



Mozambique - the Italian Connection

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Walter Veltroni, Mayor of Rome, Italy, talks with José Mazuze and other Mozambique Scouts during a visit in early October. The Mayor wanted to learn more about the work of Scouts in Mozambique, and Africa.

José was well placed for this discussion as he attended the World Scout Youth Forum in Greece in 2002, and he is on the planning committee for the next Forum which will be in 2005 in Tunisia.

Mayor Veltroni took a delegation from Rome to Mozambique to inaugurate a school in Guava. Money for the school was raised by high school students in Rome. For the trip he invited two representatives from the World Scout Bureau. One of them, Olof Haakansson, a World Events project officer, is standing next to the mayor. Documentalist Gabriella Galati also represented the Bureau, and took the photo.

News of the project, and Scouting's actions in Mozambique, came up in a meeting in September between the Mayor and World Scouting's Secretary General Eduardo Missoni as they discussed plans for World Scouting events to be held in Rome next year.

The trip was a great opportunity for Mozambique Scouts and representatives of the World Scout Bureau to discuss with Roman dignitaries about Scouting, and also to help coordinate the preparation for the 5th African Jamboree in December 2005, and the 13th World Scout Moot in 2008.