

# UUCV Bursary Project

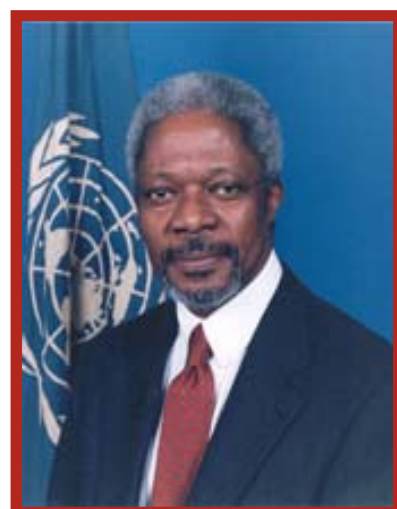


Africa

## Mozambique



Bursary Girls live in residences in Molumbo, Namarrói, and Quelimane.



"Study after study has taught us that there is no tool more effective for development than the education of girls."

Kofi Annan, 2004

Although Mozambique is now a stable democracy, it is still one of the world's poorest countries. Only 60% of children are able to go beyond 5th grade. And, only 1 in 6 are girls. Since 2005 members and friends of the *Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley* have sponsored an increasing number of "bursaries" so girls attend grades 6-12 or vocational school to become teachers, nurses or agricultural specialists. The Bursary Project is managed by *Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM)* staff in Quelimane.

As UUCV conducts its 6th bursary campaign, 133 girls from the Zambezia Province want to attend school in 2010. By living in a Molumbo, Namarrói, or Quelimane residence, 122 can attend grades 8th-12th. Another 10 girls who finished 10th grade plan to complete a 1 year Teacher's Program. Another girl is planning to finish her Agricultural studies. Fortunately the average cost of a bursary has gone down from \$300 to \$225 (due in part to UUCV's help with expanding the capacity of the Molumbo residence).



Priscilla Laws and Terri Smiley with the 34 "bolseiras" who lived in the Namarrói Lar in 2009 while attending grades 8-10. (Oct 2009)



Four of the six "bolseiras" who attended 11th grade in Quelimane during 2009 relax at CCM headquarters. (March 2009).



Sixty girls from small villages lived in the Molumbo Lar to attend grades 6-10 during the 2009 school year. The girls, dressed in new shirts and capulanas, entertain visitors, their parents, and Lar staff members with song, dance and short skits.



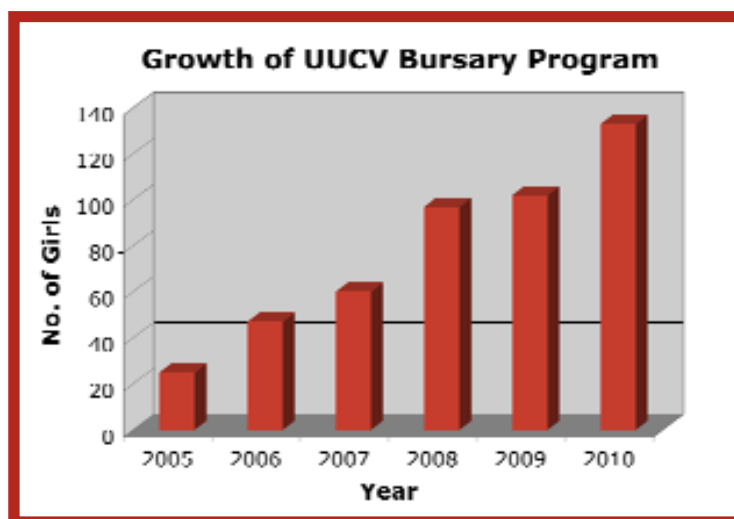
A group of very grateful parents attend a meeting with the Molumbo Lar staff, Bill and Karen Butt along with UUCV Project reviewers Priscilla Laws and Terri Smiley. A couple of mothers and some fathers are shown in this view. All of these parents are farmers.



## Bursary "Graduates"



Two of 12 bursary girls celebrate their graduation from a 3-year teaching program at the end of 2008. These girls started bursary support in 2005 and finished 8th grade before attending the certification program. All 12 girls now teach in elementary schools!



Growth is due to: (1) Annual increases in UUCV & supplemental donations; (2) CCM staff economies; (3) increases in the Molumbo Lar capacity (thanks in part to UUCV funding in 2008 & 2009); and government addition of higher grades in Molumbo.



Bursary Project Reviewers with Fall 2009 CCM Bursary Staff who work part time with the program. From L-R: Karen, Fausta, Terri, Chambule, Priscilla & Ledice.



The girls use anatomically correct African dolls to perform a skit that chronicles the shenanigans of various couples. All die of AIDS except one man who they reveal wearing a condom. One in three sexually active adults in Mozambique is HIV positive.