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Dear Friends,

Receive Christian greetings from my family and I, also from your brothers and sisters in East Angola Annual Conference. Many thanks to you all for your generous financial support, prayers and volunteer Mission Teams, this has been instrumental in carrying out the work of Jesus Christ in UMC East Angola Annual Conference. I am humbled and thankful for the opportunity to serve. I am excited to let you know that your generous gifts received through the advance has continued to positively impact on the lives of our people in East Angola Annual Conference and beyond. We are very thankful for your support received through various advance projects. I am happy to let you know **UMC Giving Tuesday is November 29, 2016**, and this is an opportunity for you to approach the holiday giving season in style!, to celebrate the spirit of cheerful Christian giving by making an online donation through my **Advance #15148Z** and your gift will be matched. AS always, when you support me through The Advance, 100% of your gifts directly support our Missionary Community, and overhead costs are covered through other channels. When you make an online donation on **November 29**, you will unite with others to maximize the impact! Showing the world the transformational power that can happen in one day when Methodists are united. Your support has continued to give hope to those Angolans who desire to improve their lives. Last year on UMC # giving Tuesday, United Methodists collectively raised \$2.8 million through the Advance. Thanks for those gifts because the following advance projects benefited-

Evangelization Ministry. #15061A. This program is involved in rehabilitation of post-war churches, restoring congregations and winning more souls to Christ. Evangelism seminars are taking place in all the Districts, evangelism manual has been developed to facilitate training and seminars for Evangelists. A full time Conference Director of Evangelism has been appointed to coordinate the activities of the department. New Churches are opening as well as re-opening those that had closed due to Civil war.

Newly opened UMC –Emanuel Church in Malanje



Quessua Mission. #105625. Provided infrastructure in health, agriculture, nutrition and equipping the surrounding communities. The entire infrastructures were destroyed during the war. We thank God and our partners for their continued support in restoring Quessua to its past glory. The Government of Angola has helped in re- building some of the damaged buildings .An agriculturalist Missionary has been assigned to Quessua by Global Ministries to re-introduce agricultural activities for the benefit of the Church and the Communities around Quessua. **Your online donation on UMC giving Tuesday, coming up on November 29, 2016,** will help us buy planting equipments and a farm truck to ease difficulties he is faced with presently, as he undertakes his assignment as an agriculturalist Missionary in Quessua Mission center.

Below is Agriculturalist Kutela Katembo tending to the Vegetables.



A Section of the Girls Dormitory in Quesua Mission that has been re-built through the assistance of the Government of Angola.



Supplement Salary for Pastors in East Angola. #3021453. East Angola Annual Conference is faced with a challenge of remunerating its pastors. The members too are faced with the same problem due harsh economic hardship in the Country. Most of the Christians are peasant farmers and can hardly meet their basic needs. Thank you for the supplementary salary support received through the Advance. This has helped improve the living standards of our pastors and encouraged more to join ministry. Your online gift on **November, 29, 2016**, can put a smile on the face of our pastors' and their families, and bring a lasting impact to the work of God in Angola.

Below is an extract testimony from Pastor Famoloso Serrote a beneficiary of the supplement salary.



My Name is Pastor **Famoloso Domingos Serrote**. I am 24 years old, single and the first born in my family. Have served as a pastor in different Churches for 4 years now.. I am presently serving at UMC Emanuel Church in Malanje District, since February, 2016, when the Church was opened

My congregation is made of the following,

Women, who are mostly widows and single mothers, are 82, Men 8, youth 32 and children, 101 totaling to about 222 members.. Most of the members are peasant farmers and the youths either in school or have dropped out due to lack of school fees.

I want to thank the partners, GBGM and all other donors who have given their donations through the Advance in support of supplement salary for the pastors in UMC East Angola, it is the only income most of us and our families survive on. I have particularly benefited a lot from this support because, it's through it that I managed to pay school fees for my education at Quessua high school, where I graduated at the 12th grade in 2015. I am also enrolled for a bible course at Faculty of Theology in Quessua, where the savings from your support has enabled me pay for my fees and buy books and writing materials for my studies. I am also supporting my two siblings with school fees with the same stipend.

This program is working in a great way because I am able to meet much of the most urgent needs for my siblings and myself. If not for this support, I don't think I would be able to sustain myself in the ministry. My church is not able to support me financially due to lack of financial resources amongst the my member. The same applies to most of my fellow Pastors in the Conference. My colleagues and I would like to extend our profound gratitude for your continued supplementary salary support.

Please remember UMC Giving Tuesday is November, 29, 2016. Get ready and give your online donation through the Advance to help the Pastors in Angola spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Quessua Mission Boarding School. #11638N. The civil war in Angola resulted into displacement of families, loss of lives and maiming of others. The conference opened a boarding house to cater for the orphaned children who lost their parents and guardians, as they attend school in Quessua. Your continued support has enabled us feed these Orphans, buy books and school supplies as well as take care for their Medicare whenever any one of them gets sick.

Please get ready and pass on your online donation through the Advance on Tuesday November 29, 2016, to support of Quessua Mission Boarding School.



Some of the boys from the Boarding house picking carbagages from the farm for their mea.

Thank you so much for your faithful support and for doubling your impact by making a generous gift on **Tuesday, November 29, 2016.**

Abundant Blessings,

Kenneth Koome Nkando.

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