

Growing Hope and Farming for Orphans in Mozambique Update & Prayer Requests January 2022

Dear Lady Boswell Students, Staff and Parents

First a very Happy New Year to you, one that I pray brings blessings for you and your families.

I am excited to bring you an update of all the missionary activities in Mozambique especially FOM and including Growing Hope. At the beginning of December I returned from Mozambique. I had only 2 weeks there before the change of status to Red meant I had to rearrange flights and return early and then spend 11 days in a quarantine hotel at Heathrow. It had been 2 years since my previous visit in October/November 2019 and this time the visa took many weeks to be processed which delayed my departure from the UK.



Pastors and wives, churches newly linking with GH, in Caia at initial training meeting



Children gathering to listen to Armando reading children's bible (1 gifted to each church)

The very good news is that as soon as I arrived, God made paths for conversations, reunions, observations of activities and discussions and agreements for the way forward next year. Much was accomplished in two weeks, more than I hoped for.

Please know that your prayers, encouragements and financial gifts have contributed to all that has been accomplished to shine light in the life of these precious people living in poverty and hardship but also joyful to hear the good news of Jesus. I especially thank year 6 for their messages of encouragement which I received just before Christmas and for the generous financial gift from the Harvest service collection. This gift is an invaluable contribution to the work of FOM

It's impossible to explain here all the encouragements, activity, accomplishments of the past two years so I have listed some of them below and hope you enjoy the photos. Please do email me if you would like more information or have questions. janet@africanaturally.com.

Farming for Orphans in Mozambique, FOM

FOM continues to deliver fresh vegetables from the farm to Dondo. a few times each week between April and November. Since the beginning of the pandemic Pastor and Mama Rego have requested fewer visitors so I do not have many photos. They are currently caring for 70 orphans, numbers increasing during the pandemic. I was though, able to visit while there in November and had a good catch up with the Rego's and some of the children.

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We continue to produce an abundance of vegetables and variety plus with Lucia joining the team and her great energy and initiative more fruit too, bananas, papayas and even squash. Vegetable and fruit growing on the farm is ongoing and continuing to bless the church orphan care in Dondo. The 2021 team, led by Momade, was delighted with the continued improvement of soil quality and grateful for the abundant yield.



One Saturday harvest in July 2021

Also, the Lord has done amazing work through Antonio (below), guard and gardener at Tannekens's orphan care house and church leader. He has continued the vegetable gardens there with dedication and love and has contributed to delivering nutrition to the orphans



**FOM field on Africa Naturally Farm 2021
Francesco in Leaf rotation.**

There are many orphans, too, living in poverty within the communities we reach and link with through the rural churches. So far, Pastors of 4 churches have identified over 100 orphans in their wider communities. Through GH we have been able to support them and their carers in a small way. Through FGW and the veggie gardens and sometimes gifts of food or medicine. Some live with grandparents, others with older siblings and some with one parent where the other has died. My prayer is for afternoon reading to the children from the children's bibles.

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Donations for gifts such as children's bibles for each church, Mega audio bibles, manure, buckets for irrigation, and of course seed for churches and families, partly through the Christmas Gift giving for Growing Hope, make an enormous difference to the recipient churches and families.

A huge thank you to everyone

who donated via this link. (These are available to purchase throughout the year: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/growinghope2021>)



Pastors receiving solar audio Megavoice bibles.



Children's bibles



I join the orphans, carers, Pastors, families and farm teams in thanking our Lord for His faithfulness and encouragement and for Lady Boswell's generous donations received in December.



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We give thanks for our Mozambican friends and their hearts of thankfulness for all who are praying for them. Let us join them in thanks is for:

For the fruit and vegetables grown on the Africa Naturally farm



For the FOM team in 2021, Momade, David, Francesco and Luicia, for David and Francesco as they completed their training in October and their desire to teach FGW in their neighbourhoods and David as he has gathers 20 families together to start small gardens at their homes and equip with FGW

For Albano and Armando training and supporting the FOM team

For Antonio's heart for growing vegetables at the Tanneken's orphan care house

For Jacinto as he completed the three year FOM Enterprise programme and is now helping to equip 3 rural churches with the Growing Hope programme

For the ongoing support for vegetables and fruit farming, a huge contribution to good nutrition

For the support following the cyclone in January and our ongoing love in Christ for these children



L-R, Jacinto, David, Francisco on last day of FOM 6 month work & training programme



For David, L with his family, as he now equips families in his neighbourhood



Thank you everyone!

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Please join me in praying for the FOM and Growing Hope missions, vision and hopes for 2022

- For new members of the FOM team to join in March and for the team to continue blessing the orphans and widows with abundant crops and sharing their knowledge with others.
- For Ema, wife of Antonio who works for Tanneken and is a leader in his church. Ema received FGW training and started a veggie garden in 2021. She has encouraged 15 mothers who have signed up to receive training in 2022 and start their own gardens. Please also pray for them.



•For all vegetable gardens to be an example of quality that glorifies God, a gift of nutritional abundance for church and families working and praying in unity, green jewels amidst surrounding poverty.

•For greater understanding of creation care and the great benefits of improving soil quality and reducing burning of land.

• For each Pastor, Rego, Victor, Luis, Tomo, Antonio, Felizardo, Gamboa, Njinga and Pires plus 10 more pastors now linking with GH; Pastors Jose, Albertino, Miguel, Jose Lino, Joao, Pedro, David, Pedro Safrao, Antonio and Neima.

- For Pastor Pires as we equip him to lead the teaching of biblical messages to all other Pastors and as he equips them to use these biblical truths to teach the gospel in their churches and communities.
- For Albano and Jacinto, with support from Armando, as they support the FOM team, Antonio all the vegetable growing activities.
- For Tanneken as she hopes to return to Mozambique next year, having been faithful and trusting that she will be able to do this
- And for the orphans as they find their identity in Christ and understand the Fathers love for them.

We thank you, our precious friends, for your prayers, encouragement and support as we look forward to all God has in store for us in 2022.

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Farming for Orphans in Mozambique FOM

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in Matthew 25: 35

FOM initially grew from conversations and prayers between Janet and Tanneken, a missionary with Mountain of Praise (MOP) Church and co founder of ACPO orphan care. Their mission cares for 45-70 orphans at any one time and it is estimated that there are around 1.6 million throughout the country. In 2008 Janet and Gabrielle met Tanneken Fros and our hearts softened for the children and their carers. Initially, Africa Naturally farm land was donated for rice growing and later in 2013 FOM was started. FOM helps to fight food poverty and improve nutrition, producing vegetables, fruit and rice for the children with support of prayer and donations from Friends in the UK. MOP church members are employed and trained for 12 months in Farming God's Way, and the food produced is harvested for the children and carers.

Farming Gods Way is 'a resource given to the wider body of Christ, to equip the poor and break the yoke of poverty.' It's an opportunity to improve livelihoods for those living in food poverty, grow nutritious food, fight child malnutrition and share the good news that Jesus can bring to all areas of community life.

**GROWING HOPE
IN MOZAMBIQUE**



...”The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers in the harvest.” Matthew 9: 37-38

Growing Hope was started by Janet in 2018 partnering with a few local churches, after establishing the Africa Naturally, Business as Mission social enterprise farm from 1997 and Farming for Orphans in Mozambique from 2013. Growing Hope partners and prays with local rural churches and disciples and equips pastors and church families to grow fruit, vegetables and staple crops using 'Farming God's Way' methods. GH also supports the pastors and churches to equip community families. This is an amazing resource to share the gospel and a practical support to fight food poverty, malnutrition and focus on Creation Care, improving soil nutrition a key element. It is a walk with Jesus, demonstrating his love and empowering people in Christ. Pastors use this knowledge to bless and equip others and to be a light for Jesus in their villages and communities. Growing Hope is currently partnering with 16 churches and over 300 families are participating and receiving FGW training.