

## Highlights from AFRICA:

### NEWS FROM ZAMBIA:

Rev. Enocent Silwamba, Conference Superintendent of the Copperbelt Conference, reports that the PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH has been established with Rev. Silwamba as the National Director. The announcement of this new department was launched on Zambian National Broadcasting TV network. This department carries out the policy on HIV/AIDS enacted by the PH church of Zambia. This policy includes: empowering Income Generating Activities for people living with HIV/AIDS, operating community schools for AIDS orphans, and teaching employment skills to those living in HIV/AIDS households.

### SWAZILAND:

According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, there was almost a riot at a primary school in Mbabane, Swaziland, when parents tried to register their children as orphans to qualify for government support for AIDS orphans. This has highlighted the growing number of vulnerable children. A vulnerable child is defined as being endangered by extreme poverty, threat of physical or sexual abuse, or hunger and neglect. Swaziland, next door to South Africa, has a population of 1 million, with 70,000 children under the age of 15 who have lost parents to AIDS.

### SOUTH AFRICA

The *Sunday Times*, a leading South African newspaper, February 6, 2005, gives the following AIDS statistics for South Africa:

- ❖ At least 4.6 million people (over 11.5% of the population) are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS
- ❖ AIDS is the leading cause of death in South Africa. In 2002, it accounted for 40% of the deaths in the country
- ❖ 336,000 children under the age of 18 are orphans as a result of AIDS
- ❖ It is estimated that 500,000 people in South Africa need antiretroviral drugs

## NEWS FROM NIGERIA:

Dr Princewell and Juliana Ibe report that during 2004 they had crusades in three strategic places. In Itigidi, Cross River State, the Chief renounced his Chieftaincy title and privileges and denounced all idol worship as he accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. His entire family came to the Lord as well as 47 other people. The Chief has since donated land for a church to be built. In the second crusade in Okposi, Ebonyi State a young man known and called Satan, gave his heart to the Lord along with 28 other people. In the third crusade in Enohia, a predominately Muslim area, 36 were saved and 6 miraculously healed. Preaching points have now been established in these three locations in Nigeria.