

Newsletter

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Dear friends and family in Christ, warm greetings from the Quessua Agriculture Center. It is always a pleasure to keep you updated on our farm activities here in Angola. I am doing fine and so is my family by the grace of the Lord. I do hope that you are all doing well as you are reading this. We thank God for working as a team in his mission despite the distances but in one way or another your support to my ministry is always welcomed.

Earthen Fish tanks

The Quessua Farm earthen fish tank project continues to evolve. With the goal of increasing production of fish to be able to harvest and supply the villagers more often, we are adding an additional 2 final tanks for a total of 8.

Fish farming requires resources, particularly for commercial fish feed. Due to this constraint, we primarily use our own locally made fish food. We cook corn that has been ground in the farm mill and add available vegetables: Moringa and Chaya leaves; Moringa seed pods; cabbage and collard greens and sweet potatoes.

The growth of fish is slower with our locally made food as compared to commercial feed, but for now that is what we can manage best

with the resources that we have. With faster production we could supply the villages with fish more often. On the other hand, making our own food provides a more attainable and sustainable model for people that may want to start their own fish farm.



Kutela supervising the digging of the 8th earthen fish tank. Water comes from the nearby Quessua River



Mr. Toy preparing fish food

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Helping the Vulnerable

The Quessua Farm Agriculture Center works with surrounding communities assisting them when possible, with seeds, tools, and fresh vegetables. We also provide both formal and informal agricultural training. Mama Isabel, pictured below, is one of our grateful beneficiaries. She is also passionate about rearing rabbits. She has acquired rabbits from the farm several times, particularly after hers have been stolen which is a common problem in the villages. People make their rabbit houses inside of their homes but even so there is thievery. Recently her thatched roof home got accidentally burned down and she lost all her belongings including her beloved rabbits. During the Thanks offering time at church, she told her story to the congregation and gave thanks to God for the help she had already received from “people with good hearts”. She came to the farm for help with replacing her rabbits so that she could start rearing them again. The Quessua farm donated two rabbits to her and some fresh vegetables.



Farm worker Manuel Francisco giving rabbits to Mama Isabel

Piggery

With the increase in the number of pigs has come the need to separate the piglets from the older pigs to avoid fighting during feeding times. Regular readers of these newsletters will recall that we have converted a wing of the destroyed original Quessua hospital into our piggery. We are working on partitioning off space for additional pigsties but some of the roofing on the rooms leak. We have been reinforcing this ancient concrete roof by adding a thin layer of concrete on top in attempt to stop the leaking.



Adding a concrete layer on the concrete roof



Dorm students taking onions, collards greens and cabbage to their kitchen

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Cabbage, onions, and tomatoes from the Quessua farm being cut up to cook for the children's Sunday school meal.

Around 400 or more children are served a nutritious meal. For many of the children this will be the best meal they will have all week. The end of the dry season is a hungry time for villagers and this year in particular the usual September start to the rainy season is very late. This delays the planting of field crops for everyone including the farm. The Quessua community will need the mission farm even more this year due to this drought situation.

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Partner with me,
I am very grateful for the support you continue to give to our project and to myself the missionary. Your prayers, gifts and moral support make it possible to establish and run the Quessua Agriculture Center destroyed

by the civil war. THE ADVANCE is an efficient and safe way to send your financial contributions. There are two ways to make your contributions:

-Advance # 3022272(Quessua farm project support)

-Advance#3022031(Kutela salary support)

1. Utilizing the Global Ministries website: www.umcmision.org. To donate for my project and salary support, at the bottom of the page, click on "Missionaries", scroll to my name on the page and my profile will appear. At the bottom of my profile is a link to make an online donation.

2. Mail a check. Make your check payable to ADVANCE GCFA. Write "For support of Missionary Kutela Katembo.

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STAY IN TOUCH!

I thank you for your support and friendship. Please stay in touch with the Quessua Agriculture Center Team on the following platforms:

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God Bless you! - Kutela