BLOGGERS IN AFRICA

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A group of Christian bloggers have just set off on a visit to Uganda from where they will be reporting on their adventures. I'm sure they will have a wonderful and informative time and no doubt they will generate a lot of publicity for the organisation who are fronting the trip.

However, can I respectfully suggest that if you really want to understand what is happening in Africa, you might do better to follow blogs written by Africans or by others who have a long term commitment to living and working on the continent.

Here are a few suggestions of blogs from across Africa. The list is not exhaustive and shows a bias towards people I know or countries I've lived and worked in and to Bible and Mission stuff. However, I'd like to have other blogs to follow, so if you have some suggestions, please include them in the comments.

Bridges from Bamako: written by anÂ anthropologist, this outstanding blog gives a superb insight into life in Mali's biggest city, with the odd foray out into the country as a whole.

Djobouti Jones: a fascinating blog about life as an expat in the horn of Africa.

Drogba's Country: Journalist John James is not actually based in Ivory Coast at the moment, but his blog is still a great place to get insights from that country.

Every Tongue: Mark Woodward works in language development in Tanzania. His blog gives a great insight into living and working across cultures, while trying to explore the Bible's message.

Fasokan: I've been followingÂ Boukary Konate on Twitter for ages, but I've only just (thanks to a comment, below) discovered his excellent (award winning) blog. It is in French and Bambara.

Global Voices: this is an excellent place for news from across the world. Locally based writers give insightful comments on what is happening in their particular situation. You can sign up for a news feed from just about any country on the planet.

Heart Language Observations: a language and Bible orientated blog written from Ghana. Lots of good insights.

Mausts on Toast: the Maust family have recently arrived in Cameroon and are blogging their experiences.

Onesimus Redivivus: this is a blog by a formerÂ PresbyterianÂ now Orthodox Christian who teaches theology in Nairobi.

Phil in the Blank: Phil Paoletta describes himself as a slow traveller. That just about sums it up, he's been in Francophone Africa for years now and his blog gives fascinating insights into the area - along with lessons on how to draw camels.

That's Our Life: Tim and Ali Robinson blog from Nigeria. Much of what they write covers the struggle

of bringing up a young family in a situation which is far from stable.

The Task: this is an organisational blog (and none the worse for that) which covers Bible translation and literacy in Uganda and Tanzania.

Until Our Independence: this young Ivorian blogger covers politics and technology from his home country and across the continent.

White African: Eric Hersmann is the guy to read if you are interested in technological innovation in Africa.

The following blogs contain some good stuff, but either they are not updated regularly, or their authors have relocated to the West.

- A Physio on a Wander
- Ben Byerly's Blog
- Mali Musings
- What an African Woman Thinks
- KJ's Blog
- Adventures in West Africa with Rob and Lois

There are undoubtedly lots and lots of good blogs that I've not mentioned here. This is either because I've lost their links or I never knew about them in the first place. As I mentioned above, please put links to other blogs in the comments. I'd be especially keen to see other (more accurate?) lists of African/Africa-based bloggers.

Edit: these are blogs that have been suggested to me on Twitter. I've not had time to follow them all up, so I can't comment on the content. But exploring new stuff is what it's all about, isn't it?

- Data Science: Big Data, the African Story
- The Yoders' Blog
- Mighty African
- Jemilia Abdulai
- Mac-Jordan
- Ventures Africa
- afrika aphukira
- Nanda's Blog
- Jimmy Kainja
- Blacklooks
- Central Angola (Portuguese)

Someone, somewhereÂ *must* have produced an up to date, geographically organised list of African bloggers!