Sowing Seeds for Tomorrow

PowerPoint Notes for Lebombo Presentation

These notes are provided as an accompaniment to the Lent Appeal 2017 additional PowerPoint Lebombo presentation.

Slide 1: Introduction

Lent Appeal 2017

On behalf of ALMA London and our Diocesan Partners in Angola and Mozambique

Slide 2: The Diocese of Lebombo

Is initiating a significant project to create a new accredited seminary outside Maputo to train the next generation of church leaders.

Slide 3: Background

Seminary for the Diocese of Lebombo is currently at the main Diocesan Centre in Maputo – a small site shared with the local parish and all Diocesan administrative staff

**BUT**

Slide 4:

It’s in much need of repair and restoration.

Slide 5: Currently

* There are 14 students studying at the seminary including 2 women
* There are 8 teachers, all volunteers, including 2 Bishops and 4 priests
* They are currently able to offer a certificate in theology

Slide 6: Vision

* To be the main centre for clergy training for Lusophone Africa
* To have a separate site for seminary where all students could reside
* To have improved facilities that promote education and learning
* To upgrade from the certificate to a diploma

Slide 7: Progress

* The Diocese is already having the syllabus checked by an external body to get it accredited at a diploma course
* Land has been found.

Slide 8: And blessed

There was a traditional ceremony by the local traditional land chief or (Régulo Majuva) which was done in the presence of some members of the community and Diocesan representatives (Archdeacon Rogério and Fr. Sergio Bambo Diocesan Secretary) to authorize the Diocese to have and use the space for the Seminary.

The site intended for the new seminary at Majuva about 25 km from Catembe towards Ponta de Ouro. Government title deeds are in process.

Slide 9: Plans by local architect

Plans have now been drawn up by a local architect. Facilities will include:

* Library
* Teaching accommodation
* Dormitories
* Classrooms
* Refectory

Slide 10: The difference!

The new seminary will make a huge difference to many people including students like:

2nd year seminary student

Edilson Esteira

and

Joana Chilengue,

one of the two women studying at the seminary

Slide 11: Edilson’s story

* Edilson has to live with his aunt because there is not enough space in the current buildings
* Many people have to live elsewhere and commute and this disrupts the learning process
* He looks forward to being able to reside in one space and to having a games field to exercise between study

Slide 12: Joana’s message

*“It is important and urgent to have new buildings for the seminary. At the moment we don’t have enough space and it is in a bad condition. This building houses the Diocesan secretary, the parish, parish rooms, choirs who area always practicing as well as weddings and parties. This is all a great distraction from our studies.*

Slide 13:

*With a new Centre we would have enough rooms for both men and women separately as well as houses for the teachers. As seminarians we need to not just learn about theology but also other activities that we can take with us to the people we find at our churches. If we had a separate space we could also develop other activities such as agriculture.”*

Slide 14: Video of Bishop Carlos

Slide 15: Please support the 2017 Lent Appeal

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