



MOZAMBIQUE AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

Newsletter

Poor Families can now feed themselves: Thank you Methodists

Even when the doors look close, there is a door somewhere: it was under difficulties that we initiated the Heifer Project Initiative. Many contacts were done with Arkansas Office, locally the head Office in Maputo was contacted. Most of the doors were knocked and things were somehow uncertain. The Head Office in Quelimane informed us that Quelimane was far away for supervision and there was no chance of starting Heifer Project in Cambine.

With the change of Heifer's Office from Quelimane to Maputo gave us some hope. Finally, in 2009, the Heifer Office allowed us to start the Heifer Initiative in Cambine. Local people were trained on Heifer Cornerstones, Heifer Model, etc.

With the aid of the Triesch UMC, funds were made available and ten poor families received each a pair of oxen. Some have never imagined that this would happen as Valentim exclaimed himself : "I thought I was dreaming when I received a pair of oxen, I have never thought that one day I could earn cows, thank you Methodists, he added"

Valentim family is one of the 10 families that received cows for animal traction. He now saw his life improved. He managed to increase the area under cultivation, get money from hiring his animals. He is helping neighbours to plow their fields.

Valentim has been blessed by one new calf. He has already passed on the gift to the next family on the list. Valentim like many other families have seen their lives changed through increasing their food production, help to earn money: these are some of the blessings a cow can bring!

The New Challenge in on: let us take it!

The bell has rang; new rice season is starting. We have started clearing the orphanage land for rice planting. We have to achieve what we failed to fulfill last due to floods: planting six hectares of rice.

The challenge is still there to supply enough rice for our 63 children at the orphanage.

Seasonal workers, mainly women are busy with clearing the land and planting is expected to start in the middle of October. You can help producing rice and other food produce for the Orphanage by giving to Advance # **3020657**



VIM Team in Cambine: What a coming-together can do!

As you enter our agricultural Project premises, you will be thrilled to see a huge pig house just in completion. Few meters down, a new chicken house attract the eyes. These two new constructions were recently done this summer by a VIM team from Oklahoma and Texas. Old friends from Oklahoma and Texas came together and decided to help build a chicken house and a pig house. These two projects came to complement two other major projects: fencing our project area and reinforcement of the security on our chicken houses. Before, losses were beyond measure due to theft of our produce. Now, it is more safer to produce in our site. We thank you Ron, Pastor Doug, Jackie and other Vim team members.

The pig house is composed of 16 rooms and is expected to host about 24 pig for reproduction stock and about 60 piglets. This comes to help to increase our production capacity and help the project to be self-sustained. The chicken house will host about 500 hens and this will enable to increase our production capacity and produce chicken at a regular basis.

We are deeply grateful to all who supported and participated in the construction of these two buildings from Ron Beer and ...who assisted in raising the funds to the VIM team who came and help in the construction efforts. It was a joyous moment having them in Cambine and we will think on fondly for years to come.



Photo: Pastor Doug (Left) and Ron Beer (Right), 2013 VIM team members working on the chicken house

Please consider to be Mozambique Partner in 2014 and come to make a difference. We count on you!



Photo Feature: the View of the Piggery under Construction



The Moringa tree: Plants to cherish

*I first introduced Moringa in Cambine from **ECHO** in Florida. The news has spread all over, and people are coming to get Moringa from our trees. Moringa is a nutritious plant and has a high content of proteins. It can also cure more than hundreds diseases. Moringa seeds can purify water. However little is known about the tree among our people.*

José Manuel heard about the medicinal value of moringa and walked more than ten kilometers to come to get moringa leaves at Cambine Agriculture Project. One afternoon, as I was coming out from my office, I saw a youngman picking the moringa leaves.

I asked him how he knew about moringa and he said he heard from a friend that we have some trees on our fence that can help him to cure his disease: he had anaemia. He believed the word and came to pick the leaves. I asked him if he was willing to go and plant the seedling.

He accepted and I gave him a tree to grow.



Manuel and many others have heard about our moringa plants and come to get seeds, leaves from our trees. Instead of giving them the short lived gift, we give them a tree that will last for many years and serve the future generation.

The Schools have also emarked on Moringa planting as a way of foresting the country. The schools have been directed to Cambine for the planting materials. We have been pleased serving schools and communities with Moringa.

Happy indeed that I was able bring a tree that people cherish.

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Upcoming Event: February / March 2014 Itineration

I am happy to inform you of my upcoming itineration scheduled for February and March, 2014. I look forward to visiting all of you to share about how our collective mission work is transforming individual lives and communities. Please let me know should you desire me visit your church. My internet access is often challenged and I am unable to access the internet over prolonged periods of time. An alternative contact is my missionary colleague, Mary Zigbuo (mzigbuo@umcmision.org). As part of Global Ministries' Office of Itineration, Mary is assisting me develop my itineration schedule.

Thank you in advance for welcoming me in your midst.

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