

## Angola and Mountain Sky Conference Timeline

**2003** – Former Yellowstone Conference and Rocky Mountain Conference Bishop invited the conferences to be a Partner Conference with the East Angola Conference and work with them for their future growth and development. Bishop Brown spoke of visiting East Angola and saw the devastating results of civil war on Methodist hospitals, churches and schools. He shared how people were faithful and marched singing into the shell of a church that soldiers used as a latrine. They have a history of an agrarian economy and hold other things in common with us, including the need for hope. He suggested that partnering might look like work teams making bricks, building schools and rebuilding churches; or raising money for roofs, and adopting a pastor.

In 2003 Sue King went to Angola with a team sponsored by Rocky Mountain Conference.

**2004** – Bishop Quipungo from the East Angola Conference attended Yellowstone Annual Conference. He was a part of evening worship and led an academy as well. All conference offerings went to East Angola Missions.

**2005** – Sue King led a work team from YAC to the East Angola Conference. The team worked in Angola for a month, camping in villages, roofing a church, installing a rain collection system, working with children and bringing school supplies to village schools. The devastation from the war was still very evident. Team members were: Steve and Sue Babcock, Diane Williford, Carley Robertson, Renee, Grace Harris (RMC), Andre DeCosta, Aaron Keys, Sally Keys (McConnell), Dean

**2006** – Alcides Martins and Francisco Cautama attended Annual Conference. They are young men from the East Angola Conference that had studied in Florida for a year. “We are not connected by language or country, but we are connected by God. During the civil war everyone knew that one day, God would provide,” Alcides shared. “You make us see that there are people in the world who love us,” Francisco shared. A project of providing \$40 a month to pastors in East Angola was shared with the conference.

**2007** – Sue King led a joint team from YAC, Rocky Mountain and California-Nevada Conferences. This team spent time in both East and West Angola Conferences. The purpose of their trip was cultural exchange and dialogue on church leadership topics. It was on this trip that the Angola Pastor Support Project was finalized. Bill Mullette-Bauer and Karen McRae from Yellowstone went on that trip, as well as Skip Strickland from RMC.

**2010** – Morias Quissico, Global Ministries Executive Secretary, Africa, attended Yellowstone Annual Conference. He thanked YAC for their continued support of 54 pastors at \$40 a month in East Angola. He reminded the conference that through their support they were offering hope to people in need of hearing and experiencing the love of God in concrete ways.

**2011** – The legacy Yellowstone Conference Missions Team formed the Angola Advocacy Team. This team is made up of anyone that has traveled to Angola, as well as the Missions Team steward. The purpose of the team is to help guide the partnership with East Angola and help promote its causes. At this time 54 pastors were being supported at \$40 a month.

**2012** – Mark Calhoun, Jeremy Scott, and Kristen Cates travel to Angola to visit churches in the East Angola Conference, and meet pastors. The purpose of this trip was to develop relationships with our partners in East Angola. Support to pastors was increased to 60 pastors at \$40 a month.

**2013** – Ken Koome, Global Ministries missionary, arrived in Malange, Angola. He will be the financial officer, responsible for the delivery of mission funds to The United Methodist Church and its projects in East Angola.

**2014** – In February John and Ethan Daniels, and Sally McConnell join a VIM team from the Florida Conference to visit the East Angola Conference. The trip coincides with local pastor training at Quessua. Some churches in YAC donated suitcases full of fabric for the Women's Training Center at Quessua Methodist Mission which the team delivered. Later that spring Ken Koome spent three weeks itinerating across Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Conferences sharing about the hopes for ministry in East Angola.

**2015** – Katela Katembo, Global Ministries missionary, was commissioned at Yellowstone Annual Conference. Katembo is a graduate of Africa University in agriculture. He will be living and working at Quessua Methodist Mission developing the vast agricultural land at the mission.

**2015** - In the spring and summer Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Conferences raised money to purchase a truck for Ken Koome to use in his work, vastly expanding his ability to carry out his work.

**2015** - During the second half of 2015 the Angola Advocacy Team voted to raise the amount sent to pastors to \$50 a month and to send this support to all pastors serving a church, which at this time is 66.

**2016** – Rev. Andre Cassule visited Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Conferences in April and early May. Rev. Cassule is a graduate of Africa University and serves Mbucu UMC in East Angola. He is a recipient of our Angola Pastor Support.

**2017** – In November Gloria Edwards and Joanna Griffin traveled to Angola. They visited 9 churches and met with the pastor at each church as well as members of the congregations. This enabled them to hear the stories of hope and challenge that the Christians of Angola face. Gloria and Joanna also spent time working with Kutela Katembo, Global Ministries missionary who is the agriculturalist at Quessua Methodist Mission. They also visited a village school and participated in an Imagine No Malaria seminar.

**2017** – In December enough money had been raised by Yellowstone Conference and specifically the Bozeman UMC to purchase a truck for missionary Kutela Katembo to facilitate his ministry in agriculture and also to purchase some farm equipment.