

Angolan King to Build God's Kingdom With Overland Missions

God has sent Overland Missions kings, presidents and other international leaders of many nations over the years, allowing them to break into new areas and have greater influence in the Spirit among rural people groups for His kingdom's advance.

A Christian man of kingdom principles, His Excellency the King Mbandu of the Mbunda tribe of Angola, Congo and Zambia is one such king who has sought out Overland Missions to bring Christ to His people. Overland missionaries have not yet been able to visit him at his home in Angola due to his remote location and timing of travel. However, when Philip Smethurst, founder and president of Overland Missions, took a recent trip to Livingstone, Zambia, the king was there and the relationship took off. The king is currently staying at Overland Missions' Rapid 14 base in Livingstone as he prepares for his trip back to Angola.

This divine setup is a huge open door for Overland Missions to reach thousands of remote people within King Mbandu's jurisdiction in central Africa. Not only will their relationship with him allow them favorable access into a historically difficult country to enter, Angola, but he has also chosen Overland's base in Zambia as his main base of operations any time he is in the country.

During visits, King Mbandu will host meetings with numerous indigenous leaders from all his chiefdoms and Overland will continue to strategize with him on reaching more and more people with the gospel.

Phil and Sharon Smethurst say Angola has been on their hearts since the beginning of Overland Missions. Phil Smethurst

fought in its civil war about 25 years ago, and he observed that while poverty, disease, destruction and abuse had reached Angola's remote tribal people, the gospel had not. Upon leaving the South African army where he had been serving as a conscript, he set about locating and reaching Africa's most remote tribal groups to preach the gospel and make disciples.

Today, there remain tens of thousands of remote peoples living in inaccessible locations who lack an accurate representation of the gospel.

In late July, Overland Missions will be running an expedition to the tribe in Angola. Follow the expedition on , celebrate with Overland and keep them in prayer as they continue to pioneer the gospel in the remote parts of this nation.