

Dear Friends

Well here is our Mozambique update. Thanks to those who received our last report and who prayed for our trip.

Ishmael Mathebula, Keith Labriola (from Denver, Colorado) and I left for Mozambique on 22 August and arrived safely at our destination.

*Ishmael, Koos & Keith preparing to leave*



As we passed through the villages of Sabie, Chavane, Cango, Mastulele, Baptire and Dzindizi, we met with the leaders and left flyers advertising our leadership and general conference to be held in October. The leaders of the various churches will explain the schedule and topics for the conference to their communities as well as the pick up and drop off times. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE VILLAGES AND THE PASTORS SO THAT THIS MILESTONE EVENT WILL BE A MEETING WITH THE LORD** and have a tremendous impact on the people and reach out into their communities.



*Luxury overnight accommodation*

We spent the night at Sabie Game Park and headed off to Macacaza early the next morning, where we evangelized and did some training with the local churches. The people in this area have given the most resistance to the development of the Sabie

Game Park, even making death threats to the Bourne's who head up the project.

Those of you following the development of the work in the Sabie area will remember that a Christian businessman is developing the Game Park as a business project which also offers employment to the local people. Many locals are employed but community strife and jealousy caused hold ups to the finishing of the fence until the government stepped in. Anyway, Brian asked us to develop the area spiritually while the Game Park personnel develop the area economically.



*Women and children were more receptive and interested*

So we entered what we thought to be the village with the most resistance to the gospel, but were pleasantly surprised at the openness to the gospel during our interactions with the people, as



we visited from hut to hut. Some received the Lord as Savior while others pondered the matter. It was striking that the men showed the least interest in the gospel and very few attended the Jesus film. Please pray for the men to be saved.

One old lady, Martha Joanna Mabanda received the Lord during our hut to hut visits. We spoke to her at length answering her questions and she finally asked Jesus to be her Lord and Saviour. She complained of having difficulty in walking so we prayed for Jesus our healer to touch her and later that evening we fetched her with our vehicle to watch the Jesus film. Well, she walked home that night. The next day she came to our camp and her countenance had totally changed; from despair - to hope. *Praise the Lord.*

In contrast, I felt particularly burdened for another old lady called Winasi Sithole we spoke to for ages. She was full of anger and bitterness and although she asked questions, her heart was closed to the gospel. After prayer the next day we felt led to go back; such a burden for her soul. We talked for a long while but she adamantly refused the gospel. Please pray for her.



*Ishmael and Keith sharing with lady.*



The hut to hut visits were quite fruitful with a few giving their hearts to the Lord. It was amazing that some of the people new so little about the gospel while others were well informed. Witchcraft is a real stronghold in many hearts and minds as well as syncretism.

One old man Alpheus Reshawa refused point blank to receive Jesus as Saviour, but said he does pray to God and was quite satisfied with his manner of worshipping God. No matter what we said he remained aloof towards the teachings of Jesus. He has four wives. Maybe like the rich young ruler there were things he didn't want to give up.



Ishmael and I preached in the evenings and during the film showings Keith gave his testimony. On the final evening when we made the altar call, a girl from a prominent church family in the area came forward so we praised God for the convincing work of the Holy Spirit. Pray for Zanda Ndhlovu.

Our time at Macacaza was marked by a lot of personal interaction and relationship building. It seems that some of the church members from the Reformed Church wish to join us at our conference in October.



On Sunday we ministered to 60 people who came for the morning service.

We preached three sermons. I spoke on Trusting God and Ishmael spoke on the Holy Spirit. I also shared on how the Christian can be compared to a big wheel; the Hub is Christ as the centre of all we do and the various spokes denote the Word of God, prayer, fellowship and witnessing. Listening to the testimonies of those present, it seemed they were strengthened and edified by our visit.



Leaving them we headed back to Sabie Game Park where we spent the night. On this last evening we showed the film at Chief Mangalaan's Palace, I had promised him a long time ago that I would do this. I also shared Paul's conversation with King Agryppa and Governor Festus where he told them that too would become a Christian as he was.

I invited the Chief to give his life to the Lord and as Ishmael prayed the Chief and his wife prayed to receive Christ. Please pray for him. His intentions may be good but with all the cultural issues he faces, he may have a hard time not compromising.

He is very favourable towards us and our ministry, pray for him.

It was a great trip and we praise the Lord Jesus for His goodness. Thank you for your prayers.

God bless.

*THE IMD AFRICA TEAM*

Prayer Requests:

Leadership Conference:

17 & 18 October

General Conference:

19 & 20 & 21 October

Pray for Martha, Zanda, Chief Mangalaan and his wife, and others who received Christ

Please pray also for more men to be saved.

**THANKING YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT**

**KOOS BASSON**

**ON BEHALF OF THE IMD AFRICA TEAM**