



KAPASSENI CALLING



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AN UPDATE ON THE KAPASSENI PROJECT

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ERIC DOZIER & ONE HUMAN FAMILY GOSPEL CHOIR are the featured performers for a Kapasseni Project Benefit Concert on Sunday January 24 at 3pm at the Isabelle Reader Theatre 1026 Goldstream Ave in Langford, BC

The One Human Family Gospel Choir has been performing on Vancouver Island for four years and is well known for its inspirational music composed, arranged and directed by Eric Dozier. The songs, drawn from traditional African-American spirituals, bring an uplifting message of love, encourage us to build pockets of peace, and fill us with hope for a better world. Eric's compositions and his beautiful arrangements showcase his talent as an artist with a wide range of styles including jazz, blues, gospel and soul. Proceeds will go to directly support Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema so they can continue their mission work in Mozambique. Tickets are \$20 and will be available at Westside Instaprint, 2811 Jacklin Rd (cash or cheque only) in January, or contact Carol Kerr at ohfvictoria@gmail.com or 250-478-9296. Tickets make a great Christmas Gift!



Pastor Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema return to Sena, Mozambique



The Kapasseni Project Committee and friends celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Kapasseni School with Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema! Back - Pastor Alfazema, Pastor Washeim, Dorothy Pearson, Mona Achtzener Front - Carol Kerr, Perpetua Alfazema, Doris Bergbusch, Ian McLachlan, Shivon Robinsong, Deborah Gruben, Sylvia Gledhill.

Greeting

by Joseph Alfazema

I bring you greetings from the village of Kapasseni and surrounding communities. Perpetua and I are now back in Sena and God is blessing our work as we serve people in many different ways. I am the pastor for nine communities including Kapasseni and Sena. The work is difficult but it is making a difference in the lives of the people. Perpetua manages "Kuwangisana", a program providing home-based care services to people living with HIV/AIDS and to over 250 orphans and vulnerable children.

We express our appreciation to all of you who made it possible for Perpetua and me to come back to Canada for two months after three years working in Mozambique. We were delighted to be with our three children and attend Mazalari's graduation from Concordia University and Rafael's graduation from high school in Edmonton, Alberta.

We would also like to thank those who came to the picnic celebration of the 10th anniversary of Kapasseni School at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Victoria. During our visit we also saw family and friends in Victoria and colleagues at Medical Teams International in Portland, Oregon. We had productive meetings with the Kapasseni committee and worked on plans for the next three years. We were able to share a presentation at the ABC District Lutheran Church Canada Convention, and at South Park Elementary School in Victoria and the LWML in Abbotsford, BC.

We cannot forget the Gettin' Higher Choir for their warm welcome and we thank the choir and Valdy so much for their help with the fundraising concert for the Kapasseni Project and Kuwangisana Home-based Care Project.

We returned to Mozambique for another three years of service after spending a week in Ontario with friends and attending the LWML Canada convention in July.

We appreciate your emails, letters, cards, donations, and gifts, as they are a huge encouragement to us in the field. You can email us at kapasseniproject@gmail.com

Joseph's salary and housing allowance is paid by donations to the Kapasseni Project marked "mission work". Thanks to the ABC District LWML and the Ontario LWML and many individual people and groups for supporting Joseph's work for the last 3 years. The Alfazemas want to continue to work in Mozambique for another 3 years so fundraising efforts are needed and appreciated so much.

Thanks to the Getting' Higher Choir, special guest Valdy, and all who attended their June benefit concerts. Almost \$20,000 was raised, and shared between the Kapasseni Project and the Kuwangisana home-based care project.

School Report

from Head Teacher Chico Fungulane

The funds raised from the Gettin' Higher Choir concert have been sent to begin building another teacher's housing unit, which will ease their crowded conditions. The community has piled up rocks and sand for their participation in the building.

In June a lunch program was introduced and the students are receiving lunch and breakfast five days a week.

The sewing program has 35 students enrolled. Our plans are to encourage older students who are struggling academically to take up a skill and other courses may be offered like the sewing program. The tailor repaired torn clothes from the community as well as making school uniforms and teaching students.

The traditional music program is flourishing in Kapasseni and a combined valimba group of students from Kapasseni and Kuwangisana worked very hard to get ready to perform for the President at the opening of the new bridge over the Zambezi River in the city of Caia. It was a great honour to be invited to perform for this official ceremony.

Kapasseni School will be receive direct funding from the government for supplies, maintenance and program support. The school grades will increase by one grade next year and go up to grade 8. This means more students will be enrolled and no new students will have to go to Murraca boarding school next year.

There are still 16 students receiving scholarship funds to attend grade 8-12 in Murraca. Antonio Vaz Quembo is completing grade 10 and would like to become a pilot. Timote Tomas Mbuza is in grade 11 and will be graduating next year. He told us that he would like to be a Pastor. Both are good success stories we are very proud of.

At the June Gettin' Higher Choir concert, choir members took up a special collection among themselves and contributed \$1810 for Kapasseni student scholarships. We would like to be able to offer post-secondary scholarship amounts to students who will give back to their community, for example through mid-wife training, teacher training or other skills development. Donations to "general funds" provide for scholarships and the traditional music program.

The children from Kapasseni come from a strong culture of music and dance, which helps the orphans respond positively as they deal with the grief and trauma of loss, and daily emotional stress.

"The music and dance is very therapeutic for the children," says Perpetua Alfazema. "When they hear their own voice and the voices of others joining in a harmony of sounds, they forget about their own problems. It is very deep. The music binds them and lifts their spirits. I have observed this process of transformation and healing many times," says Perpetua, "and I have experienced it myself".

The Kapasseni Project has provided funding for several years to the traditional music program, to make instruments and group uniforms, and provide the music and dance teachers' salaries. Thank you to the Letz Sing Choir for their concert proceeds and the Gettin' Higher Choir for CD sales to support the traditional music program.

Jan Grier Memorial Fund

by Carol Kerr



We lost a dear friend of the Kapasseni Project and the Gettin' Higher Choir this year. Jan Grier participated in many events supporting the Kapasseni Project. Honouring her request, many friends and family have donated to the Kapasseni Project in her memory and her wish was for the funds to be used for education or the school in Kapasseni.

Jan Grier Memorial funds will be used to build a classroom dedicated in memory of Jan. We will continue to accept donations for this memorial fund and thank you so much for your donations in Jan's memory.



Heavy rain at times but not enough though for good crops.

You can sign up to receive project newsletters by email, which will help to save paper and mailing costs. Go to www.kapasseni.org to learn more about the Project and to read past newsletters. To contact the Kapasseni Project and/or the Alfazemas email kapasseniproject@gmail.com



Kapasseni dancers work on their performance for the official ceremony to open the bridge over the Zambeze River in Caia. This will open up trade routes with Malawi and Northern Mozambique. This will bring benefits, but will also increase the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission due to transient traffic to rural areas in Caia District like Kapasseni and Sena

Food and Love

by Carol Kerr

Joseph looked at the picture of a young orphan named Victor and exclaimed, "I really love that boy!" "What makes him so special?", I wondered. Joseph explained that he had formed an attachment for this two year old when he would come regularly to their door even when the breakfast program at the Kuwangisana home-based care centre was closed. Victor lives with extended family that is over 2km from the program in Sena. He travelled on his own every day to Kuwangisana and although they would try to encourage him to go home on days the program would be closed, he would stay sitting on the step or go to the Alfazema's home. This little one was starved for affection as well as food, and he has found both with caring and love from Kuwangisana, especially from Joseph and Perpetua.

For more information and updates about Kuwangisana go to www.caiaconnection.com

Microcredit Report

by Manuel Miandica

The Community Development committee in Kapasseni met with all of the microcredit loan beneficiaries. Many of the beneficiaries did not have a good harvest due to the rain failure and the low price of the sesame which a lot of farmers grew this year. The loan beneficiaries agreed to pay back half the loan now and the rest during the year. All beneficiaries are happy that they will have a second chance to get a microcredit loan once they pay back the money. We are praying for a good rainy season and a good harvest this year.

Gift Cards ★

Kapasseni Project gift cards are available to send or give to friends and family members for Christmas. They also make great stocking stuffers. As we reflect on our many blessings in Canada, it is a wonderful to be able to help the mission work being done by Joseph and Perpetua in Mozambique. You can order cards by contacting Carol Kerr at 250-478-9296 or email kapasseniproject@gmail.com.



A gift has been given in your name to the Kapasseni Mission Work Project by _____

Thank you for your gifts and for your fundraising efforts for the Kapasseni mission work in Mozambique. We are in need of donations to support Joseph's housing and salary amounts for 2010. Tax receipts are given. See back page for details.



Pastor Joseph with Victor

Mission Work Report

from Pastor Joseph

When I returned to Mozambique, I was very pleased to see that the churches in Sena, Chemba and Murrema had grown and attendance at the other six churches had remained constant.

There was a feast to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Kapasseni school. The surrounding communities came to participate and it was a great event.

We have started Portuguese lessons for the lay helpers who want to be future pastors. It is going well and when I visit them in class I see how willing they are to learn.

In September we lost one Sunday School teacher because of HIV/AIDS. He was very active and organized our Sunday School in Murrema.

Please thank Grace Lutheran Church in Kitchener, Ontario for the layettes, bandages, soap, toothbrushes, and medication. We were very happy to receive these gifts and they are very helpful in mission work.

We are very thankful that we have received funds to complete our church buildings in Murrema and Sena before the rainy season in December.

Once these projects are complete, we would like to start a building fund for a mission hostel. This could be an ongoing source of funding for the mission work within the area as there is a need for housing medical personnel as well as visitors and volunteers that may come from Canada to help us.

There was violence in some places during the recent national election, but the election went well on October 28th and we are thankful that the violence has stopped.

For more updates, become a friend of the **Kapasseni Project** on www.facebook.com



A gathering of women and children on the way to Kapasseni.

Health Care Programs by Chico Fungulane

Five baby boys were born recently at our Kapasseni Health Centre. The Ministry of Health is giving baby clothing to all the women who deliver in the hospitals nation-wide. This is to encourage mothers to go to a hospital or health centre to have their babies and also to get testing and treatment if needed for both the mother and the babies.

One of our regular midwives in Kapasseni is getting older and is not able to continue with her duties. The midwives in Kapasseni have a very good reputation and do an excellent job providing care. We have found another local woman, who is also a midwife, to work at the Kapasseni Health Centre.

The Kuwangisana home-based care program is working in Kapasseni with people with HIV/AIDS or other chronic diseases. There are four workers, called activists, and one supervisor. They also work with the orphans and vulnerable children in Kapasseni. The activists from Kapasseni participated in a 12 day training program for home-based care in August. The HBC program is being carried out in conjunction with the Kuwangisana program.

HIV/AIDS education activities continue and we are going to be working directly with Kuwangisana's education and prevention program as it develops.



Thank you to retiring midwife Sara Mairosse (pictured in white) for her faithful service to the Kapasseni Health Centre since 2002 and much longer in the community. Joseph and Perpetua are talking with the community to see if there is a local young woman who would like to go through professional training as a midwife. It would be a step towards the government paying for the midwife's salary.

2009 Finances

GENERAL FUNDS

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| Balance forward | \$ | 59,378 |
| Donations and matching funds | | 19,830 |
| Spring concert | | 8,333 |
| Music program donations | | 2,176 |
| Scholarships donations | | 2,225 |
| Gift cards | | 6,072 |
| Jan Grier Memorial fund | | 5,525 |
| Total | \$ | 103,539 |

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

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| Kapasseni School | breakfast program | 2,500 |
| | music program | 1000 |
| | uniforms | 1000 |
| | maintenance | 500 |
| | ceremonies | 500 |
| Salaried workers | | 10,112 |
| Scholarships | | 3,598 |
| Community development | | 10,000 |
| Transportation/communication | | 2000 |
| Canada contact travel | | 3,850 |
| Moz. bank fees /communication/audit | | 4,000 |
| Office/supplies/meetings | | 1,700 |
| Mozambique contact people | | 1,000 |
| Health Centre | supplies | 1,000 |
| Teacher's housing project | | 20,000 |
| Emergency Funds | | 800 |
| Newsletters/stamps/Canada admin | | 2,000 |
| Total | | 65,560 |

MISSION WORK FUNDS

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| Balance forward | 31,276 |
| Donations and matching funds | 32,156 |
| Grants | 6,700 |
| Total | \$ 70,132 |

MISSION WORK EXPENDITURES

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| Salary, benefits, housing, school fees | 35,218 |
| Church supplies/rent | 3,000 |
| Transportation/security | 5,100 |
| Food for work | 1,000 |
| Training/education | 1,000 |
| Airfare/conventions | 3,850 |
| Building project | 20,000 |
| Total | \$ 69,158 |

Notes: (1) Actuals to November 15 plus anticipated amounts. **(2)** Separate accounts are kept for development work and for Joseph's mission work. General donations do not go to mission work, mission work funds do not go to general work. **(3)** The Kapasseni Project Committee is run by volunteers.

Making Donations

- **Kapasseni Project – General Donations:** for the school, music program, scholarships, sewing/tailoring, orphan support in Kapasseni, health care, food security, teacher's housing and community development work.
- **Kapasseni Project – Mission Work Donations:** to support Joseph Alfazema's work in Sofala province, which includes his salary, benefits, housing, a portion of tuition expenses for his children's boarding school, transportation, supplies and the church building project.
- Make cheques out and mail to: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 911 Jenkins Ave, Victoria, BC, V9B 2N8. Charitable tax donation receipts will be issued. For more information contact Carol Kerr at 250-478-9296.