



Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. Matthew 4:23

Dear pact churches, brothers and sisters, friends, and followers of the mission of God who support our work in East Angola, Africa. A year has stayed behind marked by a global economic crisis and irreparable losses of life due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, we have initiated 2021 filled with hope based on the biblical promise that God continues teaching and healing us. I will continue sharing a summary of our missionary activities during 2020 and our work projections for 2021.

Fighting against an invisible and unknown enemy COVID-19

Two prevention projects for COVID-19 coming from Global Health Unit at Global Ministries in Atlanta, valued in \$20,000, were applied at the Quessa community, including the Health Center, with the goal of instructing personnel on how to correctly use the personal protective equipment (PPE) and how to conduct sanitary training and distribution of buckets and soap to vulnerable communities to COVID-19 due to poor hygiene. Field work in these villages was led to emphasize the adequate use of a mask, the washing of hands and to keep social distance.



Training Stage for medical personnel and community leaders on Covid-10

30 employees from the Health Center in Quessa, received their complete PPE (Robes, Aprons, Gloves, Masks, Face Shields and Safety Hats). This project offered safety to the medical and paramedic personnel that is exposed to patients that might have COVID-19.

It is worth mentioning that up to the writing of this Newsletter, we have not reported a case of COVID-19 infection of the personnel of the Quessa Medical Center or our community. The community prevention project included the distribution of buckets and soap to vulnerable communities to COVID-19 due to poor hygiene, water tanks for water reserve and hygiene and cleaning supplies to strengthen disinfecting measures in the center.



Director of Quessua Health center receives donation of means of protection and biosafety for the workers.



Education and prevention about Covid-19 and malaria in the community. Rev. Baltazar translates the information in Kimbundo, national language.

Statistics for the Community COVID-19 Prevention Project revealed the following:

- 1078 families received buckets and soap
- 4215 people were instructed, from house to house, regarding to emphasize the adequate use of a mask, the washing of hands and to keep social distance.

We fight Coronavirus without forgetting the old and know enemy of the African Continent: Malaria

The team of Global Health Unit at Global Ministries continued implementing in the Quessa Medical Center, the Imagine No Malaria (INM). The main goal of the program on this last execution stage is to diminish mortality due to this sickness and offer free medical consultation and treatment to all patients with a clinical diagnostic of malaria.





INM team from eastern Angola plans to purchase antimalarial drugs for Quéssua Community.
 During 2020. The Health Center in Qessa, received a great number of medications: Antibiotics, Antimalarial, Painkillers, among others. These were distributed free among the poorest in the community when they came for Medical treatment to our Health Center.

The next step in patient treatment protocol, is the attention and treatment related to Pediatric and OBGYN related medical visits. Patients ill due to Malaria and other sicknesses that do not require remission to the Regional Hospital in Malange, are seen for 24-48 hrs., until their recovery permits them to continue an outpatient treatment.



Internal Medicine Consultation by Dr. Leo Garcia.
 The clinical Lab performs urine and hemoglobin control tests for pregnant women on their prenatal visits.



After the consultation, the patients receive free medication at the pharmacy of Quéssua Health Center.
 In our medical classification consultation includes measuring biometric parameters and a rapid malaria test on patients that require it.



Lic. Salles in the Laboratory .
 Our lab's priority needs for malaria diagnosis in patients with rapid negative testing is the acquisition of a high-resolution lens microscope for faster negative results. We would like to take advantage of this Newsletter to ask for help from sister churches and private donors who wish to support the purchase of this microscope.



Technician João weighing the patients and performing the malaria test



Prenatal Consultations. Dra. Fernanda.





The systematization of obstetrics consultations has led to a regular increase in births within the health unit, reducing out-of-the-hospital births.



The pregnant women who give birth in the Health Center receive a set of clothes for babies donated by churches in Florida.

We were able to start a nutrition program, with the initiative of Florida sisters, associated with childcare medical visits with the goal to fight malnutrition in under weight infants.



Families of malnourished infants receive a basic food basket every 15 days after the control consultation



During the pandemic Covid-19, the mobile clinic are held in the villages to reduce the overload of patients.



Doctors Mercedes and Cleivy carry out field visits in the dispensarization project.



Chapel of Mufungo used as a place to consult patients and pharmacy

The 2020 statistical of the Quessua Health Center reported that of 46,560 patients treated, of which 16,965 were diagnosed and treated for malaria.

Our missionary projection for this new year will continue focused on the prevention and reduction of morbidity and mortality from malaria, Covid-19, and others diseases with high prevalence in the Quessua community.

Thanks, the Global Ministries in Atlanta, Friends, the covenant churches and Florida Conference, in the effort to improve the health and quality of life of the populations of the east Angola

We invite you to be part of our missionary ministry Your prayers, financial contributions, your accompaniment online and your presence in Quéssua, through visits in groups of volunteers on mission, will be of great value in building the Kingdom of God in Eastern Angola.

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