

## Newsletter

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, In the name of our Lord and Savior, receive our warm greetings from Quessua agriculture project. It is our pleasure to share with you our second newsletter of the year.

My family and I are doing well. We thank God for his protection and love and as you read this newsletter; we hope that you are also well. Thank you for following our work and for your spiritual, moral and financial support as we lift up God's mission.

Following up on our Agricultural outreach program to increase food security in the area, Quessua Agriculture Project Center distributed seeds to peasant farmers. This was the first help of its kind to the community since the end of three decades of civil war that resulted in the destruction of peoples' lives and livelihoods. The joy on the faces of beneficiaries has been heartwarming, particularly knowing that most farmers cannot afford to buy seeds or tools. Following these distributions we also trained beneficiaries on how to plant and best use these seeds for an optimum harvest.

Vegetable gardening has been one of our targets to train and encourage the community to produce a variety of vegetables. Groups of farmers have come to the mission farm for training and practice. Tomato, cabbage and onion seeds were distributed to each group after the trainings, enabling them to plant their own community vegetable nurseries and gardens.









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Group leaders being trained on planting a vegetable nursery



Farm group leader taking vegetable seeds for his community nursery

#### **Fish farming**

Quessua agriculture has always dreamed of developing a serious fish farming endeavor that will supply protein rich fresh fish to the schooldorms and community. It is exciting to see this now developing for the first time. 4 earthen fish ponds with dimensions of 8 X 20 meters each are being dug and built beside the Quessua River. A concrete pond of 25 X 3 meters is also being built. The structure is being recycled and built from part of the old mission hospital that use to house patient families. Once the ponds are completed, fingerlings and feed for fish will be needed. We are in need of continued support for this project to be successful.



Before (demolition of the old structure)



After (concrete fish pond in construction)

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Earthen fish ponds in construction



Quessua agriculture is taking advantage of another structure at the old hospital that got destroyed by the civil war. The remains of this building will become the new home for the farm chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs.

#### PARTNER WITH ME

We thank you very much for your tremendous support to my ministry. Together we are participating in the success of our God's Mission. This Mission is still going on and we value your prayers, love, support, thoughts, emails and generous financial support for this year. With God all is possible! May God Bless you! I invite you to collaborate with the Agriculture Program at Quessua Mission. Please send your contributions to UMC Advance Special Numbers:

### <u>Quessua Agriculture</u>: advance # 3022272.

### <u>Salary support</u>: advance # 3022031 (Kutela)

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