



KAPASSENI CALLING



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FINAL REPORT ON THE KAPASSENI PROJECT

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Shivon Robinsong visits Perpetua Alfazema and Kapasseni village in Mozambique in June 2011. These two women shared a vision to help the small village of Kapasseni to build a school. This was the beginning of the Kapasseni Project which worked diligently to accomplish four goals, to build a school, provide wells for water, medical assistance and spiritual support. Thank you for your help and support to bring a small war torn village back to life!

This newsletter is a special edition with fabulous images taken by photographer Ben Fox and Shivon Robinsong on their trip to Mozambique showing the school and community of Kapasseni. They also filmed the accomplishments of the project and expansion to other areas of Joseph and Perpetua's work such as the home-based care program and mission work. You can view this video at www.kapasseni.tv



Greeting

by Perpetua and Joseph Alfazema

Kapasseni School is the centre of activity in the village. Everyone gathers to take part in traditional singing and dancing. The school has classrooms from Preschool to Grade Seven. Your generous donations built one class room per year as well as teacher's housing units and provided a sewing program and traditional music and dance lessons. "A once dead village has come back to life", said the village chief Francisco Semente. There is hope for the future because of the school and the many opportunities to learn and grow.

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Kapasseni project and the work we have all done together with the village to help provide education and health care in their community.

Please continue to support the traditional music program and scholarships for educational opportunities. These are areas that still need our help and will be ongoing through [The Caia Connection](#). Spiritual support will continue through the [Kapasseni Project](#) as courses are ongoing for eight men taking seminary training.





A school day begins with students gathering firewood and lining up for a nutritious breakfast. The breakfast program encourages the students to attend school regularly especially when food can be scarce. The happy children are fed and ready to learn. The breakfast program continues with support from the World Food Program and contributions from the community.



Happy children run and play before school starts. They have had their breakfast and can begin their classes. The lessons focus on literacy skills in Portuguese which is the official language in Mozambique. Other subjects include math, social studies, health, sewing and PE. There is also a school garden and traditional music program.



Adults are encouraged to attend literacy classes and a variety of ages can be in each class. Shivon is very happy to visit the children in front of the Kapasseni School buildings. These children might never have gone to school without your generous support to build their beloved school! Thank you.





To encourage girls to stay in school, the village requested a grinding machine so the young women would not have to spend long hours pounding corn instead of attending school. With generous donations, this became a reality in 2006. A community business was started and has helped the village girls to stay in school, brings people together and provides some funds for village community projects.



The traditional music and dance program in Kapasseni and Sena will continue and be expanded to include orphan programs in Caia and Chemba. Donations can be made through [The Caia Connection](http://TheCaiaConnection.org).



Young people who have graduated from Grade 7 in Kapasseni, attend grades 8 - 12 at the boarding school in Murraca, 35 km away. Donations for scholarships will continue and can be made through The Caia Connection at www.caiaconnection.org

The first two students to graduate from Grade 12, Antonio and Quembo want to attend college or university in January 2013. You can also donate to scholarship funds set up for post secondary education.



Two wells were drilled with matching grants from CLWR. Getting water right in the village was also helpful so girls could stay in school and not have to walk long distances each day to fetch water for their families.



Perpetua arrives in Kapasseni on an ATV, which is very suitable for the rough and often muddy roads. The Kapasseni Project was able to build a health centre and nurse's housing with a matching grant from CLWR. Kuwangisana provides home-based care services and orphan support in Kapasseni.



The Kapasseni school has an orchard with oranges, mangos, pineapple and cashew trees. Moringa trees can be harvested for leaves and seeds to produce a nutritious powder full of vitamins and calcium. Other trees will be planted to help regenerate the once forested area.



Kapasseni Lutheran Church was completed in 2011 with funds donated to mission work, and was officially opened in March 2012 with a wonderful community celebration. Eight men are taking a Theology Education by Extension (TEE) program to become pastors in their communities. The mission work will continue to support the in-country expenses for their training.



Perpetua and Joseph will continue to mentor and assist the projects even though they have now moved back to Canada. Perpetua will visit Mozambique in July 2012 to visit Kapasseni, check on the work at Kuwangisana, attend meetings and visit family and friends. The people will be very glad to see her.

The Caia Connection and the Kapasseni Project

Joseph and Perpetua started the Kapasseni Project in 1998. As Kapasseni rejuvenated, Perpetua then also built the Kuwangisana home based care program in Sena, for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

The Caia Connection is a Victoria-based charity that will continue to fundraise for Kuwangisana as well as the traditional music program and scholarships for Kapasseni students.

Board members include Shivon Robinsong, Gloria Hansen, and Ian McLachlan of the Gettin' Higher Choir, Carol Kerr (of Redeemer Lutheran's Kapasseni Project Committee), and strategic advisor Blaise Salmon. The board works closely with Joseph and Perpetua to identify areas that need support. For more information, go to www.caiacconnection.org

To stay informed of work in the Kapasseni area, please add your name to the Caia Connection mailing list or email list.

Making Donations

- **Kapasseni Project – Mission Work Donations only**
To support the TEE program in Mozambique, make cheques out and mail to: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 911 Jenkins Ave, Victoria, BC, V9B 2N8
- **Kapasseni and Kuwangisana** – To contribute for the music program, scholarships for students, and Seven Hills School building fund, donate on line at www.caiacconnection.com or mail cheques to The Caia Connection, 560 Boblaw Place, Victoria, BC V9C3Z1
- Charitable tax donation receipts will be issued. For more info contact Carol Kerr at (250) 478-9296 or email caiacconnection@gmail.com

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