

Catechists in Training Pungoe, Lebombo



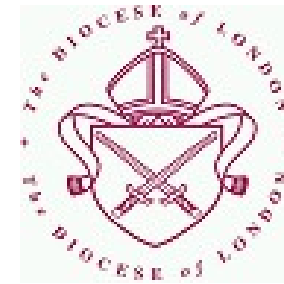
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Nacala School, Niassa, funded by ALMA



ALMA is the Diocese of London's partnership with the Anglican Church in Angola and Mozambique.

Friendship is the cornerstone of ALMA but, given that Angola and Mozambique are two of the world's poorest countries, financial gifts can greatly assist the ministry and mission of the church there.

Please do read more about this and consider remembering ALMA in your will.

ABOUT ALMA:

ALMA was formally inaugurated in 1998 in St Paul's Cathedral. Since then, as we have rejoiced and wept together, our link relationship has deepened and grown strong roots.

ALMA is manifest in the:

- **143 ALMA Parish Reps and 65 ALMA Friends** receiving monthly updates by email
- **39 London parishes twinned** with parishes across Angola and Mozambique, with more planned.
- **3 London schools twinned:** two primary and one secondary with others developing relationships
- **Many visits each year in all directions** involving church leaders, lay people, Mother's Union and skills sharing visits, (such as management consultancy for growth, sewing training, health care, marriage enrichment, and market gardening).
- **6 Schools built**, refurbishment Messumba Health post

London has held:

2 Lent Appeals for ALMA

- 2003 'Give Hope' to raise seed funding for HIV/AIDS work
- 2008 'Education for All' to build 3 primary schools

3 Crisis appeals

following flooding emergencies in 2000, 2007 and 2008

ALMA Common Fund Supports:

Link Officers and Project Officers in our 3 Link Dioceses: Angola, Lebombo (Southern Mozambique) and Niassa (Northern Mozambique)

Children via ALMA's Children Fund

Training – theological and community

Insurance

For a fuller picture of ALMA please look at our website:

www.almalink.org

HOW A LEGACY CAN HELP ALMA:

Training Leaders

The church has had a key role in brokering peace in both Angola and Mozambique. It needs more leaders to help sustain peace and participate fully in the reconstruction of civil society.

There are 3 existing training programmes:

- Theological Training by Extension
- Catechist training (Lay Reader training which includes community leadership skills)
- HIV Education –Equipas da Vida

Education (ALMA's Children Fund)

2,000,000 children in Angola and Mozambique are without schools. Our partner Bishops are passionate advocates of education and want to have church schools in villages without schools. £25,000 funds and equips a small school.

Capital Projects

The church is growing fast with church planting the norm. New churches, which are also community centres, are desperately needed. Flooding and extreme weather has damaged many churches. Roofs are particularly vulnerable. A rural church can be built for £3000 and an urban one for £12,000.

Common Fund

Donations to maintain the fabric of the link are extremely welcome. ALMA has no source of income other than charitable donations and fundraising. Apart from 7 hours administrative support per week all ALMA post holders are volunteers.