

Dear Friends



This letter begins on a sad note as my Dad died on the 13th of April. He quietly passed away from a heart that just stopped beating. He had just finished watching TV and in front of him was an article from my mother's priest. I was able to attend the funeral and it was a precious time catching up with family.



I returned to Mozambique to welcome a visit from George and Sandra Chace from America.

They have a very refreshing ministry. They fit and donate glasses mainly for reading.

They also help dry communities to find water.



Although we dug in a number of places we kept hitting impenetrable rock. It was most discouraging after a day's hard work on a manual drill.

However, working together with the local people has helped to build more trust. We also have more water possibilities opening up



They also hand out Bibles.

This man was in one of the last communities fitted for glasses, his story is encouraging. Before we tested him I asked if he could read. He replied that he used to but had forgotten. We placed a Makuwa New Testament in his hands and began to test his eyes. When we got to plus 3 strength he suddenly began to fluently read.

“I though you said you cannot read?” I asked.

“I honestly thought I had forgotten!” he replied laughing, “I last saw to read in 1987!”

Turns out he is the leader of a small Muslim group regularly attending the talks of a local evangelist! For the rest of the day he sat under this tree reading.

At one point he smiled up at me and said, “ These really are Gods words!”



These actions made quite an impression on the different communities we visited. Above is a photo of a village I go to once a week. A small Bible study has formed under a tree here.

Below is a photo of what it looked like the day we took glasses!

The Muslims of the area don't come as a rule however that day they did and it gave us opportunity to share the gospel. Since then a number have been returning for the weekly message.



Our last week of eye clinics and Bibles was the most challenging! It was in a very Muslim area which has recently been plagued by a group of witchdoctors accusing people of sorcery. Victims are roughly treated and made to pay large fines. On the second day we were there, this group apprehended our main helper and evangelist of the region, Inacio. He was cut and beaten and as a "treatment", chilies were rubbed into the cuts. This was done to "remove" evil spirits said to be in him, recognized by only a snake the witchdoctors can see. He was held hostage and demanded he pay a large fine. After much prayer and pressure we got the police involved. Inacio was rescued and witchdoctors arrested. After a brief court case they were made to pay small fines to Inacio and the government. They were most upset until we fit them all for glasses, gave them bibles and Inacio shared of Jesus' power over evil spirits with them. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," Is 55:8 came to mind. Three of them now wish to join our literacy school.



Before we left one of the local pastors shared of the shortage of Bibles as many people in the region are coming to faith. That evening Sandra received a text message from a pastor's wife in America. It went something like this, " Do you need Bibles in Mozambique? I have suddenly got a fundraising idea that I think will work well!" The lady did not even know that Sandra was presently in Mozambique!

So, after a busy month of ministering to many Makhuwa communities up and down the coast, lots of people have Bibles and glasses to read them, however the need for literacy remains great. It will be impossible to open schools in all of these outlying places. What can be done is to open 2 or 3 schools in the villages in our immediate area and invite potential teachers to come for training and material. Please pray for these endeavors.

Nyiko has doubled his chicken business, it is now on 30 eggs a day! However since his violent rooster was sentenced to the pot, we have had a snake infestation, including a python our neighbor Mike came and caught for us.



Our classroom is now full with three more ex-pat children joining our home school, loyally followed by our pets!



So with snakes, chickens, students and pets our house has suddenly become a very busy place! The ex-pat community has grown so we have also begun a small fellowship on Sundays which we are most enjoying. Our children now get to sing in English!

Yours in His Service

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