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Mozambique Outreach **2005 PERSON OF THE YEAR** **ANTONIO FRANCISCO**

We are so excited to announce that **Antonio Francisco** has been elected as the Mozambique Outreach **Person Of The Year** - for 2005.

Antonio is the **acting principal** of the Manga School who replaced Alice Congolo when she was diagnosed with TB early in the year.

Antonio has been a 100% committed member of our team and has **welded the teaching staff** into a unified team.

Antonio chose teaching as a profession because it was always his **childhood dream**. He has been teaching for **over 20 years**.

"I really like the existence of this school in this area of Manga. By building this school the ministry has pulled hundreds of children out of total ignorance. I pray for the building of more classrooms, thus opening the door for a night school for adults."

With his passion for teaching and a strong heart for the Lord, he has consistently fulfilled the values of Mozambique Outreach - and has been an absolute pleasure to work with.

Congratulations Antonio, from the whole MozOutreach team.



Antonio Francisco
MozOutreach 2005
Person Of The Year



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1. Editors notes

'Praise be to God for his mercies are renewed every day'. We stand and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for his compassion rained down on the people of Mozambique in this last month. Brother Alex reports that our joint prayers have been answered and rain has fallen for the first time in 3 years. This has resulted in a major turn around in social attitude and the people once again live in hope for their future. Brother Alex has expressed his great appreciation to all that upheld himself and the people of Tete Alexandre"

Over the last few months much prayer and thought has been given to the MozPray and how it can best serve the ministry as the ministry expands. In the very near future we will see the establishment of 2 new bases (Lichinga and Maputo). I sensed the Lord's direction to reposition the MozPray as a more strategic vessel. That is to say, its focus will shift from the individual personal and ministry needs of the field workers to that of highlighting the needs of the country, specifically the provinces that we currently focus on but not excluding the others and dealing with them in prayer. I encourage each of you to continue in prayer for our faithful hardworking field workers and to adopt particular workers as the Lord directs.

Finally I want to express our appreciation to all who have stood with us in prayer over this last 12 months and look forward to joining with you again in the new year. So, thanks and please accept my well wishes to you all and your families at this time. I trust that this forthcoming Christmas season will be a blessed time in God for you all and that the name of Jesus will be exalted through it and through you all.

2 . Prayer and Praise from the field Education

Praise •Praise the Lord for Anne McIntosh. She has completed her time of missionary service with Mozambique Outreach. She did an amazing job with Project Education and many lives have been impacted with the message of the Gospel because Anne said 'yes' to the Lord.

•Praise the Lord for His provision of extra finance so that the planned undercover/multi-purpose building can be a permanent building rather than a semi-permanent building.

•It is wonderful to have a team of dedicated teachers, serving the Lord and positively influencing the lives of all the children at Manga school.

Prayer •Pray for Ramiro who is receiving further training at the beginning of this month with JEK in preparation for the opening of our first rural Christian school.

•Please lift up in prayer Antonio and his teaching team as they bring the year to a close and finalise official paperwork as well as begin to plan for the new year.

•Pray for Anne as she settles back into life in Australia. Pray for those continuing on the field who will take over her role and responsibilities within the ministry area of Education.

Churches

Praise •Praise the Lord for unity amongst the MozO churches within Beira. Leaders from all our churches regularly visit each other to encourage and support one another and to encourage the different church congregations.

•It is wonderful to know that God is already preparing men and women who will work with MozOutreach in Lichinga and Maputo in the area of churches and church planting.

•Praise God for the men and women who, despite being in prison, have made a firm decision to leave their past behind them and make Jesus Lord over their life.

Prayer

•Pray that each of our current MozOutreach church leaders/pastors would have a burden to see the message of the Gospel preached to the outermost parts of this nation - an outward focus rather than an inward focus.

•Pray for Emma as she oversees the area of churches within the ministry and meets regularly with our current church leaders in Beira for training and teaching.

•Some of the students from our recent CTI course are preparing to go and plant churches in Mozambique. As they step out in faith, pray that all their needs would be met, that they would remain strong in this calling and that each of them would live the reality of Deut 28:7

General Ministry

Praise •For the safe arrival of Emma back to Mozambique after her time away. She was truly blessed by the Lord as she travelled and shared with churches, schools and individuals about the Lord's work here in Mozambique.

•For Modi who works so diligently in the MozO Beira office. She is totally committed to serving the Lord, has a true servant heart and goes the 'extra mile' with her responsibilities within the ministry.

•For the Lord's provision over the last couple of months. With many different projects happening within the ministry, the Lord has faithfully provided all the needs of the ministry.

Prayer

•Please stand with us as a team as we pray for the nation of Mozambique and in particular, the province of Sofala, that so desperately needs rain at this time. Many villages are without water because the wells have dried up and the threat of disease is ever-present.

•Please continue to stand with us in prayer as we wait on the submission of our official ministry documents. Pray for favour with government officials and that the documents would be processed quickly.

•2006 is an exciting year as we look ahead to see two new MozO bases functioning within Mozambique. It is essential that this process of growth is bathed in prayer.

3. Praying the Word of God with Dale Allen

. As we approach Christmas and move into the New Year, let us pray **Psalm 103**, praising God for His works, compassion, justice, kindness, constancy, mercy, government and His favour to individuals, the church, our nation, Mozambique Outreach, Mozambique and the world.

Call people world-wide to praise God, to bless Him; celebrate the benefits we have received personally from Him as individuals, as Christians, as members of the body of Christ, in 2005. Psalm 103: 1-5

Prophetically declare for 2006, the God given benefits of healing, pardon, redemption, crowning with loving kindness, tender mercies and compassion, satisfaction with good things and renewal of youth over your own life, the church, our nation, over all the nations and specifically over our MozO missionaries and the 10 provinces of Mozambique where they work or will work. Psalm 103: 1-5.

Pray Verses 6-18, praising God for His reign, for His compassion to His people even when we were sinners, for His compassion towards us as frail mortals, for His righteousness, for His vast, unending love, for sending Jesus for all peoples in all nations.

Praise God over all the nations; declare His kingdom rules and reigns in the heavens and all over the earth, over all in 2005 and 2006, over all time and beyond.

Call others around the world to join with God's angelic host in praising Him. Psalm 103: 19-22

4. Prayer – This thing we do

I am ever delighted to have the Lord interrupt my day with His presence, and bring His revelation and that sense of peace that accompanies Him. This delightful experience caused me to consider how many occasions I may have not been open to His blessed presence and thus missed the necessary direction that was needed for my life. And so I pose the question 'are you open to hear the still small voice of the Holy Spirit'. He is ever present and waiting for us to invite Him into our lives. He delights to do so and so I encourage all of us to reaffirm with Him that He is welcome to interrupt our day at His discretion. So often we can get caught up in prayer as being from us to Him without allowing for the Him to us response. He is wanting to converse with us so I encourage us all to allow for Him to do so. Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary so they could.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and continue to equip you for His service

Keith Robinson

CTI GRADUATIONS

Graduation was a special day for the CTI students to honour their commitment and thank the Lord for all He had done throughout the 10 week course. Many children and adults were involved in making the day special.



Phillippa and Israel washing the feet of the CTI graduates



Phillippa and Ps Anacleto presenting certificates to the graduates

We continue to pray for the students as they are returning to their churches with a more biblical world view. **At least 2 are being sent to plant new churches in more remote areas by the end of the year.** Praise the Lord!



Anne wearing her gift from Antonio and the teachers at her

END OF YEAR FAREWELL

For Anne's farewell ceremony, she took the teachers to Savanna, a beautiful beach about an hour from Beira.

"The teachers had provided all the food, so after our swim we had a beautiful lunch of chicken, rice, tomato relish and potato chips.

Following the lunch we had the farewell ceremony. I had to stand

in the middle while they all sang a song about their "mother Ana", then the women came with three matching capalanas and dressed me up!

Then they came one at a time to give me a hug. I know I look terrible in our "western eyes", but to them I looked so beautiful, so I have to include the photo!!"



GOODBYE ANNE

18 MONTHS HAS PASSED TOO QUICKLY

It is hard to believe that Anne McIntosh has finished her 18 month tenure in Mozambique.

A high school teacher from Perth, Australia, Anne started her work with MozOutreach in Mozambique in July 2004, after completing training on the Gold Coast. She took on the giant responsibility of overseeing Project Education.

In that time we have seen the Manga school grow in children and staff numbers and have seen the quality of education and staff morale increase.

Anne was also involved in introducing our staff Bible training program, constructing school buildings, overseeing the after school Bible program and was a pioneer in commencing our rural education program.

Anne will be returning to teach in Perth. Thanks Anne for your selfless commitment to the Lord and to the task.

We will greatly miss you!

From Anne
Many thanks to all of your for your support

over the past 18 months. It has been a time of much learning for me and I have enjoyed building relationships with so many people here in Mozambique.



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