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Quessua Agriculture: Advance # 3022272

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Dear friends and families, Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these unsettling and uncertain times of the Coronavirus I hope that all is well with you as we have started a New Year Journey in our God's Mission. We hope that it will be a New Year of difference, love, prayers and support to the needy families around the world. I thank God and all of you who supported the Quessua Agriculture center in various ways to uplift God's mission. My family and I are doing fine, and we thank God for his love for he has kept us safe in the mission without any bad incidents. Glory be given to all mighty God.

As you know, I am serving in an area that was involved in a tragic civil war for many years. Quessua Mission was not spared and experienced a lot of battle. The Mission was demined several times before I started serving here but as is well known, some mines inevitably get left behind and undetected. Recently, one anti-personnel mine was discovered on the farm right on a road that I and others often use during our workday. I was amazed that the mine had never exploded given the heavy foot, vehicle and tractor traffic on it. A recent heavy rain may have helped to bring it up from under the ground.

Immediately, David Schaad, the deputy mission director of the Mission, called the demining team to come and remove it. I thank God for his protection and all of you for remembering us in your prayers.



A mine being removed on a road of the Quessua farm

Fishponds

Two more earthen fishponds of 30 meters by 10 meters have been dug for more fish production. This month we successfully harvested our first Tilapia from the fishponds. Producing quality fish requires feed which is an expense for the farm. Both the boy's and girl's dorms received enough fish for two meals and the Sunday school children's meal program

also were blessed with enough for one meal. Our dream of fish farming has become alive with the first successful harvest



Boarding school students with some of the harvested fish



This toddler enjoying his fish meal. Even young children learn how to adeptly eat fish and clean their plates to the last bite

The Quessua Agriculture Center continues with the Food Security Program in our communities. The production of beans and peanuts has been a great success and beneficiaries are happy with their harvests, giving testimonies regarding this support to them. Each beneficiary is required to give back one kg of their harvest of each crop in order to support other farmers who have not received any assistance with seeds yet.

Field training with beneficiaries

Cassava is the staple food in the Malange region where Quessua is located, however, the variety used here takes one year to mature. Our program has introduced a new variety of cassava that takes only six months until ready to be consumed.

The beneficiaries are excited about the prospects of this type of cassava and a multiplication site field has been set up together with the communities. The cuttings that we planted will grow enough in five to six months to enable us to distribute cuttings to the communities.

We are always thrilled to receive testimonies from people regarding the support and new information that they receive.

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A woman from Mufungo village with some of her bean harvest



New variety of cassava cuttings brought for multiplication before distribution

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We thank you very much for your tremendous support to my ministry. Together we participated in the success of our God's Mission. God's Mission is still going on and we

Value your prayers, love, support, thoughts, emails and generous financial support.

Through God all is possible! May God Bless you! I invite you to always collaborate with the Agriculture Program at Quessua Mission.

Please send your contributions to UMC Advance Special Numbers:

Quessua Agriculture: advance # 302272.

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