



### **Missionary Letter, April 12 - June / 2021**

Dear friends and sister churches connected to global mission, my wife Cleivy and I greet you in name of the Lord and we wish His grace to be manifested in your lives in these times of global crisis and Covid-19 pandemic.

After being away from the Methodist Mission of Quéssua, in the months of March and April, due to malaria resistant to conventional treatments with relapses, we can once again launch the networks in the name of Jesus to continue our missionary service, with renewed strength.

### **Ravaged by the Storm**



A storm with strong wind and rain devastated the Mission of Quéssua on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Ancient trees fell, affecting the electrical system. Thanks God we did not have any loss of human life. The Mission was deprived of electricity for 15 days. This incident brought back memories of our arrival in Quéssua in 2011, when it did not exist electricity.



Together with Antonio Floriano, one of our Angolan spiritual children, we managed to overcome the

challenges to stabilize a small generator to have light, and conserve some cold product.

### **Celebration of Wesleyan Week in May**



### **Prayer time in search of a renewed experience with the Holy Spirit.**

A group of United Methodist youth from the Central Church of Malanje received a lecture on John Wesley and the Methodist Movement of England, by missionary Rev. Cleivy Garcia. In the month of May we celebrate a time of questions, answers and prayer for the reason of the celebration of the experience of the burning heart lived by John Wesley, on May 24, 1738, on Aldersgate Street. We were all renewed by the Power of the Holy Spirit of God. Hallelujah.

### **Infant Feeding Program**

The new way of life imposed by Covid-19 has prevented us from going back to cooking for 700 children as we did every Sunday, before the pandemic. The number of participants in the Children's Sunday School was reduced as a measure to safeguard life. Children older than 7 years, after each Bible lesson, wear masks, wash hands and keep social distance and receive a nutritious snack.



### **Teachers distribute Sunday School Children's Snack**







Consolidation of the program to combat malnutrition at the Quéssua Health Center. Children from Quéssua neighborhoods identified as malnourished by default underweight, are evaluated in the nutrition consultation conducted by Dr. Cleivy Garcia and her work team.



The medical consultation is multipurpose and frequent African context diseases are fought, such as Malaria, Typhoid Fever, Intestinal, Parasitism, Anemia, Scabies, Ringworm of the scalp and Acute Respiratory Diseases. The malnourished receive a basic food basket per month of approximately 15 kg.



Health education is dedicated to encourage children's family to comply with the guidelines presented. It is expected that in future consultations for the weight curve of the undernourished will show an ascending pattern. The program has benefited more than 100 children. Returning several of them to their ideal weight.

**Celebration of Children's Day in Africa does not go unnoticed in the Central United Methodist Church of Quéssua.**

Throughout the month of June, the United Methodist



Churches of Eastern Angola celebrate Children's Day. The entire Children's Sunday School Team, celebrate International Children's Day. The childcare department of the Church of Quéssua purchased cake, soft drinks and snacks to celebrate that great children's day. The little ones were happy and joyfully sang praises to the Lord.

**Children's Day celebration in Quéssua also among adults**





The message of the Word that day exhorted everyone to be humble like children (Mt 18: 1–5).

While I was preaching in the temple, my wife Cleivy shared her preaching with the team of young people that support the Children's Sunday School with her service in the kitchen. An experience that reminded me of Susana Wesley and for which I thank the Lord



### Against Covid -19: A Before and After.

Increasing challenges in the sphere of public health are faced in times of the covid-19 pandemic in Angola. The appearance of new variants of the sars-cov-II virus within the territory, added to the progressive increase of patients who come to the Quéssua Health Unit, due to Malaria and others, such as Acute Respiratory Diseases, are elements of high risk in the transmission and rapid spread of covid-19.



Before, patients in Quéssua, while waiting for a medical consultation, did not have a comfortable place to wait to be seen

How to avoid the crowd of people to be treated at the entrance of the Quéssua Health Center?

This was a concern resolved by God's mercy, responding to him through a new reality.

Joint efforts of the General Unit for Global Health, from Atlanta and the Global Mission area of the Florida Conference the patients conditions were improved, through the construction of a waiting place.



Construction of outdoor benches. Completion phase of the waiting house for patients at the Quéssua Health Center. 3 - 6 - 2021.

The new covered area located at the entrance to the patio of the Health Center, benefits the fulfillment of the social distancing between the sick, thus reducing the risk of contamination by Covid-19. The patients, doctors, nurses and the management of the Center thank the donors for the construction of this place. Now, people before being seen in consultations, can wait seated and protected from the sun and rain.



A New Reality: Patients are waiting to be called to the triage consultation at this newly built site.







## Strengthening Health Care in Quéssua

### Pediatric consultation

The Pediatric consultation has been reinforced with new National Nursing Graduates and Physicians. The growing number of children with Malaria and Acute Respiratory Diseases has increased the medical statistics of the Quéssua Health Center.



### Dr. Leo Garcia. Internal Medicine Adults Consultation



Also, in the specialized consultation of Internal Medicine and emergency service, the average daily care exceeds 180 cases. Between the months of April, May and the first days of June, the number of patients seen exceeded 11,000.

The commitment of the United Methodist Church to collaborate with the Quéssua Medical Center with the presence of doctors and medicines favors a more effective care of patients who come seeking help.

### Imagine no Malaria Programs - INM.

This program, implemented by the Global Ministries, is focused on reducing morbidity and mortality from Malaria in the Quéssua health area.

The fight in Angola against Malaria is continuous.

The provinces of the south-eastern region continue to show a high endemic epidemiological pattern of the disease, with the appearance of outbreaks with high mortality rate. The regions most affected in the last two months are Namibe and Cunene. An intense drought combined with locusts invasion in the crops and the death of cattle have exacerbated the situation of poverty in this population.

In times of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Quéssua health team continues to focus its attention on the

fight against the dangerous Malaria.



### Quéssua Center Pharmacy offers free medication to sick patients who need recovery.

Florida's drug donations, coupled with Global Ministries' Malaria Program (INM) applications, substantially help the uninterrupted supply of top-of-the-line antibiotics and antimalarial drugs. It is an action that literally: Saves Lives.





We thank God for all who support God's mission work.

We thank the Lord for the mission leaders, for the committed Churches, for the friends and brothers who support with prayer, financing and their physical presence through the volunteer groups in Eastern Angola.

We thank the Florida Conference, the Global Ministries and the Global Health Unit in Atlanta for being with us on this journey.

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