

With Passion in Jesus Christ, Compassion for All ...

*... we designate our 2009 Conference Offering
for purchase of a John Deere tractor for West Angola.*

Our Conference Offering this year will go to our West Angola Partnership - designated for purchase of a John Deere tractor, disc plow, and cultivator for the Agricultural Training Farm near Porto Quipiri, north of Luanda.



(Photo courtesy Deere & Company.)

The JD 5425 Utility Tractor is an 81hp 4WD commercial-grade tractor. It will be shipped directly to West Angola from Savannah, Georgia.

Along with the tractor, our Conference Offering will provide a:

- 3 point 3 gang disc plow
- 3 point 8' disc
- 3 point A-frame/toolbar/shank setup for row crops
- 3 point tilt & swing scraper
- 6' x 8' single axle field trailer

Donations received beyond the cost of the equipment will be used to buy trees, quality seed stock, and hand tools.

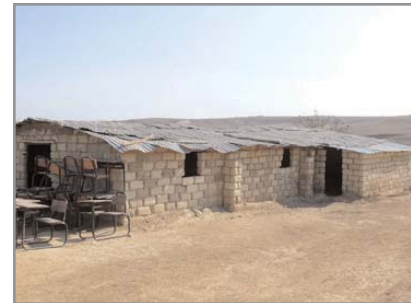
The equipment will be instrumental in getting the planned Agricultural Training Farm up and running. The farm will provide jobs locally, increase food abundance and availability, and serve as a demonstration farm to teach improved agricultural practices to the surrounding community and beyond.

Once crop production and markets are established, the food and profits from the agricultural production will provide financial support for the missions and ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Angola once was an exporter of food, but after three decades of civil war food prices are extremely high - and Luanda now is ranked the world's most expensive city.



With 70% of the people earning less than \$1 per day, it is the youngest citizens who suffer most.



Porto Quipiri was the site of a refugee camp where 10 children died every day. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) was instrumental in improving conditions at the camp, and when the refugees were allowed to return home, many decided to remain in Porto

Quipiri. They built a Methodist Church/school building there, which continues to serve the new community that they created.

Bishop Gaspar Domingos of the West Angola Conference believes the Agricultural Training Farm can further grow the region, and that by training farmers in sustainable agricultural methods it can benefit rural and urban Angolans for generations to come.

Through the Conference Offering, the churches of California-Nevada can play a vital role in this re-development.

Please support our continued partnership with the West Angola United Methodist Conference - give to the Agricultural Training Farm Tractor Project.



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