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Hi. Hope you had a great month this November. For us it has been an incredible 30 days.

I am **writing from Beira.**

The theme of this month has been from the New Testament book of **Colossians 1:27** *"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"*.

The **more we die to ourselves**, the more **He can reveal Himself to people** – through us. Thanks Jesus.

Trip to Mozambique

I travelled to Moz this month with **Luke Cox**, an 18 year old youth member of Hillsong church and son of Mozoutreach directors, Andrew and Dale. He completed his final day of year 12 then two days later, November 2nd we caught the plane from Sydney to Africa.



Luke Cox - enjoying coconut

Meetings with Government – Maputo and Sofala Provinces

Once in Maputo, we were extremely busy. I had **appointments with some of the top men in the country.** We hired a mini bus (sharpa, with driver – Alfonso), who was prepared to forgo his regular passenger runs to escort us around town.

My first visit was with First secretary of the ruling Frelimo party - **General Amaral Matos**, who had set aside his entire day to

show me around town. He has invited us to conduct **Bible based, integrity and life skill training, to the civil, business, military and professional leaders** next year. This is a wide open door of opportunity.

We are presently organising funding for this course in Australia.

Invited to run Bible based training for the top leaders in the country

In addition, I was introduced to **Filicio Zechariah** – the governor of the province of Sofala regarding the same

issue and again have been blessed with **the same open welcome to train all leaders of government in the 4 central provinces of Mozambique..**

Property in Maputo

I later had a meeting with **General Jacinto Veloso** in Maputo and told him some of our plans to help with development in Mozambique as a part of our plan of transformation for the country.



Property in Boane

He offered us a good sized package of land **in the Boane region**, 35 kilometres from Maputo to use as a base for church, school and micro enterprise operations.

Gift To The President

During this period of time I **delivered a gift** (the 2 "Transformation" videos) to **President Chissano.** Although I have yet

to speak to him personally, I received great favour and assurance that he received the gift very gratefully. I am praying for time with him to discuss and pray about the transformation of his nation, Mozambique..

School - Building Underway

Another program involves the construction on **two brand new classrooms** to be complete for the start of grade one and two next year in Beira . We hired a draftsman to draw the plans and are using local tradesmen to complete the project.



Celebration

Unfortunately we have been hindered by heavy rains and thunderstorms and city council representatives, but nonetheless, the work is nearly complete.

We enjoyed a wonderful **party of thanksgiving** to celebrate and thank the Lord for His provision for the people in this area.



Interviews for the teacher of grades one and two have been held, and we have **selected a brilliant Christian teacher** to start the school next year. Thanks again Lord for your goodness to



us and these gentle people in Mozambique.

Pre-School Party

Our pre-school celebrated its end of year break up. It was terrific fun as **all the children devoured cake and drink and played with balloons**. Many of these youngsters will be promoted to year one next year. We are hoping to complete the funding for these classrooms – to enable us to organise desks and chairs etc.

As I was sitting with our pre-school children in their uniforms, **I peered out the door** of the classroom and about 15 to 20 **children were standing at the door looking in wishing to be involved**.

It is very moving but that's what we are trying to resolve - **to give every child a quality Christian based education** is our goal.

I will be **speaking at many GPS schools next year** in Brisbane to create an awareness of the education needs of people living in Mozambique .Some have indicated that they would like to give financial help in that area.



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MozBIZ away

YES! We launched **MozBIZ** – our micro enterprise development system. After

careful consideration from interviews and the submission of business plans, we were pleased to organise **small loans to our first 3 recipients**.

This is tremendously exciting as it is proven that through this plan, many people will successfully be released from poverty as they commence working for themselves and in turn employ others..



Francis N'Sona - MozBIZ

Francis N'Sona is the man on the ground here in Beira and he will **run fortnightly business training meetings** to help increase those businesses, and in turn affect others.



Two of our directors – **Gary and Liz Waters** direct the organisation "Nations of Integrity" and have accepted the big

responsibility of heading up this very large micro enterprise project. As with everything, we begin humbly and the Lord is adding the increase.

Next month we will have a full report on the launch of MozBIZ with photos and updates.



But for **now meet Natalia**. She was the first of our business loans. She presented a business plan for scone making. Already **she has**

employed a young man and is making a good profit each day. Thanks Lord. And her scones are delicious



Francis and Greg enjoying Natalia's scones

Photos From Prison – A First

Prison was amazing. For the first time we were **allowed to take video footage** in prison, and footage we took!



Prisoners worshipping the Lord

We will make that available on our web site by next month. In the mean time, here are a few shots of the prisoners – loving Jesus.

Praise And Worship Breakthrough

We were excited about delivering a gift from Hillsong , (CD's and written music) to pastor Mario and his Life Christian

Centre in Matacuane – Beira.

His services are powerful primarily due to their worship which is a mixture of western and locally written songs. It is the only church I have experienced in

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Mozambique with true **worship coming from the hearts of the local people.**

The incredible power of God is evident through many miracles, repentance and weeping and people under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Thank you Lord.

We are working together with this church as they

prepare for their first praise and worship conference next year.



Pastors Mario & Zaida

Armed Robbers Run Away

Last week we were attacked **by thieves in balaclavas** . I had just driven out of the compound at 8.30pm when 3 men entered our property.

They were peering in the windows and Luke was alone inside strumming his guitar. Apparently they were armed. Our dogs started to bark, **the guard saw the men and went after them.**

We have 2 guards – **Bernado** – a big man – ex soldier – who likes to carry a piece of steel. And **Mario**, a little old man with a slingshot. It was Mario who went in to defend our property. **He charged at the thieves** who threatened to shoot him. He shouted - "Then kill me" as he ran at them preparing his slingshot, like David did against Goliath. **The thieves were so surprised that they turned and fled.**

Perhaps the thieves saw not only Mario coming at them - perhaps they saw a troop of giant angels?

New Church Building

Our church at Massamba took on a new look with a **shelter made from local materials**, wood, bamboo and plastic. Its seating capacity is about 150 people on straw mats.

Previously Ordenança and Regina have held **church meetings in the direct sunlight** outside their house where it is extremely hot.

But thanks to your generous giving, they were able to put up this simple construction and it has made an enormous difference already. **On the first day, 50 people attended** as opposed to 25 or so from previous occasions. Luke sang "Be exalted Jesus" and our brothers and sisters danced and sang in thanks to the Lord for their new church.

Massamba is a very poor area of Beira, located directly on mud. When it rains the place becomes a huge slush puddle. It is littered with rubbish and children defecate wherever they want to. Needless to say, the smell is high.

We believe and have witnessed that as people turn to Jesus, they develop a new outlook on

life which includes personal cleanliness **which is a reflection of the inward change.**

Ordenança and Regina the leaders of this church, are praying for Massamba's transformation.



Massamba is a very dirty and poor area of Beira

Most of the people mentioned in this newsletter are pastors, pre-school teachers, guards etc. who are employed on a basic wage supplied by the Lord through Mozambique Outreach.

We occasionally give them more, as the finance allows - **for example a pair of shoes or pants**, a shirt or a bag of rice.

If you wish to **support individual people** or enable them to purchase clothes, food or education for their children, **please send to our Mozambique Outreach account** (details in this newsletter) and **specify which area you would like your gift to be a blessing to.**

*Until next month, God Bless you
Thanks for your prayer and support. We can not work without you.
Greg, Jay, Kyal, David and Katie Cumming*



Ordenanza preaching in the new Massamba church

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