



KAPASSENI CALLING



AN UPDATE ON THE KAPASSENI PROJECT MISSION WORK IN MOZAMBIQUE

October 2015



Graduation and Ordination Service Aug 9, 2015 held at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Sena, Mozambique.

L-R President of Concordia Seminary – Brazil Pastor Leonério Faller. Pastor Joseph Alfazema (Canada), the Bishop of the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa Pastor Dieter Reinstorf, Pastor Andre Plamer (Brazil), Pastor Carlos Walter Winterle, Coordinator of the Theological Education -TEE in Mozambique, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil – IELB Pastor Egon Kopereck and the 8 new Pastors, Joao Luis Nota, Julho Albano, Rui Jalení, Mateus Domingos Sifa, Paulo Abudula, Jolinho Minez Nhapi gode, Manuel Jone Jambo, Ernesto Nhama Domingos.

ORDINATION IN MOZAMBIQUE by Pastor Carlos Winterle

The first eight pastors of the Lutheran Church Mozambique were ordained on 9th August 2015, after six years of intensive training sessions once a year, added to study sessions together once a month with Pastor Joseph Alfazema via skype.

The official name of the church shall be IGREJA LUTERANA DA CONCÓRDIA EM MOÇAMBIQUE – Concordia Lutheran Church in Mozambique, and the church is in the process of being registered with the government religious department.

The liturgy of the Ordination Service was led by the founder of the mission, Pastor Joseph Alfazema, originally from the nearby Kapasseni community. He currently lives in Canada and is a member of the Lutheran Church Canada - LCC. The preacher was Pastor Carlos Walter Winterle, Coordinator of the Theological Education - TEE program in Mozambique, currently a pastor in Cape Town, South Africa. The Graduation was led by the President of the Concordia Seminary – Brazil Pastor Leonério Faller. The Ordination and Installation was led by the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil – IELB Pastor Egon Kopereck, assisted by the Bishop of the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa – FELSISA Pastor Dieter Reinstorf, by Pastor André Buchweitz Plamer, one of the teachers of the TEE program as well as the other Pastors already mentioned above.

The eight pastors received an official call from their own village or surrounding villages. Concordia Lutheran Church – Mozambique has 10 congregations and about 1,200 baptized members. Many villages are asking the Lutheran Church to share the Gospel with them. We pray that the TEE program will provide new Pastors for more villages.

CELEBRATION

by Rev. Joseph Alfazema

We praise and thank God in Jesus Christ, His only Son for this day! A large crowd of over 1000 people marched through the Ville De Sena and gathered at St Paul's Lutheran Church to celebrate the graduation and ordination service of the first 8 seminary candidates.

The ordination ceremony went very well and people from all 10 congregations attended. Everyone was happy and excited because they had never seen such a festival. The graduating students were amazed and happy, especially at the ordination time. They were speechless with joy. The beautiful red sashes lit up the platform and it was an amazing sight. The temporary platform was built for the ordination outside the church. It was decorated with a picture of Jesus, colorful fabric and fresh bright red bogainvillea flowers which made the stage look very warm, welcoming and traditional.

I brought greetings and messages of congratulations from The Kapasseni Project of Redeemer Lutheran Church and President Bugby from Lutheran Church Canada. Three government officials were present: Chefe de Posto of Sena, the Director of Registration for Mutarara district and Chefe de Posto of Murraca, representing the Administrator of Caia District.

The Sena women prepared a great feast in celebration of the ordination. The people attending the celebration were very happy and no one went home hungry. We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us in this mission.

Pastor Joseph Alfazema and his wife Perpetua were so happy and pleased for the new Pastors and the church. Pastor Joseph was able to stay for 6 weeks before returning to Canada. Perpetua will stay longer to do more work through the her leadership role in the [Kuwangisana Organization](#).

To see more pictures of the mission work and the Ordination service go to <http://kapasseni.wix.com/kapasseni-mission>



Concordia Lutheran Centre in Sena ,Mozambique

Theological Education by Extention Program (TEE)

20 new candidates are beginning seminary training this year. This will expand the mission work but it is also a great challenge to support this training. The TEE program is looking for sponsors for each student of \$1000USD per year plus training costs.

A property with five houses was purchased and will be used as a headquarters for the Church and for training the students (a Seminary). It will be called the Concordia Lutheran Centre. The homes will be adapted to have classes and dorms for the professors and the students. Pray for the eight new pastors and for the Lutheran Church in Mozambique. The doors are open to the Gospel and God's Kingdom is growing very fast. Praise God for the many blessings He has poured out over Mozambique and for all supporters who are making it possible with their prayers and donations.

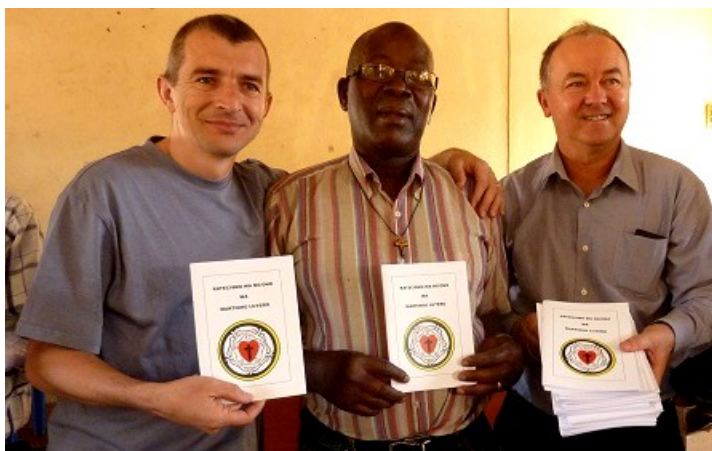
We thank God for the work the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil is doing in Mozambique to assist with training of Pastors and spreading the Gospel. The Ordination accomplished a Memorandum of Understanding – MOU signed in 2010 between Concordia Lutheran Church of Mozambique, the Kapasseni Project – Redeemer Lutheran Church – LCC; the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil – IELB; the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod – World Mission – LCMS WM; and the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa – FELSISA.

A new MOU is under preparation with a new partnership including Concordia Lutheran Church of Mozambique, the Mission of the Lutheran Church – MLC, Blekmarer Mission, Germany, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil – IELB; the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod – World Mission – LCMS WM; and the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa – FELSISA.

Canadian donors may still give to the training and Theological Education by Extension Program (TEE) being done in Mozambique by sending donations to Pastor Winterle's mission account through the LCMS in the USA .

Luther's Small Catechism

A very important step was taken by the publication of the Small Catechism in the Chisena language. Pastor Andre led the translation of Luther's Small Catechism into the Sena language in 2013. Then a translator was hired, Abel Sifa (brother of Mateus, one of the new pastors). He translated the Catechism and submitted it to the student pastors for revision. The translation was gone through to make sure it was easy to understand and it is now being used to teach church members. The Editora Concórdia (Brazilian CPH) published it and it was officially presented to Pastor Joseph Alfazema by President Kopereck during his visit. Portuguese is the official language in Mozambique (therefore the church in Brazil, who speaks Portuguese, enters as an important partner in this project) but the local people do not understand Portuguese and still speak their tribal language so this is an important teaching tool for people to learn from before they become church members.



Pastor Andre Plamer, Pastor Joseph Alfazema and the President of the Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB) Pastor Egon Kopereck holding the Small Catechism translated and printed in Chisena language.



Pres Egon and the line for Baptism: 53 adults + children were baptized on Saturday Au 8th in the church of Mpango.

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João Luis Nota, born on 7 de Abril de 1977 in Chemba, son of Luis Nota Catondo and Lúcia Mozolande Chate. Married to Chica Armando Lapuquene. They have nine children. He received the call to Igreja Luterana São Pedro – Chemba.

Júlio Albano Castomo, born on 14 de Abril de 1980 in Cheringoma, son of Albano Castomo Thiquite and Luísa Limbo Chiou. Married to Ângela Manuel Gabriel Castomo. They have four children. He received the call to Igreja Luterana São Timóteo – Três de Fevereiro.

Júlio Mineses Nhapigode, born on 6 de Agosto de 1951 in Chemba, son of Mineses Nhapigode and Pintondia Chicandeda. Married to Vaida Araujo Thuboi. They have nine children and nine grandchildren. He received the call to Igreja Luterana de Zambeze.

Manuel Jone Jambo, born on 19 de Agosto de 1969 in Sena, Caia, son of Jone Jambo Macualo and Medina Vinte Camanguira. Married to Maria Araujo Lisboa. They have nine children and two grandchildren. He received the call to Igreja Luterana São Paulo – Sena, and Igreja Luterana São Tito - Mutarara.

Mateus Domingos Sifa, born on 10 de Outubro de 1989 in Sena, Caia, son of Domingos Sifa and Anita Bulande Chissai. Married to Ângela Benjamim. They have two children. He received the call to Igreja Luterana São João – Cado.

Paulo Ernesto Minesês, Born on 22 de Dezembro de 1987 in Sena, Caia, son of Ernesto Mineses Mpango and Joanita António Meque. Married to Margarida Domingos Eduardo Mineses. They have two children. He received the call to Igreja Luterana São Mateus – Mpango.

Rui Jalene Souza, Born on 12 de Março de 1961 in Caia, son of Jalene Souza e Nsai Quembo Alfazema. Married to Imaculada António Chipordeni. They have nine children and five grandchildren. He received the call to Igreja Luterana São Marcos – Kapasseni.

Ernesto Domingos Raposo, born on 23 de Abril de 1969 in Beira, so of Domigos Raposo and Laura José Nvula. Married to Joana Ernesto. They have nine children and six grandchildren. He received the call of the Igreja Luterana São Lucas – Murrema, and Igreja Luterana de Sabonete.

TEE Trainers - Pastor Carlos Winterle and Pastor Andre Plamer

The Kapasseni Project

by Carol Kerr

Mission Statement—The Kapasseni Project is dedicated to assisting with the regeneration of Mozambique by providing children and families with educational opportunities, clean water, health care and spiritual support.

Educational Opportunities - Kapasseni Primary School



Built between 1998–2002. The 5 classroom school is now run by the Ministry Of Education and has over 450 students and 8 teachers. Teachers Housing was built in 2004.



Clean Water - 2 wells were drilled in 2000 and was one of the first accomplishments of the Kapasseni Project.

Community Development

A community garden and orchard was started and is still flourishing. A corn grinding machine was purchased and a shed built to provide an income source for the community. The community manages the wells, maintenance, the orchard and the grinding machine business.

Health Care -The Health Centre and nurses housing was build with matching funds from CLWR in 2002. People come from long distances to access health services in Kapasseni.



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The Kapasseni Project Committee of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Victoria, BC, Canada. Mona Achtzemer, Carol Kerr, Dorothy Pearson, Perpetua Alfazema, Pastor Philip Washeim, Sylvia Gledhill and Pastor Joseph Alfazema

Spiritual Support -The all volunteer committee has worked together with the village of Kapasseni to complete its mission since 1998. With the community development projects completed in 2005, the committee concentrated its efforts on spiritual support through mission work. Pastor Joseph served in Mozambique for 5 years and it became clear that more Pastors would be needed. So training 8 local men to become Pastors in Mozambique became our goal to complete our mission work in Mozambique. With assistance from the seminary and the Lutheran Church in Brazil, training began. The Graduation and Ordination service on August 9, 2015 marks the completion of our mission.

The Kapasseni Project Committee will officially be dissolved but we have formed a bond that will always be remembered as God's work being completed through the love and dedication of many people and donors. All donations received to November 2015 will be sent in one final amount at the end of this year.

The newly formed church in Mozambique is still in need of support and we would encourage churches or LWMLs or organizations to continue to support the mission work in Mozambique.

Thank you for your support for the last 17 years! Special thanks to the Committee members and Redeemer Lutheran Church for your dedication to this work. Thanks be to God for His many blessings, wisdom and guidance.

Making Donations

In Canada: The Kapasseni Project is no longer accepting donations as our mission has been completed by God's grace.

Support is still needed for training new pastors and supporting the new church in Mozambique. Donations may be sent to
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Scholarships for Kapasseni students to attend High School, college or university may be made through The Caia Connection see website www.caiaconnection.org

The Concordia Lutheran Church In Mozambique will apply to Concordia Mission Society in Canada to adopt a special project in 2016 to support the work of the church and the spread of the Gospel in Mozambique. Info will be sent out early 2016 if this is accepted and how to make donations will be on their website www.concordiamissions.org