



MozNEWS

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GOING TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



By Peter & Debbie Wilcox

I arrived in **LICHINGA** at the end of the dry season so everything was dusty and the roads in reasonable condition, but the rains will begin in couple of weeks time and that will put the 4x2 to the test. The people are friendly and I chatted to one of the civil police who was very happy.

Lichinga is located on the crest of a low mountain with valleys surrounding the city (town) and mountains in the distance all around. Everything is bare except the immediate surrounds of the town. The climate is dry and warm, about 35°C.

The language spoken here is **YAO** with Portuguese spoken in the town environs and disappearing as you go further from the town.

The Bible is non existent in Yao with only the NT from 1960 available but is not accepted by the majority of the Yao people.

The great challenge is the **planting of**

churches in the region between Lichinga and the Nampula border, there are **hundred's of villages that have not heard the gospel.**

We are praying for mature Mozambican couples who speak Yao, with experience in church planting, to train and prepare to send out.

These couples must be people who know their God and do great exploits, or we will grow first aid churches constantly needing bandaid solutions. These couples must be people drawn to us by the Holy Spirit and full of the Holy Spirit, and must not be afraid of hardship.

I know that this is a tall order but the work that we are involved in **is a big work** and a **spiritual work** - not an organisational

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1. Editors notes

During the course of this month we have been made aware of the drought in Mozambique. Many people are existing on the smallest amounts of food and have been for quite a while. Many aid agencies are working tirelessly to assist the nation of Mozambique through this time and we would encourage any of our prayer partners and your wider circle of friends to consider how you might also assist.

We ask that you remember brother Alex, our Niassa province prayer co-ordinator who is presently in one of the worst effected areas within Mozambique. His communication to us reveals that there is a more sinister side to this tragedy than the human face of starvation - the witch doctors who are exploiting the circumstances to spread their fear tactics and so bring more unsuspecting souls into their grasp. We have learned that the old, the frail, those who can no longer work the soil are being blamed for the shortage of food and so they are being exterminated under this blame.

Herein lies the real issue – the people of Mozambique have not had the privilege of hearing that they are created for a relationship with their loving creator God who cares for them intensely. He sacrificed His Son on their behalf. While we can and need to be supportive of every effort to that will relieve their current suffering, its important for us to **remember that it really is changed hearts that changes a nation.** Hearts that are reunited to the Living Christ. Therefore, the thrust of Mozambique Outreach will continue to be **to preach the Gospel** and take every opportunity to introduce as many Mozambicans to Him as possible between now and His coming.

I urge you all to continue to pray that our ears will be open to His direction, so that His plan and purposes for us in this nation are fulfilled.

2 . Prayer and Praise from the field

Education

Praise: Ramiro and Victoria have both graduated from their PEPE preschool training. We had a great Teacher Celebration day on the 15th October. Praise God for the wonderful teachers we have working in our school. Praise God that we are able to complete the rendering and painting on the second classroom block.

Prayer Points: Pray for Ramiro and Victoria as we work out the details for transferring our existing preschool to a PEPE preschool for next year.

Pray for Antonio and I as we plan for the final few days of the year and prepare for the following year.

Pray that I will be wise in the use of my time and resources as my time here comes to an end

Pray that we will be able to get the rural education project well planned before I leave.

CTI

Praise points: That all 13 students have been able to maintain their commitment to the course, and received strong teaching from the Word.

- that at least 3 of the students feel called to go and plant churches. Others are becoming more aware of their calling for evangelism, teaching or pastoring.

- for the privilege it has been to feed into each students life, and see them challenged to mature in their character and knowledge of the Lord.

Prayer points: For the students as they return to their churches. That their pastors will be open to hearing the teaching they have received, and will also capture the vision for seeing the whole nation of Mozambique transformed by the gospel.

- for the wisdom for Israel and Phillipa as they organise the follow up of each student, and plan for the next CTI.

General Ministry

Praise: - Praise the Lord for His amazing and continued provision in all areas of the ministry.

- Praise the Lord for the team on the field, as we work together to bring the gospel to Mozambique.

- Praise the Lord for safe travel for Emma who is currently visiting churches and supporters in Australia; Peter and Debbie when they visited some churches in remote districts in Sofala Province; for Anne, Phillipa and Israel as they travel out to the compound every day.

- Praise the Lord for the time Aaron Barlow was able to spend with the team in Beira. He was a huge blessing to the ministry. His servant heart and commitment to worship and prayer during his time on the field was inspiring and a great encouragement to all.

Prayer: - Please pray for Peter and Debbie Wilcox and family as they prepare for their move to Lichinga. Stand with them in faith as they believe for the provision of all they will need in order to move up there.

- Please pray for the upcoming submission of official ministry documents to the Mozambican government. These documents need to be approved by the government so that MozO missionaries can apply for long term residency visas in the future. Also pray for Pastor Sabe who is helping us to organise these documents.

3. Praying the Word of God with Dale Allen

Let us pray Luke 6: 35-38.

Pray for Christian relationships and beliefs to be evident in all nations.

• **Pray Verses 35 & 36**, for godly character, godly relationships and godly goals for all Christians in the nations, particularly for all Mozambique Outreach missionaries, pray-ers and workers.

• **Declare** in the authority of Jesus Christ, that Christian love, goodness, generosity, humility, hope, obedience, compassion, forgiveness and mercy are released amongst all people groups, amongst the natural enemies of Christianity and amongst our Mozambique Outreach missionaries, pray-ers and workers.

• **Proclaim** in the authority of Jesus Christ, that Christian love, goodness, generosity, humility, hope, obedience, compassion, forgiveness and mercy all triumph over judgement and condemnation. **Proclaim this victory** in all nations, in Mozambique, in Mozambique's 10 provinces, amongst all people groups, amongst the 10 least reached people groups in Mozambique, amongst all the natural enemies of Christianity, and amongst all the natural enemies of our Mozambique Outreach missionaries, pray-ers and workers. Luke 6: 37

• **Thank God for His promises** in Luke 6: 35 38.

• **Claim and proclaim these promises** of 'a great reward, of being sons of the Most High, of freedom, of forgiveness, and of liberal, abundant returns' for all Christians and particularly for our MozO missionaries, pray-ers and workers in the Moz, Australia and the nations.

4. Prayer – This thing we do

What is prayer, I have heard it said on a few occasions – "I don't understand how it works." Jesus wants me to imitate Him and He prayed (spoke, talked and received answers) to His heavenly Father.

Simply put – Prayer is talking to God, expressing myself to him. Sharing my life with him, telling him my concerns and my highlights. Being open and honest and being open to hear Him bring direction, correction and discipline into my life through these times of intimacy. For that's what it is – being intimate with the Most High God. From this place of intimacy comes sonship and servant hood.

Prayer is the place where you lay aside your own aspirations and give yourself to Him. Remember you were bought with a price. Have you offered what's His to Him recently.

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

Keith Robinson

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work done through programs.

We believe that God has already supplied one such couple but He will confirm that in time and also there are others that are on the way we believe.

In these next couple of days we will be spending time in the presence of the Lord as a family to seek His direction and confirmation. We have no vehicle to date and we are waiting on Him for that provision as **a vehicle is absolutely necessary for travel** as there is no regular public transport.

Peter & Debbie Wilcox with their family, are preparing to live in Lichinga, in the far northern province of Niassa. This is a summation of Peter's recent trip to Lichinga to prepare the way there.

If you would like to be involved in the great work that the Wilcox's will be engaged in, please respond using the details at the end of this newsletter.

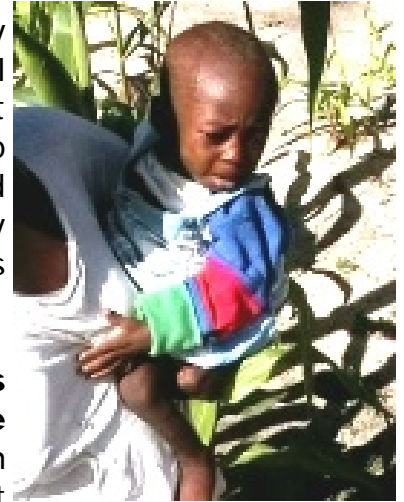
A SHOCK DISCOVERY ABOUT AIDS

A lady recently visited a small village just outside of Dondo and had tested 47 babies (many under 12 months old) for AIDS.

All **47 babies tested positive for AIDS.** Which

means that at least one of the parents of each child has the AIDS virus also.

The reality of **the actual AIDS situation in this country is drastic.** The Lord Jesus is the healer. Thank God also for dedicated medical workers.



REACHING THE CHILDREN

By Antoinette Wilcox



Annelisa and I were sitting happily on a **bamboo mat surrounded by a small group of little children.**

Their large eyes stared up at us as we began right from the **beginning of the Bible** and taught through the key Bible stories using large, **colourful, laminated pictures** from NTM.

When we reach the Gospel story, suddenly they realize that Jesus IS that perfect Lamb who took away our sins. My other joy is to **hear them sing!** Elias comes along on his guitar



and gets right into the African rhythm.

Remember, these are children whom we just recently led to the Lord.

They are so pure in heart and I thank the Lord that we get to start with a firm foundation as we disciple these children for His Kingdom.

PASTOR'S HOUSE COLLAPSES

On a particularly windy night, the house of one of the students in the course, Ps Pereira, collapsed on him and his family!

Upon hearing this news, the next day of the **training course was turned into a practical exercise of 'helping your neighbour'**.

All of the students were happy to help Ps Pereira to rebuild what was destroyed.



Pictured is Ps Pereira in his house, during the first day of re-construction. The house would be no larger than an average bedroom in Australia or America. The walls are made with bamboo and stone, the roof with plastic and reed. Ps Pereira lives there with his wife and seven children!

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