

**THE NEED
IS GREAT.
OUR
COMMITMENT
IS STRONG.**



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EAST ANGOLA
A MISSION TO PROVIDE HELP AND HOPE



East Angola has been devastated by a war torn past. The country's prolonged destabilization has retarded its normal development, giving rise to unemployment and the general deterioration of their buildings and roads.

Much of their land cannot be farmed due to the presence of land mines that riddle their fields in unknown places. After 40 years of war, the East Angola Conference of the United Methodist Church emerged with damaged infrastructure and few churches.

Our Wisconsin Conference UMC is determined to help the 40 congregations in their Annual Conference that have risen from the ashes. In 2005, Bishop Linda Lee and a small group from Wisconsin visited East Angola and their bishop, Jose Quipungo.

Bishop Quipungo requested resources and assistance in many areas. The Wisconsin Conference has donated finances and supplies for their medical clinic, educational books for their orphanages, computers and supplies for churches and Conference offices, graduation gowns, and more. But the need doesn't end there.

The Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church is committed to continuing to provide help and hope to the East Angola Conference, one of our designated Mission Partnerships. As a UMC member, you can help as well. The East Angola Task Force is encouraging congregations and United Methodist Women's units to join in partnership with East Angolan churches and their women's organizations for ministry and cultural exchange.

Join Our East Angola Partnership Effort

We have set fundraising goals for assisting East Angolan pastors and congregations in four areas:

- **Improving literacy in East Angola.** We are seeking to provide the opportunity for Angolans to learn Portuguese to help them achieve gainful employment.
- **Assistance to Women's units.** We are encouraging United Methodist chapters in Wisconsin to be partners in ministry with Women's units in East Angola.
- **Salary support for pastors.** We are asking Wisconsin Annual Conference pastors to donate \$25 monthly to supplement the salaries of East

Angola pastors who often are paid less than \$100 per month.

- **College scholarships for East Angolan students.** These scholarships will help East Angola students attend college classes at the United Methodist College in Luanda, Angola.

All congregations, circuits and local United Methodist Women groups can help meet these partnership goals by sending donations to the Wisconsin Conference UMC Treasurer for Fund #7946. Partnership commitment forms can be obtained by contacting the Coordinator of Multicultural Ministries at 888-240-7328.

Other Ways You Can Help:

- Schedule a presentation on East Angola at your church, circuit or unit
- Become a member of the East Angola Task Force
- Participate in a Pulpit Exchange with an East Angolan Pastor
- Pray for the Wisconsin/East Angola Partnership

WE APPRECIATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
For more information, or to make a donation, contact the Coordinator of Multicultural Ministries at 888-240-7328.