



# Afrika Wa Yesu VOCATIONAL CENTRE

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*"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me,  
and to finish His work."*

- John 4:34

## Dear Friends,

How rapidly approaches the end of the year! We are eager to finish the race well, having run so far, we are excited about completing our year with excellence. The Vocational Centre students have just one more week with us before they graduate, we truly believe they will go far in their communities with the amount of hard work that has gone into forming them into mighty business men of God. Having done follow-up in-between school sessions, Jeosafá has seen the areas which need more emphasis and training in order not to be a tumbling block for these young men. He has really worked hard this term, drumming principles into them and making them practice over and over, thinking ahead on what steps they will follow when they go home to help them accomplish their visions. We look forward to seeing them on the field and rejoicing with them in the fruit of their hands. Nelson has excelled with the carpentry instruction; these men are producing great quality and are starting to learn to pay attention to the small details of finishing their work off well which raises the standard level up to a level of excellence. They now appreciate the value of working as a team, lifting each other up and being an encouragement to one another, as opposed to pushing on ahead and trying to do it all by themselves. It is wonderful to witness the transformation as old mindsets are broken off and the mind of Christ replaces binding mentalities.

"The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me,  
He has anointed me  
to preach the gospel  
to the poor;  
He has sent me  
to heal  
the brokenhearted,  
to preach deliverance  
to the blind,  
to set at liberty  
them that are bruised,  
to preach the acceptable  
year of our Lord.  
Luke 4:18-19





Students receive their tools (above) and work suits (right).



From Nelson – “I want to share about the testimony of our carpentry work; it was wonderful and I am very happy that it ran so well. GRACE and the love of God was always watching us, and we successfully completed our course – yet realise that it’s not by our strength, but by the skill that comes from God. The Word of God teaches us that every good and perfect gift comes from God – it is impossible for a man in five months to train a carpenter, it would take over one year, but God has made the impossible, possible, and now we are in the preparation phase awaiting graduation. We know it will be a wonderful event.”

**WOODSHOP**, the business we have started alongside the Vocational Centre, has

had orders non-stop, what a blessing – there has been no time when we’ve thought, “What now?” Truly the hand of God is on this project. Every time a project comes to a close, there are others lining up after it.

After graduation, we will shut down the Woodshop for one month so we can all have a break. We are looking forward to December as we welcome Rod and Ellie for graduation and start putting up Christmas decorations and singing Christmas Carols!



January will see us busy again, we will open Loga with full orders and then start Vocational Training a week later. We are looking forward to lots of new development next year, and praise God for His faithfulness in all areas, especially in providing fantastic team members and outstanding,

motivating leaders. Thank you, all, for your love and prayers. Grace and Peace be with you.

Together for His Glory,

*Chris and Deborah*  
and all at the Vocational Centre



# Student Testimonies!

## Benito Manuel

My name is Benito Manuel, and when I came from my house to here in Nacala, I came with a lot of strength and joy, looking forward to the weeks ahead. I had some fears, thinking that I was not capable of making anything. My whole life, I had never done any carpentry, and when one month had passed here I was seeking God for wisdom, and already getting better.

God has helped me with everything, through the teachers, and I am so happy they have taught me a profession. I am very grateful to the Directors of the school and the teachers body. When I go home I will grow and sell sugar cane, and, using the money I will make from that, will set up my workshop at my house and make use of my tools to make things. Everything is THANK YOU.



## Valentim José

In first place I want to thank God and the body of teachers and directors. For me it is a big accomplishment to attend the carpentry course as I have wanted to participate since 2008, and now, praise God, the course has marked two foundations in my life: the study of business theory, and the study of practical carpentry. In business, I used to be a tomato seller but I had difficulties because I didn't know how to do business properly. But now I have learned about the art of buying and selling and I have faith that any business I do now will be done in God's Way and with His blessing.

I had never done any carpentry in my life, but I had always wanted to. And I am happy because I have hope of a better life that is my future I have the knowledge of how to make tables, chairs, and windows, and I am going to continue perfecting things for the rest of my life. After my graduation I have plans to make benches for the church, and next year I will make chairs, benches and armoires as priority products. I will look for someone who has already passed through the Vocational Centre so we can work together. I want to say thank you very much to the team of the Vocational Centre.

## Santos Verníz

I am Santos Verníz, and I give thanks to God who has been protecting my life, and who chose me to attend the Vocational Centre. I came without knowing anything on business nor of carpentry, and I was well received here.

I entered into the room of formation of the world of business, and learnt a lot about business. I did not know before, about progressing in the business world, how to work according to God's will, or how to glorify God in my work – with my money – and for my family. I did not know about stewardship, how to find percentages, or anything about mark-up. But now, by the grace of God, I know. With the



patience and obedience to the Holy Spirit, I feel qualified to the world of business. Thanks be to God for the affection of teacher Nelson who taught up about carpentry. May God bless Nelson's life for giving us the teachings. When I arrive home, I will make a business of selling fish so I can open my carpentry workshop, and I will get more tools.



### **Rofino Constantino**

My name is Rofino Constantino, and I want to say that in the beginning it was difficult, but with God's help it was possible to endure. When we started business studies and learned about the glory of God in work, I began to see that my day to day life was not totally open to showing God's glory. So I started to pray that God would give me that ability and happiness in my work.

In the second month we entered in the carpentry workshop and there the prayer was answered. Strength, joy and wisdom were sent by the Holy Spirit, and we began with the first project. The teacher explained things to me with love when I had doubts. I had never done this work before, but today, for Christ's love, I am a carpenter. This vision of working with Jesus is very good. I want to say thank you Jesus, the team that helped me, may God bless your lives. I encourage the Maas family to continue with the investment and the expansion of the Word of God through the work and win other visions and prosper in the work, God bless you.

In January I will continue to study and do small businesses for the my sustenance: in February I would like to start my fields to sow sesame, in April I want to begin the corn purchase, after selling my products I will increase my carpentry instruments. I will do carpentry work with my friend, and in the future I would like to be a great entrepreneur and a teacher of an industrial school.

### **Aquimo Paunes**

I am Aquimo Paunes, from Macomia in the province of Cabo Delgado. I liked the teachings that I received on business and carpentry, and believe that I am now full of knowledge. I have made a window, a toolbox, a chair,



table, and learned how to use the tools I have been given. When I go home I will learn how to make even more things.

When I arrive at my home I will buy two boards and beams, and will work with a friend. When I have sold that work I will get more tools. I will sell products from the place where I work.

***Thank You.***

**THANK YOU** for your part in enabling these men to have better lives, expanding the Kingdom of God in the marketplace, lifting up their communities and families and Glorfiing God with the Work of their hands.

