



# FAITH & ENCOUNTER CENTRE

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## REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2010

2010 has been a good year for FENZA. Although we lost Fr. Francois Richard as Director of FENZA in June 2010 and Fr. Gotthard Rosner could only come in September in order to replace him, many activities went on, and FENZA has become a trade name for quality regarding Zambian culture and library expertise. This is partly true because of the good work done by Frs. Bernhard Udelhoven and Patrick Mumbi, but partly also because of the good work done by our workers, Mrs. Pulcheria Mumba, Mr. Sergious Michelo and our faithful night watchman Stephen Chewe. Fr. Gotthard Rosner meets regular with the lay staff, and there is a good and sincere atmosphere among all of us. As one of the workers said: "We all form one family together".

In September Fr. Everisto Mwelwa joined the staff, but since he is on "transit" he is not fully committed to FENZA, but he is a great asset to the community and good for outside relations.

Fr. Gilles Mathorel, although not staying at FENZA, continues his contacts with the Muslims, participates in meetings and conferences and gives workshops on Islam.

### Library

Our library has 6,650 books and subscribes to 26 Journals. In 2010 we received 180 paying members, and every Saturday there are between 15 and 20 readers crowding our reading rooms. On the other days it is quieter, but there are always some readers present. Often the students from UNZA or the Open University ask the staff to help them in their assignments, and we oblige as much as we can.

From September to December 2010 we have employed Mr. Charles Chirwa in order to digitalise the most important documents and photos of our Archives. He did a good job.

### FENZA Documents and Conferences

In 2010 we published three FENZA Documents:

- Ethnographic Notes on traditional healing in Zambia and in some churches of Bauleni.
- The changing face of Christianity in Zambia.
- Prophecy in the Bible and in the churches of Zambia.

FENZA Conferences are held three or four times a year from 14:00 to 17:00 hours.

- 20<sup>th</sup> February: New churches in Zambia
- 15<sup>th</sup> May: African Christology
- 14<sup>th</sup> August: Gender Issues: The man, the head of the household.
- WE also had the launching of a DVD on Satanism, a joint venture of FENZA, the Fingers of Thomas with Fr. Bernhard Udelhoven and the Catholic Media Services, TV. Studios. Several times the film has been shown on ZNBC TV2.

For the conferences we get an audience between 60 and 100 people. For the Launching of the DVD there were about 150 people.

Experts are chosen to present the theme.

- On 12<sup>th</sup> June there was a study day on abortion, a joint venture of FENZA and the Christian Ministers' Partnership of Bauleni.

## **Courses**

Our "Welcome to Zambia" course (an Introduction to Zambian culture and life) becomes popular. There were four short courses of two days each (the whole day). Three for members of the DED (German Development Service) and one for 8 students coming from the University of San Francisco.

In September we had 14 participants for the two weeks course (mornings only). The evaluation done was very positive. For this course we invite speakers from outside who present topics from General Statistics of Zambia to history, witchcraft, Initiation rites, etc...

Our intensive language courses (ten weeks) in Nyanja and Bemba continued. Nine people graduated in Nyanja, but in Bemba we had only three.

## **Outreach**

Fr. Patrick Mumbi works and meets regularly with the Traditional Healers for mental sicknesses. He also is part of Cara Counselling. He now will begin a research concerning traditional medicines and methods of healing mentally sick people.

Fr. Bernhard Udelhoven (sometimes with the "Fingers of Thomas") gave workshops in Choma, Livingstone, Kalomo, Kabwe and Lusaka. The topics asked for: African culture and values, witchcraft, Satanism, Healing, etc... Together with Fr. Gotthard Rosner a Seminar for people of the Charismatic Renewal was organized in Kabwata on the topic of Prophecy.

Quite often Fr. Bernhard and some members of the group "the Fingers of Thomas" are visiting families where people are accused of being Satanists.

Together with Fr. Pierre Lafollie good work is done regarding the traditional Bemba Initiation rites and preparation of marriage.

We also have our regular ministry. Fr. Patrick often goes to the Sisters of Charity (Mother Teresa), Fr. Bernhard to Kabwata and Fr. Gotthard alternates between Bauleni and Kabwata.

The latter two also taught at Kalemba Hall or at different Sisters' Convents.

We also hosted a meeting for the M. Afr. (Southern Sector).

We have only one visitors' room, but we are happy, if it is occupied. We received confreres, stagiaires and as a regular visitor Bishop George Lungu from Chipata. Another regular visitor is Prof. Musambachime from UNZA. Once he came with 40 students in order to show them the Library, another time he came with Prof. Karen Hansen (USA) who has written several books on Zambia.

Prof. Musambachime is also a benefactor of the Library. He donated a good number of books.

We thank him, all our friends, benefactors and donors, the confreres (M. Afr.) and the local Church for their continuous support and encouragement.

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Director of FENZA