

MOZAMBIQUE FOR THE KINGDOM

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Because He lives!

As I am reflecting on the events of these past weeks since cyclone Idai hit in central Mozambique, particularly Beira and Dondo and the severe flooding in Sofala, Manica, Zimbabwe and Malawi, this song plays in my mind, "Because He Lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone; because I know who holds the future; and life is worth the living just because He lives". Thousands of acres of crops have been destroyed, thousands of houses made of mud, sticks and stones, and blocks are destroyed, thousands are homeless, thousands of children are now orphans. The Social Service of Dondo have already told Pastor and Mama Rego that many orphaned and abandoned children will be brought to be sheltered and cared for by MOP church and its mission at ACPO. Please pray with us as we trust the Lord for the provisions necessary, and for the finances necessary for the re-building and repairs that need to be done in the orphan's housing, both at the Rego's and my place. We thank the Lord for all of you who so faithfully stand with us at MOP Church and the ACPO orphan care ministry in Dondo, Mozambique. The main repairs that need to be done are:



The widow's house totally destroyed.

widows house;
storage room;
building where
the orphans have
their nursery
programs and
dining area; roof
of the Rego's
house; girl's
bathroom;
Tanneken's wall
and roof;

Tanneken's garage; boy's dorm at Tanneken's place; wood working shop.

As you may know, I had to cancel my initial flight back to Mozambique because of the horrific cyclone Idai. I am thankful that I was able to arrange a later flight into Maputo, the capital

of Mozambique, which is located very much south of the effected areas. Later when the airport opened, I flew into Beira to pick up my Diri (permanent resident permit), and then continued to Dondo. It was a special blessing and comfort to be able to be at the MOP church and orphan mission for a few days.



Gathered in thankfulness that not one child or ACPO worker was hurt in the devastating cyclone.

We thank the Lord that no orphans were hurt. While the cyclone was raging for nine hours with trees falling, roof tops flying, houses crumbling, electric poles and lines crashing, and torrential rains flooding everything, the children were all huddled together with Mama Rego in the Rego's living room. Pastor Rego and Pastor Tomo were on their return trip from the Caia Bible school, but were stranded for days, until they could return to Dondo. There was no telephone service and no electricity so no communication.

We are thankful that a purified water system has been given so all the orphans, staff and neighbors have clean drinking water. At my place the health department gave a purifying mixture to put into the water.

As far as I know all were vaccinated against cholera. We are so thankful that Mama Rego was cured of a bad case of cholera. Three of the orphans had cholera but were treated in our local hospital and came home the next day. Sadly two of our widows died seemingly because of cholera.

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Caring for orphans, training disciples and planting churches in Mozambique.

Because He Lives! (cont.)

They were so dedicated and dear sisters at MOP church. We miss them so much!

With regards to food for the orphans, once Pastor Rego could get to the bank, partly by canoe, we were able to buy some beans and corn. The prices are extremely high but by now we are able to buy more corn, beans and oil in Dondo.

With regard to the many mango trees and coconut palms that crashed both at the Rego's and my place. That is another big loss, but we are thankful that some remain standing. The men worked so hard to chop them up with an ax since we had no chain saws. Everywhere you see piles of tree trunks and branches.

It was a comfort to them and to me that I could visit for a few days in Dondo. A heartfelt thank you was expressed that I could visit and that we could comfort one another at a time such as this. A message of consolation and encouragement out of Psalms 61 and 62 was preached. Suddenly Pastor Rego walked among the people and proclaimed: GOD IS GOOD, in life as in death; GOD IS GOOD, during cyclones and flooding; GOD IS GOOD, in hunger and thirst; GOD IS GOOD, in homelessness; GOD IS GOOD, in sickness; GOD IS GOOD! As we entered worship, it was a holy experience to hear the

people who had and still are suffering so much worship the Lord. At the end of the worship service four came forward to confess their faith in Jesus Christ. Saturday morning, after a night of fasting and prayer in preparation for baptism, eleven were baptized in a pool in the midst of rice fields, quite a distant walk from the church.

There is much more to share but this will give you a glimpse of what has happened. As you can imagine I cannot live in my home at the moment, until the roof and wall are repaired. In this interim time I am able to stay at Zimpetu, the Iris ministry base close to Maputo, helping wherever needed. This is a joy to me, as it is here that I started in 1997 my mission work in Mozambique. I will return to Dondo May 23rd and be part of our mission to orphans and the MOP church through September. I am thankful that I can rent a room from a Brazilian lady who lives in Dondo until my home and wall are repaired. This will be a special time in all that God has ordained, including two conferences, one in Dondo and one in Caia. Please pray with us in all these matters and as my news/prayer letter has the title MOZAMBIQUE FOR THE KINGDOM, that through it all we pray "THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."



Left to right; Tanneken's roof, wall and garage.

I greet you all in love as we together are the hands and feet of Jesus in a land that needs much help and encouragement. There is so much repair and building up to do, and many children to care for and feed. We thank those who have helped already. If you know of others who would like to give much needed finances to repair and build what was shattered, please make checks out to TCF Mercy Inc and send it to the address below or go to my web page

www.tcfmercy.org to pay via paypal. Thank you,

Tanneken Proverbs 3:5, 6

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