical radio-phonics: a weekly broadcast in Lokpa language by our confrères in Badjoudé to the public radio of Ouaké.

9.2 Parish bulletin of Sonahoulou

9.3 Regular projections of movie in the parish of Bétérou and Sonahoulou

## **10. YEAR OF THE CENTENARY**

Activities of the year celebrating the centenary of our Saint Arnold and Joseph in collaboration with Secretary of Mission and different coordinators of the Province.

### 10.1 From the report of the Mission Secretary

*Radio Maria was invited for the media coverage of the event. "Presence Christian," the Catholic newspaper conceded us a space to make us better known... The office of the mission secretary, with the help of the Generalate, made T-shirts, posters, key chains (and pens) with the image of our two saints. The reflections that were given by the center of spirituality (AJSC) have been translated in French to make them accessible to all confreres. In Lomé, the centenary year was ended on January 31 in Agoényivé parish with a big spiritual concert coming together from 8 choirs of our two parishes. Two of our young confreres have written the play based on the book Arnold Janssen, a Saint Who Prays For Togo, written by Dieter SKWERES, SVD. These plays were played by the groups of youngsters from the two SVD parishes in Lomé. Through all these activities and interviews with Radio Maria, the centenary year celebrations allowed us to be better known like pioneers of evangelization in Togo. (Report of the Mission Secretary, 2009)*

### 10.2 Multi-medias / Internet

The play of the centenary celebration at Agoényivé parish and the soccer tournament in Agbalepedogan are available on DVD. Some of the video of these activities are available on the website of the Province.

### 10.3 Paper

Parish bulletin boards with pictures and prayers, translations of litany of our saints, and insertion in the Ordo of Togo the feast of our Saint Founder January 15.

## **11. " THE FRIENDS OF THE SVD"**

Booklet: Petit compagnon de priers (Small mate of prayers) - Excerpt of the Vademecum SVD

## **12. ADVANTAGE**

12.1 Nearly all confreres have an email address that they access as frequent as possible.

12.2 All confreres have cellular phone. The practice of communication through SMS is convenient and economic.

### **13. LIMITATION**

13.1 Lack of financial support

13.2 Lack of training personnel

13.3 Lack of involvement and presence in Medias (press, radio, and television) of the local church,

### **14. TOWARD THE FUTURE**

Following the resolutions of the first provincial chapter in January 2009, we hope that in a near future the Province will be able to establish a Center of Communication including editions, publications, multi-medias studio, and religious bookstore, as proposed in the project "Arnoldus Cope" in creating a team of confreres with specific apostolate ministries (the Brothers would have an important role to play here) and a necessary structure to achieve its goals with efficiency to our missionary vision in the area of communication in the quest for promoting dialogue, justice and peace in Togo, Benin and other French-speaking countries of West Africa. Also, we think that with this center some incomes could be generated, which eventually will enable our self subsistence.

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