

## "AFRICA KEEP THE LAMP OF HOSPITALITY ALIGHT"

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### Presence of the Congregation in Angola

The Congregation arrived in Angola in 2006 with a sister and a lay missionary to know Angolan reality.

Between 2006-2008, the Hospitalet presence was subject to a certain instability because of the difficulty in obtaining visas for entry into the country. From the moment, they obtain the and not having leave the country for a year the presence was more stable.

The community was canonically constituted in March 2010; until this date the community group was composed of 3 or 4 sisters striving to respond to the different demands of the population: psychiatric consultation, volunteer at the Psychiatric Hospital (assisting in hygiene, occupational therapy) and in the awareness of youth groups on the matter of mental illness.

Lubango, capital of Huila province, was the first place where they started the outpatient consultations in 2007, with a rapid multiplication of this activity to places located 20 and 80 km. Away.

In parallel with this direct service to the sick, the sisters from the outset established contacts with the Provincial Government and the Provincial Directorate of health.

This provides ground for the construction of a day center; this aims the reception and care of persons suffering from mental and neurological health problems. In 2014, the land was registered in the registry of deeds and the sisters got the property title. It is the construction plan and the Municipal Council approves it.

### The Community

This community, composed of three sisters, its mission is:

- \* the attention and care of rehabilitation of the mentally ill in the province of Huila and
- \* attention to vocation Ministry. Currently three youth, living



1 Sr. Maria Isabel Martins, superiora  
2 Sr. Maria José, vice-superiora  
3 Sr. Maria Graça Neves, economo



ASPIRANTES



BENDICION DE LA PRIMERA PIEDRA DEL CENTRO DE REAHABILITACION PSICOSOCIAL DE ARIMBA (LUBANGO) EL 24 DE ABRIL 2017

### Prayer for the Community and Mission of Lubango (Angola)

Oh God, father of believers, you multiply on Earth the sons of the promise, with gratefulness for the adoption and for the Paschal mystery, you did your servant Abraham the father of all Nations, as you had promised. Today we are here before you to entrust the work of the Hospitaller Committee of Africa (CHAF). You raised in the Church, the charism of hospitality, we give you thanks for the seed planted in Africa, so that today as yesterday and forever, we commit ourselves like Abraham, out of our self interests, out of our securities, out of our personal projects to enter into the great Congregational Community project in Africa, where everyone wants to be the actors and the steward in its construction. Grant that we may hear Your voice and follow the example of our Father in faith. We ask you today **for the community and for the Mission of Lubango (Angola)** and at the same time we ask the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Sacred heart of Jesus, Saint Augustine, Saint Benedict Menni, and of the sisters who have gone before us. Amen.