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**It has been a positive and yet difficult month for Mozambique. Exactly one year after the country suffered its worst floods in history, it is again reeling from devastating floods and drought, with death and homelessness the inevitable result. However, spiritually the people remain ravenously hungry for the Lord. Some of our friends in neighbouring ministries have been suffering blows to their health, but are now recuperating and back on track after surgery, and ready to return to their work.**

a security disaster if the dam infrastructure remains under pressure," Mr Muianga said. He said the dam was currently receiving about 11,000 cubic metres of water per second every day - up from 10,000 cubic metres two days' ago.

Silvano Langa, director of Mozambique's National Institute for Disaster Management, said on Sunday that rescuers had four to five days before a fresh wave of water hit the towns of Marromeu and Luabo.

"Our major concern is Marromeu and Luabo where there are around 80,000 people. This is a very low-lying area," Langa told Reuters.

### Floods

Floods in Mozambique have killed at least 41 people and displaced 360,000, after last year's floods killed 700 people and left more than 500,000 homeless, prompting one of the biggest rescue missions in southern African history.



We have heard reports of people being affected by both drought and flood at the same time - just a few hundred kilometres apart.

*"We have had unending rain though, and evidently in Moz. it hasn't stopped raining since we left.*

*Evidently there are floods everywhere, and at the moment the road to Beira is closed at the bridge over the Pungoe River. You remember how high that bridge is, and the road also at that point.....well.....the water has risen so high that it now covers the bridge. So we are praying it will go down by next weekend so*

**"It has already reached full capacity, and needs to release water, otherwise we will have a security disaster. Rescuers have four to five days before a fresh wave of water hits the towns of Marromeu and Luabo. "**

*we can go home. No doubt about us hey, never a dull moment! Ha!" Robbie Housen ITM*

The latest victims of the heavy rains since January were three children who died after the roof of their house collapsed during torrential rain in Mutarara. Hundreds of people were said to be crowded under trees

waiting for assistance as water levels on the Zambezi River continued to rise following heavy rains.

Staple crops have been destroyed as waters flooded farming land.

Authorities have already appealed for food aid, and warned of an outbreak of water-borne diseases such as cholera and malaria.

By Sunday evening Cahora Bassa dam was spewing out 7,500 cubic metres (265,000 cu ft) of water per second - up from 6,700 cubic metres earlier; and water authorities said this could increase if the dam remained at dangerous levels.

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### Prison

Each week more prisoners give their lives to God and cry for peace. Each week more than 100 men and women come to feed on God's word. Most of them are now saved.

Here is one prisoner's testimony:

Jose Madala was born on the 20th June 1951. He talks a little bit on how he feels.



*"I have had 8 months in prison but have not yet been condemned. In prison there is no Bible teaching. We only have time to read the Bible, but there is no one to*

*explain it to us so we can understand it. I once went to the Catholic church in 1962, but did not feel saved as a true Christian, and in 1985 joined the Methodist church, but did not feel saved either. Still at the Methodist church I felt something strange, but there was no fire in the Holy Spirit.*



*Since I have been in prison I joined Mozambique Outreach services; then I realised that there was a moving of the Holy Spirit and I became a new*

*creature. Now I understand the Bible through your teachings. If you could give us some time to train us on how to teach others, that would be very good for us.*

*I feel different because the things I was not understanding from the Bible, I now understand through the teachings you bring to us. Let me say that I was lost even though I went to two churches but I have now realised that there was truth hidden that I have only found because I came to prison. I thank God for*



*that" - Jose Madala.*

### **Photos from the Prison!!!!!!!**

We have finally got some photos from inside the prison. Jean from Dorcas Ministries was able to take three photos, and sent them to us via email. You will find them on our photos page.

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Iris Ministries joined us in the prison - *"It was so good to join in with the prison ministry Moz. Outreach has here in Beira. We had a doctor's team here, and so we combined preaching the "healing word" with medical care. It was a blessing to work together with Arone and Manuel. We also asked Arone to help translate as Doctor Bob Paeglow travelled to various areas where we*

*preached the word and then gave medical care. Thank you Jesus!! " - Tanneken  
Great to work along side you Tanneken.*

### **Orphan's testimony**

When I was in Maputo visiting with Iris ministries, I got to know a young boy who was 14 years of age ( but was about the size of the average 8 or 9 year old). His name is Gito, and here is his testimony:

#### **Gito's Testimony**

*I am fourteen and I am in the third grade. My name is Gito Fernando Chambel. I have lived on the streets for a very long time. The reason is that the Renamo army came into my house while my mother was sleeping and they woke her up and took her away. Soon we learned that those men had killed my mother. My father was left in the house but he had problems with his head (he was mentally ill.) He could not feed me or take care of me, so I ran away to the streets*



*One day mama Aida (Heidi Baker) was preaching on the streets of the dump. I told Mama Aida I wanted to know the Word of God. So she prayed for me. Then God did a miracle for my life. Now I am not alone! I have a new Father who is for real, Father God!*

*Before when I slept I had bad nightmares. People came and tried to kill me with knives, but thank God after I received prayer I was saved from everything. Thank you, God! (Gito is HIV positive.)*

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Orphan - Gito**

### **A different perspective of Missionary life in Mozambique**

from Jean and Anita Simonis (Dorcas Aid)

We stand, sit and lie at the end of two years in Mozambique, also known to us as the training field, the battle field and also the harvest field. Experiences so rich and often so rewarding that not even a million bucks can pay for the feeling of challenge, excitement, victory, frustration, disappointment, heart-sore and feeling of hopelessness we have often felt through the past 24 months in this place that has been described as "the most joy-sucking place on earth. " A place where you can soon forget the taste of fresh milk or the sound that a hairdryer usually makes. Where a hot bath is a simple illusion, and the starvation for entertainment can drive an ordinary peace-loving family to attend the screening of Mission Impossible 2 not once, but two nights in a row!!

Discoveries:

Improving your score on a game of Solitaire late at night, when it's too hot to sleep, may be your only measurable accomplishment for an entire week.

If you manage to get an audience with the Director of Health it is as good as an interview with Nelson Mandela.

Waking up with the clanging of buckets does not mean that you live on a dairy farm, it is simply the neighbours collecting water for the day.

If your child complains of a headache you immediately revise the instructions on the malaria test kit.

It is possible to lose your taste for prawns and prefer minced meat.

### **Attention Intercessors**



Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer. I sent out an urgent prayer request from another ministry AOG Australia - ITM - based in Beira. Here is a word of thanks to those who prayed.

*"Julia sent us a copy of*

*your email Greg in which we understand you have been fully versed in our dramas of late. We really do appreciate the fact that you put us both on your intercessors' prayer chain and we thank you for that.*

*Jeff's operation went very well. Pain-wise God has been very good. He has only had one pain-killer and that was the first night after the operation so he could sleep comfortably. Other than that he hasn't even needed so much as a Panadol (paracetamol). We are sure it is all the prayer that has gone up for him. Thanks guys!"*

Jeff and Robbie Housen are back in Beira now after their ordeal in Harare.

### **24/7**

Thanks to those who have committed to this powerful team. The work is great, and it is very exciting to work hand-in-hand and so closely with our Lord in the transformation of this country of Mozambique.

If you would like to be a part of our 24 hour, seven-day-a-week prayer team

for Mozambique, please let us know and we will send you more information about how you can have your own 30-minute time slot. You can make a difference in this country. Mail

**"I was at your church on Sunday with 5 students from here, and I reckon we had a wow of a meeting. At one point in the worship they seemed to be breaking out into holy laughter which Manuel was having a hard time controlling. It poured just before we arrived, but by the end of the meeting the place was packed."**

**Julia Love ITM**

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### **From Arone in Beira**

Hello from Mozambique.

Our Ministry is moving on and growing in many areas where we operate such as church and prison.

Our church is growing every week as people get to know Mozambique Outreach as "a church of love and unity" said one of the visitors. Our people are grasping the principle of Bible knowledge and focusing on Jesus as

they hear the preaching and learn from New Christian Class and Foundation Classes.

In the services you see everyone attentively listening

on what is being preached. We have just started having our meetings on our block of land we purchased, under a good roof made of plastic plus we have just fixed a door. We are really thrilled with your prayers and support.

### **Thank you from Jay**

I would like to express a very warm thank-you to all those who have been praying for me, particularly over the past few months. God is faithful, and as His word says he is the same yesterday, today and forever. Only He can lift us out of the mire and into His strength, joy and peace. It has been through your prayers that I am again walking in the victory in Jesus. I would particularly like to thank our

intercessors, without who we would not exist. We're enjoying a time of closeness together as a family as I continue to focus on home-schooling the boys. God bless you.

### **Sum Up**

We have grown as a ministry, extending our borders of prayer and financial support to other ministries in Mozambique. There is a great unity between the churches and ministries.

I will be in Mozambique this month for our pastors and leaders conference.

I was meeting with a brother in Brisbane in prayer for Mozambique and I asked the Lord for a strategy for our work there. Expecting some kind of plan of attack to train pastors, plant churches, feed the hungry, evangelise, etc., I was instead led to a scripture in **John 11:27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."**

I questioned Him about the scripture and I felt Him say - "Don't complicate things Greg. This gospel is simple and is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

So our strategy won't change from what it has always been - to preach and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Mozambique - simple but powerfully effective in changing lives, families and generations for God.



**God Bless you where you are  
Thank you for your prayer and support  
Greg, Jay, Kyal, David and Katie Cumming**

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