

Henry's Colorful Dishes

■ Henry Kapitapita is a satellite DXer in Malawi in southeastern Africa

- *Receives all of the FTA channels in the Ku-band*
- *Educated himself on everything to do with satellite reception*
- *Would like larger dishes for the C-band*
- *Setting up his own TV and radio channel*



Henry Kapitapita has been a satellite DXer since 2002. His home is located in the city of Zomba in Malawi's southern region in southeastern Africa. The country's slogan is "From the Warm

Heart of Africa". Malawi has roughly 14 million inhabitants and is surrounded by Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania. Henry describes to us the first satellite he received. "That was the PAS 7/10

satellite at 68.5 east which today is called INTELSAT 7/10."

Henry was always interested in TV reception and when he found out that

■ Henry adjusting one of his satellite dishes

Satellite DXer in the Warm Heart of Africa

you could receive TV channels from a distance of 36,000 km (22,300 miles), he simply couldn't resist. "I'm very handy and extremely interested in technology", explains Henry who for many years worked as the IT Manager

at the Chancellor College of the University of Malawi. Today he runs his own company: Ashley Media. "We specialize in multimedia production such as radio and TV documentaries, programs and advertisement. We are also

involved in the organization of digital libraries. We scan documents, books as well as audio and picture data for the Internet and also for the Archives." Henry bought all of the components

■ Henry installing a new LNB



for his satellite system from local dealers in the neighboring larger city of Blantyre in southern Malawi.

"I'm always turning my dishes to receive other satellites. At the moment my white dish is pointed to EUTELSAT W4 from which I can receive the Afro Music Channel and the MGM Channel. The yellow dish is aligned with NSS5 and lets me receive Malawi's local public TV channel: MBC TV. The red dish is pointed to INTELSAT 7/10 at 68.5 east. From this satellite I can receive the South African channels SABC 1, 2,

3 God Channel and a number of other FTA channels."

Henry uses three satellite receivers. "My favorite channels are the SABC channels and also CCTV News and EBRU TV from EUTELSAT W4." Naturally, Henry would like to install more satellite antennas with larger diameters. "I would love to be able to receive the C-band but larger dishes are hard to come by here." Henry is already planning for the future: "As soon as licenses become available, I want to be able to redistribute these TV channels." He

is also planning to become a programming provider himself: "I'm getting ready to start my own TV and radio channels: Youth Broadcasting Station (Youth TV and Youth FM). I have nearly the complete studio and transmission equipment ready to go; the only thing missing is the official broadcasting license."

Until that time comes, Henry keeps himself happy with his colorful dishes and the experience that he has thus far gained: "I can find any satellite within two minutes."



■ Satellite DXer Henry Kapitapita in his shack. He uses three satellite receivers.