

Newsletter

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Quessua Agriculture: Advance # 3022272

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Dear friends and families,
Feliz Natal! Merry Christmas! December being the last month of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to God for his mission and also thank all of you that have participated in God's mission throughout the whole year in my ministry here at Quessua mission in Angola.

Thank you for your prayers, for your interest and for your financial support to Quessua Agriculture Center. I wish you all Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Fish ponds

The fish farming project with earthen and concrete fish ponds is going well. So far they have been built and managed in the way we planned them to be, supplying the earthen fish ponds with Tilapia fish fingerlings and catfish for the concrete tanks. Our dream of fish farming has come alive. These fish ponds will be a good example for other people to see and learn how to do it for themselves. At the catfish tanks we would like to experiment with hatching catfish eggs that will allow us to have a continuous supply of catfish in our tanks. In six months we should be able to start harvesting our first fish from the ponds.



2000 Tilapia fingerlings being released in the 4 earthen tanks



Concrete Catfish ponds

Tilapia and catfish reproduce rapidly, needing feed for their development and reproduction.

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Theft is a big challenge that we will have; hence we need to take security measures to avoid this. An enclosure around the tanks needs to be built to help prevent theft in the ponds.

Village Outreach

The Quessua Agriculture Center continued with distributions of peanut, bean and maize seeds. The beneficiaries of this program received seeds and training on best cultivation practices to improve yields. At Quessua farm we periodically organize hands on field training with different groups of beneficiaries.



Hands on field training with beneficiaries from Cassucina village

Practical work with farmers brings stimulation and encouragement and allows for time to give more one on one advice as needed. We are always thrilled to receive testimonies from some of them regarding the support and teaching they receive. One man proudly

brought me some of his huge onions he had successfully grown.

The picture below shows some of the beneficiaries of the 6 villages surrounding Quessua Mission who are sorting peanut, beans and maize seeds to be planted in the demonstration field they all worked on one Saturday morning. I was very satisfied with the work done by these women. The man pictured with the women is agronomist Eduardo Vitungi, an assistant in our program. He has been a proactive asset to the fish farming and village outreach programs.



Eduardo Vitungi sorting seeds with some of the women

Conversations with villagers provide gratifying insight into the success of this program and demonstrate that people are willing to participate and learn new information and methods, many for the first time. We interviewed some farmers in order to obtain their impressions on what they have learned and they are all grateful and extend many thanks to all of you that made this

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program alive. It is improving their lives by helping them to fight perpetual food insecurity, hunger and poverty.

3 The mission gardens continue to harvest produce that have blessed the dorm students with cabbage, collard greens, swiss chard, onions, tomatoes, bananas, papayas, manioc flour and now a new crop of eggplant. As the end of the school year draws near, budgets for the dorms typically dwindle making this produce all the more valuable to their nutrition. We have been pleased to periodically offer the students some chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, and even a sheep from the mission farm to supplement their meals.



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We thank you very much for your tremendous support to my ministry. Together we participated in the success of our God's Mission. God's Mission is still going on and we Value your prayers, love, support, thoughts, emails and generous financial support for this ending year.

Through God all is possible! May God Bless you! I invite you to always collaborate with the Agriculture Program at Quessua Mission.

Please send your contributions to UMC Advance Special Numbers:

Quessua Agriculture: advance # 3022272.

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