Sowing Seeds for Tomorrow

PowerPoint Notes for Niassa Presentation

These notes are provided as an accompaniment to the Lent Appeal 2017 additional PowerPoint Niassa 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 Niassa

Is building a church training hub with accommodation in Nampula for the huge Lurio region.

# Slide 3: It will be used for training

* locally ordained priests,
* lay leaders,
* Mothers’ Union and
* community development fieldworkers and teams.

# Slide 4: Construction has already begun

Construction on the meeting rooms has already begun using local funds.

# Slide 5: Next phase

The Diocese are now seeking support to upgrade the centre to include the following:

* Improved water supply
* Protection wall
* Female dormitory
* Male dormitory

# Slide 6: A strategic location

**Lurio** – one of the 6 Archdeaconries within the Diocese of Niassa is:

* Home for 9 million people and 20,000 Anglicans
* Currently an episcopal area with plans for it to become a missionary diocese by 2017 with an administrative and spiritual centre in Nampula

# Slide 7: Nampula

* Is the principal town in Northern Mozambique
* Has easy connections to the Diocese of Lebombo and the two Episcopal Areas of Niassa and Zambezia within the Diocese of Niassa
* Direct flights to Johannesburg, Harare, Dar es Salaam, Nairobi and more recently to Antananarivo
* All wayfarers from mainland Niassa, Northern region of Pemba and Maputo in the south change their buses in Nampula

# Slide 8: A multi-use space

Which will provide:

* For Clergy training
* A guest house for mission workers
* A meeting point for Diocesan staff and volunteers:

# Slide 9: Muassite’s journey

For Muassite, the new church training hub will be a life changer. She lives in Cabo Delgado, but her role as mission work co-ordinator means she regularly meets with her counterparts from other parts of the diocese to discuss strategy and consider diocesan-wide planning.

Without an office in Lurio, that region is rarely the meeting spot and she has to travel many miles to meet with colleagues.

When she travels to a 4-day meeting in Lichinga, there will be 3 days of travel to get there.

# Slide 10: Muassite’s journey

Modes of travel include:

* Several hours of walking
  + Usually in the early hours of the morning
  + carrying her luggage
  + Leaving her children asleep in bed.
* 2 long distance bus journeys.
  + If Muassite has managed to buy a ticket on the previous day, she’ll have a seat,
  + If not, she’ll travel standing up.
  + Sometimes - maybe on 50% of the journeys - the bus breaks down. Because the road is so bad, the bus company sends the most beat-up buses, so that the new ones aren’t damaged.
* Up to 12 hours squashed in on cramped minibuses.
  + Four people fill the seats designed to hold three
  + ALL luggage is carried on the passengers’ laps or by their feet.

# Slide 11: Muassite’s journey

Muassite is often away from home for 10 days at a time and returns exhausted.

A new training hub in Nampula would save her all this.

# Slide 12: Rebecca Vander Meulen

Director of Mission comments:

*“Our brainstorming and story-telling work goes well whether we are under a mango tree, or on a boat, or sitting around a table…”*

# Slide 13:

*“…but it’s much easier to track budgets and define indicators and write reports where there are tables and chairs and electricity.*

# Slide 14: Please support the 2017 Lent Appeal

on behalf of ALMA and our Diocesan Partners in Angola and Mozambique.

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