



Build on success in **2016**



Wame Chiepe is inviting us to dream.

Wame lives near an abandoned park. Young children play on a rusty, broken down slide, with little more than a ladder remaining. Surrounded by drinking establishments, the park is an unsafe place; night time robberies and stabbings are not unusual. Eventually, the playground kids graduate to nearby bars.

Two years ago Wame dreamed of transforming the park and the lives of kids who play there. His dream has grown to inspire a local group of investors – and supporters across the Atlantic Ocean in Mennonite Church Canada.

Wame's dream soon engaged the imaginations of Nathan and Taryn Dirks, Mennonite Church Canada Witness Workers in Botswana. This led to a short video in 2014, with Wame and the Dirks inviting the rest of Mennonite Church Canada to join them in what they called a "Futsal Dream" (5-a-side soccer).

The park is experiencing a miraculous change: Futsal playing courts will harvest water in a cistern which will be used for gardens; a hut for a disabled shoe repairman will replace his open air shop under a tree; bio-friendly toilets have been installed; and recycled materials including glass bottles, tin cans, and old tires are used for walls.

What was a dangerous space is being made safe again.

You helped bring this dream to reality. In 2014, 56 participants comprising eight teams in six locations with their generous sponsors raised almost \$20,000 to launch the Futsal Dream.

The initial seed money via Mennonite Church Canada has inspired local investors, government officials, sports teams, coaches and athletic professionals to build on Wame's dream.

On Oct. 1st you are invited to build on this success.

By signing up to cycle or walk in Ride for Refuge (yes, you can walk too), for any Mennonite Church Canada Witness Worker, together we can hear more stories like Wame's.

If you and your church already have a congregational partnership with a Witness ministry, are interested in the work we are doing together, or love a bit of low key exercise and community building, this is a fun and generous way to lead.



A video update, downloadable poster, and registration links are available from

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