



KAPASSENI CALLING



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AN UPDATE ON THE KAPASSENI PROJECT

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11th Annual Gettin' Higher Choir Benefit Concerts for Kapasseni

Woyaya – Dreaming in Four-Part Harmony

Join the 300-member Gettin' Higher Choir and special guest Valdy at 7:30 Friday, June 12 and 7:30 Saturday, June 13 in the Alix Goolden Performance Hall, 907 Pandora Ave, Victoria. Tickets are at Munro's Books, Ivy's Books, Dig This in Broadmead and James Bay Coffee and Books, and from choir members. \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students. For out of town tickets, contact gloria@gettinhigherchoir.ca. Our friends and project founders Perpetua and Joseph Alfazema will be attending the concerts and would love to see and thank you in person for your support for their work in Mozambique.



Perpetua and Joseph Alfazema outside their compound in Sena.

Greeting by Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema

Perpetua and I are very grateful for our upcoming furlough, which will bring us to Canada to present our work to the ABC Lutheran Church Canada convention, help us renew many friendships, visit congregations, schools, choirs and meet people who have supported our work in Mozambique. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Things are going well in Kapasseni. The school is growing and new teachers have arrived. We are blessed to have Grades One to Six, eight teachers and six classrooms. The breakfast program is very well run and has never missed serving any meals to the students. There are two cooks and enough food for all. The valimba music program is held three days a week at Kapasseni school after regular classes.

Local people come in large numbers to grind their corn at the Kapasseni corn mill, which was built in 2005 with donations from the Kapasseni Project. It is helping the women especially, because they do not have to walk a long distance to another village to grind corn.

The sewing program has become popular and new uniforms are being sewn at the school. The sewing space is now being used as a classroom due to the big increase in enrolment. It is wonderful to see the changes in Kapasseni over the last ten years.

We celebrate the tenth anniversary of Kapasseni school this year and hope we can meet many of you as we travel to Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, St. Catharines and Ottawa.

Welcome Teachers and Students!

The school year began on February 2 and for the first time Kapasseni School has Grade Six! There are now 453 students enrolled, which is a big increase from last year. The government has doubled the number of teachers from four to eight, including two females.

The teacher's names are:

- Chico Manuel Fungulane (Headmaster)
- Rosa Paica Bomba
- Augustos Mines Sinalo
- Missase Pedro Tome Sampaio
- Joao George Guilherme
- Joana Luis Campira
- Moises Victorino Joaquim
- Manecas George Antonio

The fourplex houses shared by the teachers are very crowded, as some of them brought their wives along. Next year there will be more teachers, as the school will be expanded to include Grade 7. We have a housing crisis! We would like to welcome the new teachers and have them remain in Kapasseni, so more housing units will need to be built as soon as possible.

Manuel Miandica (Kapasseni Society director and Perpetua Alfazema's nephew) has met with the local director of the Ministry of Education to make an official request to increase the number of houses for the teachers. The director agrees that more teacher's housing needs to be built, and he showed Manuel the building plans the education ministry uses. Budgets are being drawn up with an official request for support from the Kapasseni project. We hope you will help us to raise funds, so work can begin this summer in the dry season.

The school breakfast program will continue and World Food Program will provide some food so the children can have a hot lunch at school.

There are about 65 orphans in Kapasseni village and additional items, such as plates and cups, will be given to these children by the Kapasseni Project.

Your donations can be made any time to the Kapasseni Project general funds, which provides assistance to Kapasseni School including the breakfast program, sewing program, gardening, music program, scholarships and teacher's housing.



Community development work - sesame crops ready for harvest

Community Project Update by Manuel Miandica

April will see the first harvest of the year for corn, water-melon, beans and green vegetables. The sesame seeds will be ready in May and the 22 farmers will start paying back micro credit loans to the Kapasseni Project from the sale of their crops. They are very grateful for the loans to start these agriculture projects.

Headmaster Chico Fungulane will oversee the community development work in Kapasseni and new teacher Joana Luis Campira will be the bookkeeper. I will attend meetings and help them as needed.

Headmaster Chico writes, "The project has two hectares of land where we have planted maize, oranges, lemons, cashew nuts, coconuts, mango trees and sesame seed. There has been a problem with locust infestation and drought but there will be a bit of a harvest for the community. The water we are using is very salty for the plants, so we would like to plant new gardens at the nearby village of Mbueza, which is closer to a river. We wish Kapasseni to continue with this spirit of collaboration through which the community will develop. Our best wishes to all who support the project."

Manuel Miandica will be very busy this year as his work as an HIV/AIDS educator and community worker at Kuwangisana expands. He has been instrumental in guiding and mentoring community development work in Kapasseni. Thanks Manuel!



Community Development Committee meeting in Kapasseni in April

Go to www.kapasseni.org to learn more about the Kapasseni Project. You can also sign up to receive project newsletters by email, which will help to save paper and mailing costs. Our email address is kapasseniproject@gmail.com

Plans for Kapasseni Boarding School

The community in Kapasseni is discussing the idea of building a boarding school. They feel a boarding school will benefit their children, who will not have to travel so far to attend higher grades. As it is, some students travel a long way as elementary students just to go to Kapasseni school. The distance to travel to another school even farther away seems impossible for some families to accept. Now students travel to the town of Murraca for grades 7-12 and the Kapasseni Project provides scholarships to help students with tuition and housing costs. Some families do not want their children so far away, and many drop out or get married. More students would have educational opportunities if grades 8-12 became available in Kapasseni.

The community has agreed to join hands in making sure that the children are cared for properly. A formal proposal is being developed by the community. This will expand the school to Grade 10 first and eventually to Grade 12. This will also increase the number of teachers. The families believe that Kapasseni provides a good environment for schooling where students can practice agriculture and other useful skills.

Manuel Miandica has been in touch with the Murraca and Caia boarding directors to find out how they run their boarding schools. They advise that there should be responsible people to take care of the children. They emphasize having an elder married couple who also have children and have good reputations, and can be role models. The laws protecting children are strong, and there is an office which fights for the rights of children and women. There is constant supervision in the boarding schools to make sure they are run properly.

There could soon be a secondary school in Kapasseni!

Thanks to your scholarship donations, Kapasseni children are able to attend grades 7 to 10 at the boarding school in Murraca until one can be built in Kapasseni.

Mission Work Update by Pastor Joseph

There has been a shortage of food in February and March, but the harvest in April has provided some food relief. We distributed clothing this month to children of all ages, women and men in the nine congregations that I serve. The clothes were from the container donated by people in St. Catharines, Ontario. Our people were very thankful for the help.

The church buildings in Murrema, Sena and Chembra are started, but more funds are needed to complete them. The work will get done as funds are raised.

I attended a church leaders community meeting in Sena which was led by the Chef de Posto who is the local governing authority. It was very good to meet other local church leaders in the community.

I work one day per week at Kuwangisana and provide spiritual counselling to patients and their families who request it. I am also training two men in community outreach and psychosocial counselling.

Thank you for supporting Joseph's work. Our funds to support this ministry are quickly being used up. Please consider making a donation so this work can continue and the church buildings can be finished.

Greetings from Sena

by Perpetua Alfazema

We are very thankful for the wonderful support you have shown for our Kuwangisana home-based care work in Sena. We have 40 workers, 8 supervisors, a nurse, and a nurse's aid working with people living with HIV/AIDS.

Kuwangisana provides hot meals to 280 orphans. We have a huge garden space to grow food and we also provide school supplies. We would like to move the orphans program to a different area where they can have a play-ground and eating area. There is not enough space, with all the increased services. The home-based care activities are many, and it gets so busy during the day that there is hardly any room for the kids to play. We pray that support

will continue for the building fund so we can improve conditions for the orphans' program, and build a play-ground. With your help we have completed the community hall, a chapel, office space, storage rooms and a fence around the community centre. Funds are still needed for a new well for drinking water and to build new latrines as they are not in good condition.



Kuwangisana orphans are getting help!

Medical Teams International has been helping as we increase support for more clients and orphans. We are also thankful that a new grant from USAID will provide funding for staff, food support and medical care for the next three years. Building projects, funds for music teachers, a well and playground equipment will still need to be funded by donations. Thank-you for your support.

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



Kuwangisana building project nears completion



Pastor Joseph and villagers in front of Kapasseni School

Great news! Matching funds have helped with the mission work building project and provided funding for farming and food security in Kapasseni. There are always lots of projects, as you can see by the need for teacher's housing, a boarding school and church buildings. You can pick which area to support and your funds will be doubled up to \$34,000 thanks to a very generous donor! That is why the Kapasseni project has been able to accomplish so much over the last 10 years. Your support makes a huge difference. Thank you so much!

Joseph and Perpetua's Visit

by Carol Kerr

Wow! Three years have gone by since the Alfazemas moved to Mozambique and soon Joseph and Perpetua will return to Canada for a much needed two month furlough.

They will first be in Edmonton from May 7-21 for their daughter Mazalari's graduation from Concordia University and son Rafael's high school graduation. It will be a wonderful time for their family to be together. On May 22, they fly to Vancouver for the Lutheran Church Canada's Alberta/BC District convention. They will present two one-hour workshops and a DVD photostory of their work to the whole convention. Then they travel to Victoria to reconnect with friends and the many supporters of the Kapasseni Project.

A 10th anniversary celebration of Kapasseni School will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturday June 6 at 5pm. There will be a barbeque, and everyone is welcome to celebrate and visit with the Alfazemas. If you plan to attend, please email kapasseniproject@gmail.com or phone the church at (250) 478-4149 by June 1, so we know how many people are coming. Joseph will deliver the message at the 11:00 service at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday June 7. For directions to the church go to www.rlcvic.ca

Joseph and Perpetua will attend the Gettin' Higher Choir concerts June 12 and June 13, so plan to come and enjoy some great music and support the work being done in Kapasseni and surrounding rural areas of Mozambique.

Perpetua travels to Portland for meetings with Medical Teams International from June 15-20, and soon after that the Alfazemas will travel back to Edmonton for 10 days to be with their children before heading to St. Catharines on July 3. They will visit friends and local churches in Ontario until July 7. The last leg of their journey will take them to Ottawa for the LWML-Canada Convention from July 8-12.

They return to Mozambique on July 13, hopefully rested and encouraged from meeting with family and friends and having a break from the physical and emotional demands of their work in Mozambique. We pray for their safe travels, and look forward to having them with us soon.



Kapasseni mother with new baby born at the Health Centre

Health Care Programs by Chico Fungulane

Kuwangisana provides home-based care in Kapasseni and the surrounding area for people with HIV/AIDS or other chronic ailments. Four activists go to homes to care for the clients and teach the families how to care for their ill family member. A supervisor checks on the families once a week and medications are given to those who need them. People are very happy with the project and the services being provided.

Kuwangisana also helps the orphans in Kapasseni. It provides services to place children with families, and also supports the foster families. The Kapasseni school plays an important part in supporting the orphans, through teaching and keeping them involved in community life.

The Kapasseni HIV/AIDS club is preparing to combine programs with Kuwangisana and will have expanded services in order to reach out to families as a whole with prevention and educational programs and materials.

The government provides a nurse to the Health Centre and the Kapasseni Project pays for two local midwives. People are not suffering as they once did, because they are close to medical care at the Health Centre.

Manuel Miandica is in charge of HIV/AIDS education and prevention for Kuwangisana. With programs upscaling, services will be expanded to many more villages like Kapasseni. Manuel's expertise and knowledge of the people and customs will make these programs very effective.



Manuel examines a piece of a gun found in Kapasseni,

the remains of a very destructive war.

2009 Budget

GENERAL FUNDS

Balance forward	\$	60,000
Donations		5,000
GHC fundraising concerts		5,000
Music program donations		1,000
Scholarships donations		1,500
Gift cards		5,000
Matching funds		10,000
Total general funds	\$	87,500

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Kapasseni School	salaries	6,800
	breakfast program	2,500
	school supplies	2,000
	music program	1,200
	uniforms	2,000
	maintenance	500
	ceremonies	500
Transportation		2,300
Community development	salaries	6,381
	agriculture	10,000
Canada contact travel		5,000
Mozambique bank fees /communication/audit		4,000
Office/supplies/maintenance		1,700
Scholarships		4,800
Health Centre	salaries	3,000
	supplies	1,000
Mozambique contact people		1,000
Newsletters/stamps/Canada administration		2,000
Teacher's housing project		30,000
Total general expenditures		86,681

MISSION WORK FUNDS

Balance forward	2,300
Donations and matching funds	46,800
Grants	7,000
Total funds for mission work	\$ 56,100

MISSION WORK EXPENDITURES

Salary, benefits, housing, school fees	35,218
Office supplies/rent	2,000
Food For Work	1,000
Transportation /security	5,100
Airfare /conventions	5,000
Church building	10,000
Total mission work expenditures	\$ 58,318

Notes: Separate accounts are kept for development work & Joseph's mission work. General donations do not go to mission work, mission work funds do not go to general work. The Kapasseni Project in Canada is run by volunteers.

Making Donations

Thank-you for your continued support. Please indicate if your donation is for "general funds" or "mission work".

- **Kapasseni Project – General Donations:** to support the school, music program, scholarships, sewing/tailoring, orphans, health care, food security, teacher's housing, and community development work.
- **Kapasseni Project – Mission Work Donations:** for Joseph Alfazema's work, including his salary, benefits, housing, a portion of 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. Tax receipts will be issued. FMI contact Carol Kerr at (250) 478-9296.