

## A Note of Appreciation



The Mozambique Building Fund provided desks for students in Massinga.

Dear Friends,

We are sending this message to you to thank you for your support of the **Training for Health Renewal Program (THRP)** work over the years, and to give you an update about what is happening.

One of the more exciting things was the visit of the Mozambique Minister of Health, Dr. Ivo Garrido to the Massinga Centre in July. He toured our Centre and heard about our work. On his departure he called us a model on health training for the country. He specified that we engage communities in our training, prepare health workers to work in community realities, and demonstrate excellence in our programs and facilities. That meant a lot to everyone at the Centre in reinforcing the work done, and the community health and development direction that we have taken.

We were heartened by the news of the **International AIDS Conference** in Toronto in August that put a major emphasis on prevention (through the

direct participation of communities in their own health), and strengthening of health systems through appropriate training of health workers.

Over the years we have had health science students from the U of S - placed at the Centre- learning from communities in Mozambique, and bringing their experiences back to Canada. These mutual bridges of learning are very important .



The Mozambique Building Fund supports a community gathering place for people living with HIV/AIDS.

We have a new major community building project underway with the development of community radio – Radio Cossinga. Initially supported by CAW and UNESCO, it will broadcast the voices of women, youth and elders on key issues of building healthy communities. (There are over 250,000 people in the Massinga area without access to mass communications.) We are also working to have a bridge built for the community of Basso, so people can reach health services in the rainy season.

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