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REPORT FROM BUZI AND GUARA GUARA

Friday, 22 July started out Foggy and cold and a sleeping which was a good start to the day as I had told the team to be ready at 07:15. I woke up with a start at 06:55 and quickly woke Elias up who was coming with us for a first experience on an evangelistic trip. In 15 min. we were ready, picked up the team 15 min late, picked up Ann who was going to take the van back to base while we waited at the harbour for our boat which was going to take us to Buzi.

We were expecting to leave around 8:00 but in the end we boarded the boat at 10:00 and left at 11:00. With all the fog we had to go very slow while the pilot felt his way through the shallows and tried to find the entrance to the Buzi River. The fishermen along the way shouted their directions and encouragement. We stopped at a fishing island in the river where we waited 11/2 hrs for the tide to come up and at 4:00pm we arrived at Buzi.

The team is made up of Pr. Pride Matope, Pr. Pereira, Armando, Alberto and myself. Don Potocki is to meet us here on Saturday with film projection equipment with vehicle coming overland from Beira.

Friday evening was spent settling into Pastor Alberto's house and then had dinner at a little restaurant owned by a Muslim lady in Guara Guara where we had shared the Gospel a few weeks back and had been well received; the chief of police and his helper gave their lives to the Lord, and this particular woman wanted us to use her outdoor refreshment place to show the film "JESUS".

We returned back to the pastor's house where we found another meal waiting for us, so we had good fellowship with him and his wife and after praying together we turned in. Part of hospitality here is to offer a shower to their visitors which is done in a reed enclosure outside the house in the yard where we were able to wash and watch the people walk by the pathways between the houses (you can talk to them if you want while you shower!).

We had breakfast of tea and bread rolls and salad and then walked to the church to share with pastors of various churches gathered there for the morning. Stopped at 12:00 for lunch and the started again at 3:00pm. Don arrived at 4:00 and at 5:00 we went to Pr. Alberto's house where we set up the Big screen and projector.

At 6:00 we started with "GOD'S STORY" with only approx. 50

people. By the time we started the "JESUS" film there were about 200 people who heard the Gospel. Most people left by the time Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, but those that 2 came forward for salvation and about 20 came forward for healing of various ailments.



By Ps Peter Wilcox

Early Sunday morning Armando and Alberto went to the house of two of two of those who went forward to share the Gospel again with them and pray for their healing. They were saved and Jesus healed them, Praise the Lord!

It was 11:00pm when everything was packed up and we had supper of bread and tea, and then went to bed.

After breakfast Armando and Alberto took local transport to Guara Guara 40min away while the rest of us went to the local church and Don preached a very strong gospel message with Pride giving the alter call; the whole church went forward to commit themselves to the Lord!

After lunch we packed ourselves into Don's vehicle and arrived in Guara Guara at 4:30,

we found a very central place where everybody was beginning to gather. While Don was setting up Pr. Pride and I were meeting with more than 20 pastors and church leaders – there were even two catholic priests! We share a little about the church planters course (CTI) of 3 months which starts 22 August and challenged the pastors to lift their vision to the regions beyond theirs where there are few churches. In their region they have 33 churches!

We started the film "God Story" at 6:00 but found that the amplifier had given up so the people had to be content to "watch" the film without sound while we looked for a replacement. We found one in time for the "JESUS" film but wasn't strong enough to reach more than half of the people. There were more than 500 people gathered by this time!

Again, most people left when the crucifixion finished but about 100 stayed on to hear the alter call. Over 30 came for salvation and about 30 asked for prayer for healing, most of Jesus healed! Praise His Name! That night we went to bed at 12:00 but very happy. We slept on the hard dried mud floor, and cold but satisfied at being in the Lord's work and seeing God Glorified as He saves and restores people.

Next morning we had breakfast with the pastor and his family corn porridge. We said good bye after a time of prayer. Armando and Alberto caught the local transport to Beira while the rest of us caught a lift with Don back to Beira.

Total known salvations – 34 Total known healings – approx 30

Bless His Name for the privilege of serving Him!



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Praise the Lord for those who support the missionaries while they serve the Lord on the mission field of Mozambique.

- Praise the Lord for a wonderful team of Mozambican ministry workers.

Prayer We need an extra person to assist in the office here in Moz. This person needs to be fluent in written and spoken Portuguese and English so they can assist in document translation and interpreting. Most importantly they need to be a committed and God-fearing Christian. Please pray for the right person to be found to fill this position.

- Please pray for the team of missionaries here in Beira - Emma Jones (Field Director), Israel & Phillippa Keys (CTI Course & Churches), Anne McIntosh (Education), Maria Oliveria de Jesus (Ladies & Children's Ministry), and Peter & Debbie Wilcox and family (Future Field Directors of Niassa Province).

- Beira is slowly becoming a more dangerous city in which to live. Reports of muggings are increasing and the victims are often white females. Please pray for our safety and divine protection as we travel around the city and outer-lying areas, both in the car and also when I walk. Pray for His angels to be my bodyguards!

4. Praying the Word of God – Dale Allen

Let us build in the spiritual realm over the nations and our MozOutreach missionaries this month, by praying Psalm 94:

Intercede for the wronged, the oppressed, those treated unjustly, for widows and orphans, the isolated, the powerless in the nations—specifically for those in the 10 provinces of Mozambique and Beira, Dondo, Lichinga and Maputo our missionaries work or plan to work.

Intercede for the people of God in the nations, particularly our missionaries who are under threat, vulnerable, anxious and feeling about to be overwhelmed by the arrogant, proud and those in authority who band together to seek to do them harm.

Appeal to God 'the Judge of the earth' (Verse 1), 'He who chastens the nations' (Verse 10) on the behalf of these people.

Declare the New Covenant judgement of the Holy Spirit—which leads to repentance and salvation—over the oppressors, the wicked, the unjust, the proud, arrogant and those in authority in the nations, and in the provinces of Mozambique over those who seek to do harm (Verses 8-23).

Declare the destruction of the wicked and unjust plans of the spiritual and natural enemies of MozOutreach, of the wicked and unjust plans of the spiritual and natural enemies of the righteous in the nations and of the righteous in Mozambique.

Proclaim the blessings of God, the love of God, the protection of God, and refuge from evil for the vulnerable and righteous in the nations, for MozOutreach, our missionaries, their work and their organizations (Verses 12-23).

6. Prayer – This thing we do

"Cast away not your confidence, in which there is great recompense of reward" (Heb. 10:35) This Scripture was given me many years back as a prophetic word and as neither the deliverer nor myself understood what was being said at that time I shelved it for a later date. When I finally was prompted to delve into that word I learned that He was saying do not give up speaking out my confidence, trust, faith in the Living God. Its like your in the trenches and you know there are snipers all around just waiting for head to show itself. But Dad is looking for those who are continually game enough to stick their necks out for him. In prayer we have the opportunity of sticking out our necks continually. This of course brings great joy to the heart of our Heavenly Dad. It's an expression of faith, something to which He must respond. One of the faith statements that I have been challenged to express is my ability to TRUST Him. Its one thing to state that you have faith or even believe in or on Him. But do I TRUST Him in my circumstances. So I have resolved in my prayer life to express my TRUST. It puts me out here, and I sense a connection through this faith statement that brings great joy to my Heavenly Dad's heart. And there's a promise attached here, 'great recompense of reward'. Thank you Jesus. I add, that at first this was quite challenging but the sense of peace that flowed as a result was and continues to be precious to me. So, as were praying either through our personal issues. Or, as were believing for the mighty harvest that we know is to be had in Mozambique, lets express our trust in Him to complete the good work that He has begun in either our personal lives or in that of Mozambique Outreach. Hallelujah. May the Lord bless you and keep you and continue to equip you for His service Keith Robinson

1.Editors notes

- Praise God for the success of the outreach into Buzi & Gaura Gaura. Most of you will have received a separate prayer request for this outreach, thank you for your prayerful attention. Praise God for Peter and the team in there going and returning..
- May I encourage us all to keep a copy of the MozPray and the Newsletter nearby as were in Prayer and to periodically read through both and allow the heart of God to quicken sections of it to us for our prayerful consideration.

2.Adopt a MozOutreach worker for a month in prayer

This month our Heavenly Father has chosen (1) Alfredo Alexandre – Guard (2) Anastancia Americo – Cooking/Cleaning (3) Coral Fitzgerald – Prayer Coordinator, Maputu Province (4) Peter Wilcox – Church planting

3. Prayer & Praise points including requests from the field

Education - Anne

Praise/Prayer

- It is currently school holidays here, so praise God that our children and teachers are having a well-earned break.

Please pray that they will come back refreshed and with renewed energy to teach, learn and understand more about God.

- Our young empregada (house helper) Vitória, has a dream of becoming a teacher, and we have an opportunity for her to attend the PEPE (Preschool Education) training course beginning on 1st August for two months. Praise God that we can help her take a step towards attaining her dream. Please pray for her as she adjusts to studying again after a few years out of school, pray also that her family will be supportive of this change that she is making in her life.

Churches/Church Planting - Emma, Peter

Praise

- Praise the Lord for the 34 people who made a commitment for Jesus during the outreach in Buzi and Guara Guara. Praise goes to God also for the people who were healed when they came forward for prayer.

- Praise the Lord for a good team of developing leaders at Manga church.

- For the safe return of Israel and Phillippa Keys to Mozambique. Phillippa will oversee the pastors and church planters training course and Israel will work alongside Peter Wilcox overseeing the MozO churches.

Prayer

- This month, on the 22nd, the Pastors and Church Planters Intensive Training Course begins. Between now and then, applications will be received and applicants will need to be interviewed. Please pray for a smooth beginning for the course and also for the Lord's abundant provision in the lives of those attending. Many will be living totally by faith during the 10 week course time.

- Some people are still in the process of decision making as to whether they will attend the CTI course. Please pray that they will have a total peace about attending the course.

- Peter Wilcox is meeting each Saturday with a group of young men out in Dondo to encourage and discipline them. Please pray for wisdom for Peter as he teaches these young men about God.

-The ladies from Manga church have started to discuss how that can demonstrate the love of God in very practical ways to the women and families in their village. Pray for courage and boldness to act on their faith and that opportunities would open up for them to share the message of the Gospel.

General Ministry - Emma

Praise

- I am thankful for a quick recovery after having a very bad case of tonsillitis in July.

- Praise the Lord for His wisdom in our lives.

- Praise the Lord for His continual provision for each MozO missionary.