

# Newsletter

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*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people"  
Galatians 6:10*

**JULY, 2017**

Dear friends and family,  
I hope that our newsletter finds you well. I greet you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. I thank God that my family and I are fine and I am happy to have them here with me at Quessua Mission during their school vacation.

I am pleased to inform you that by God's grace, my ankle is getting better and better each day and I am happy to be back working on the many farm projects. I thank you for your support and prayers for my health. The Quessua Mission is busy with different activities going on for the church youth and our agriculture ministry.



**Students Jordao and Mutunda with farm produce for the dorm kitchen**

In spite of the dry season, our vegetable garden is doing well with an abundant harvest of tomatoes and okra. New students at the dorm are taught to participate in farming activities. Some are not used to such work so need to be encouraged, others are willing helpers. Surprisingly, some students have never seen vegetables that they eat like okra, tomatoes and cabbage, growing as plants. They have no prior notion of how food is grown. We have had discussions with these students regarding different vegetable plants, their names and how they are grown. In the dry season, the help of the students is particularly important since all watering is done by hand. Hopefully in this way, students attain an appreciation of the food they receive at the dorm kitchen and further their general knowledge.

Our goal is to regularly provide more and more varieties of produce for the dorm kitchen. Students take turns cooking and cleaning up and need teaching on the incorporation of vegetables into their meals. Our priority remains providing produce for the dorm students.



**Students receiving a briefing on Vegetable planting**

Our rabbit rearing is bearing fruit! In July the students received five rabbits for the dorm kitchen. For 54 hungry young men this was perhaps not enough but a good start and they were pleased.



**Students receiving rabbits for a Sunday meal**



**Student Mateus cooking rabbit stew**

### **Fruit Orchards**

Over the past year we have planted many fruit trees. Papaya, banana, avocado, citrus, and sour sop orchards now grace Quessua Mission. The papaya orchard is a dream come true for us. Since June we have been harvesting fruit from the orchard and regularly supplying papaya to the five dorms and houses where the students live. This has added a pleasing and nutritious food to their diets. People here crave fruit; something lacking in their regular diets. This production was a great effort by many and today we see wonderful results of team work. Last September when the papaya orchard was planted, students played a key role in watering the young papaya seedlings, and today they are enjoying the fruits of their labor. We are going to teach students some of the main health benefit of papaya seeds for preventing and treating intestinal parasites.



**Students in papaya orchard**



**Daughter Samantha helping harvest papaya**

Recently we received a couple of students from the nearby government agricultural institute. They seek to gain practical knowledge and experience with us in our gardens. It is interesting that this institute concentrates on theoretical knowledge with little emphasis on the practical.

Large animal production of cattle, goats and pigs is our next big project and dream. The fencing has been started and cattle shed needs to be built. Villagers walking by the fencing going up are very curious wanting to know what is going on. Once they learn that it is for cattle they become very excited. Your support and encouragement will help us realize this dream. Such agriculture projects will be a great help for all of the greater Quessua community.

#### **PARTNER WITH ME**

I invite you to pray for me so that I may always have the wisdom and patience to develop and strengthen the ministry that I am called to work with. Pray for my physical and spiritual health.

As always thank you so much for your prayers, love, support, thoughts, emails, and your moral and generous financial support.

Please, Quessua Agriculture has a new advance number below.

I invite you to collaborate with the agriculture program at Quessua. Please send contributions to UMC Advance Special Numbers:

**Quessua Agriculture: advance # 3022272.**

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