



KAPASSENI CALLING



AN UPDATE ON THE KAPASSENI PROJECT MISSION WORK

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The second training session for the Theological Education by Extension program was held in Sena, Mozambique in July 2011. Eight students eagerly participated in the study of the teachings of the Lutheran Church.



Rev Carlos Winterle taught the students for a two week session in the township of Sena. He also preached at three services on Sunday, July 31st. The church below is in the village of Murrema.



Mission work report by Rev. Joseph Alfazema

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”. (Heb. 13:8).

On Tuesday July 26th, 2011, Rev. Winterle arrived from South Africa to conduct the training sessions for the eight students of the Theological Education by Extension program. The two week seminar started on July 27th, 2011. The students were more comfortable this year as they had a stronger foundation which helped them to learn the material more efficiently.

Rev. Winterle’s mission in Sena was to educate the students on Christian Doctrines using Koehler’s Summary in Portuguese. We also studied the topic of salvation by grace alone.

Rev. Winterle arrived in Sena with a Lutheran pastor named David Wowa from Malawi. Pastor Wowa told us that his Lutheran church broke away from the Malawi evangelic Lutheran church because he did not agree with their teachings. He joined us for three days of our session. Next year, the lecturer will come to Sena from Brazil so Rev. Winterle can go to Angola.

The students will meet once a month to correct their homework together with Manuel Jambo as the student leader and he will also be in charge of communication. I have trained him on basic computer skills and he is learning some basic English at school. I am happy that he wants to learn English and has accepted this leadership role. I will keep in touch with the students by skype and email to review their homework assignments. I met with the students in Sena for my farewell as I left Mozambique on August 27th, 2011.

I returned to Edmonton, Alberta after five years serving as a missionary in Mozambique. It has been a blessing to work in my original homeland and to be able to minister and mentor the people in Sena, Kapasseni, Murraca, Chemba, Mpango, Mbueza, Zondane, Samboneta and other rural areas of Sofala Province. There is still a lot of work to do but the ground work has been laid for these students to be trained as shepherds for the flocks in their own communities. Keep these students in your prayers and thank you for your support in this training progr



Pastor David Wowa from Malawi and Pastor Joseph Alfazema

Theological Education By Extension Program in Mozambique 2011 by Rev. Dr. Carlos Winterle



Pastor Alfazema greeted me when I arrived in Sena on July 26, 2011 and I was hosted in a new guest house built close to his house and to the Project Kuwangisana.



Rev. Carlos Winterle with the students - Jolinho, Julio, Joao, Ernesto, Rui, Manuel, Mateus, and Paulo with Pastor Joseph. Members of St.Thomas congregation in South Africa donated special T-shirts, embroidered with the Luther Rose and they were given to the students. Thank you!



There was one change in the students this year. We welcomed Paulo to the TEE program as Jordão was unable to participate.



On Sunday I was able to go to the village of Kapasseni to preach. This is the first place Pastor Alfazema began the mission work. It was a 1 hour drive from Sena. Pastor Alfazema was born in Kapasseni and he returned to Kapasseni village from Canada to see his mother, having been away as a refugee for many years. The chief of Kapasseni asked him to build a school there. We are standing in front of the school where services have been held for the last 10 years. Rui, one of the students, led the service.



The students were all accommodated in a small hostel, and the classes were also held there. We had classes from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, break for lunch; and the afternoon session went from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The course was about the Christian Doctrines, using Koehler's Summary, in Portuguese. We went very slowly through the material, so that all could understand it.



Here is the beautiful new church building in the village of Kapasseni which was just completed in September 2011. It is ready for worship services to be held here now.



The second service was held in the new church building in the village of Murrema and one of the TEE students, Ernesto led the service. I was presented with a chicken after the service.



The third service was in the afternoon, in Mpango, where Marcelino, a church leader, led the liturgy. The new student, Paulo, is from this congregation.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sena.

Mpango Lutheran Church

The 8 students are already in charge of 6 congregations. They are not ordained, but Pastor Alfazema has trained them to lead the services. The TEE course is giving them more knowledge and training to be faithful to the Gospel as they are ministering to the people.

The goal for the students is to be ordained when they finish the TEE course. This is their dream. The church has Jesus' promise: "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20)



Marcelino was severely injured during the civil war in Mozambique. His right arm was amputated a few months ago.



Mission Work Continues by Pastor Phillip Washeim

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Just over nine years ago I arrived at Redeemer Lutheran Church from our seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario. One of the things I learned about this congregation was its commitment to education, of the spiritual and vocational kind. This led them to begin the Kapasseni project with Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema to provide for the needs of body and soul of those in the village of Kapasseni back in 1999. Over the years of my involvement with the project I have seen a group of women from Redeemer work tirelessly to make sure that a stable environment could be created for the people in Kapasseni village.

Now that the government has taken over the nursing station and school, we have turned our energies to continuing the work of spiritual care begun by Pastor Alfazema five years ago. We currently support the training of eight students who desire to serve as pastors in their communities.

It has been a blessing to see the Holy Spirit at work in these men and in the communities that Pastor Alfazema ministered in. There is a deep desire to know the forgiveness won for mankind by Jesus Christ. Mozambique has suffered much because of civil war and there is a need for this reconciliation with God. There is a need to be freed of the guilt of the many sins carried out and that have had lasting effects to this very day.

Serving in Mozambique for the past five years has been difficult for Pastor Alfazema. He has seen his countrymen and women suffering from the results of that devastating war. By the grace of God he was able to plant the seed and watch it begin to grow. We are grateful for his servant heart and desire to advance the kingdom of God.

As we continue to work with the nine congregations established there and the eight students, I would like to encourage you to keep them in your prayers. Pray for safe travel as students and teachers continue the work of pastoral training. Pray for the spiritual growth of those new Christians and for many to hear the good news of Christ's Sacrifice for us. Pray also for Pastor Alfazema as he continues to serve the project from Canada.

Finally some thanks are also due. I'd like to thank the ladies here in Victoria who have worked behind the scenes for so long: Carol Kerr, Sylvia Gledhill, Mona Achtzener and Dorothy Pearson. Thanks to all the support we have received from the LWML-C; local chapters as well as the provincial and national bodies. Thanks to Pastor Leonardo Neitzel who established contact with Brazilian Lutheran Church to get the ball rolling with training. And to our international partners in pastoral training LCMS World Mission, USA; Seminário Concórdia and Igreja Evangélica Luterana do Brasil; and St. Thomas Congregation, Cape Town, South Africa. God bless you all.



Thank you to Grace Lutheran Church in St. Catharines, Ontario for donating these beautiful blue choir robes to St Pauls' Lutheran Church in Sena..



Rev. Carlos Winterle in front of St. Thomas Church in Cape Town, South Africa where he is currently stationed.

Making Donations

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All donations to the Kapasseni Project will go to support the training of the TEE students in Mozambique. Funds are needed to provide supplies and in country costs of food, lodging and transportation for teachers and students.

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