

Lady Boswell School

Farming for Orphans in Mozambique FOM

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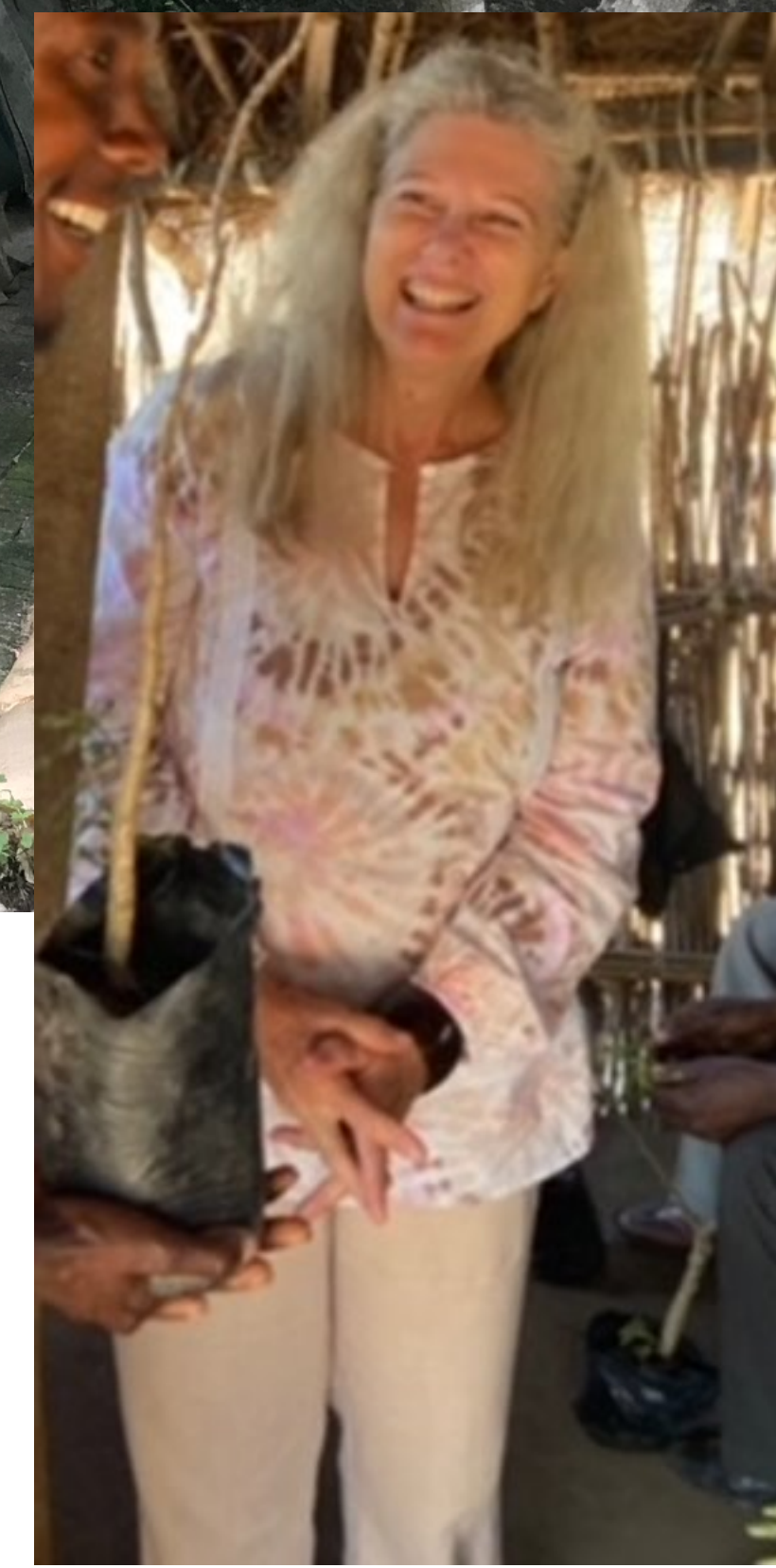


Caia, where we link with 13 churches and over 200 orphans

Mezimbite, Dondo, the Africa Naturally farm where Janet and FOM are based



**And where Janet lives..
Home Sweet Home!**



Dear All at Lady Boswell School

I was moved with joy at some developments, events and conversations during my time in Mozambique from the end of February to end of May this year. I will be returning at the end of October. Please pray for everything mentioned below.

During March we were busy starting up the the FOM vegetable field, lead by the always faithful, Momade. He has farmed the vegetable field and taught teams Farming God's Way each year from 2014, training over 25 men and women on the Africa Naturally farm. Seven of these grew up at MOP orphan care and another three were orphans from the communities we link with. We have also linked with an additional 14 churches this year.

During the rainy season we had a drought and then unusually rain in April. This damaged many seedlings and we had to start again. The good news is that the FOM field and many of the church gardens have produced abundant crops even with this set back. We can be especially thankful for the 10 churches starting vegetable gardens for the first time this year. I have been receiving delightful messages of thanks from churches, including the Mountain of Praise Church in Dondo where we gift the FOM vegetables. They currently have 60 children in their care and the vegetables are a critical contribution to their nutrition. Pastor and Mama Rego, say a huge thank you. The children always run to greet the car delivering vegetables each Saturday and happily help take them to the kitchen for storage.

As I spent time with the churches in Dondo I often found myself thinking how good it would be for you to be here with me, meet the people, visit the churches and communities and experience the way they live. One day I came across two boys, Alvaro and Nuno aged 11 and 12, both orphans, as I was walking through Dondo to visit one of the vegetable garden teams. I thought they were 'playing' at building a small scale house with sticks and mud but It is also possible that this will be a house they sleep in. This carried on for two weeks. It touched my heart as they worked diligently and chatted to me about it. I often see young girls carrying babies on their backs, looking after their siblings and carrying lighter objects on their heads from about age eight but I had not previously seen boys building houses although I have seen them digging water wells, usually with a metal dinner plate as a digging tool. The house they were building was exactly as the adults build their homes with sticks, old mosquito netting to tie them, mud, and dried grass for the roof and they did it extremely well. I pray protection for them if they sleep in that house and more sturdy materials for their homes as they become adults.

As always there is much to be thankful for and especially your faithful relationship with FOM. Thank you.

I thank God for the children, their carers and the churches and for how God makes a path for us to fellowship with them and for our partnership with Lady Boswell school.

Alvaro (11) and Nuno (12) and the house they built



.... 'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matt 25:35 & 40

FOM continues the special relationship with Pastor and Mama Rego at Mountain of Praise Church orphan care

- This year has employed 3 adults to farm the FOM field
- Provided weekly vegetable and fruit harvests for the 60 orphans at MOP
- Provided the FGW training programme for the teams farming 2 MOP veggie gardens
- FOM has harvested over 450 kg produced so far this year on the farm and more from their church gardens

The children are always excited to say hello when I visit and enjoy the bible stories that I or Armando read to them. Mama Rego works hard to care for the children with the widows that help her.

Wider Growing Hope activities this year impacting orphans living in the rural communities

14 additional churches have been supported to start or continue vegetable gardens and training for the garden teams. Vegetables are shared through the churches for over 250 orphans or sold for cash and used for medicine for the children.

God has been making it Grow

This year we have been linking with more churches in the rural communities and have discovered that at least 20% of children in these communities are orphans. As we teach the church families to grow vegetables, Farming God's Way, they are able to help the poorest families and the orphaned children.



Orphaned children live with Grandparents, older siblings or sometimes distant relatives



Two orphans receiving vegetables from a church in Caia. Both parents have disappeared.



Children in Dondo receiving FOM bananas straight from the Africa Naturally farm

Widows receiving lettuce and cabbage in August, given by one of the churches linking with Growing Hope



I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. For we are co-workers in God's service.... 1 Corinthians 3:6 & 9

Early in April seed was sown in the FOM field and then we had late heavy rain after a drought in previous months when it should be the rainy season. This delayed us but we have had a wonderful harvest on the farm this year.



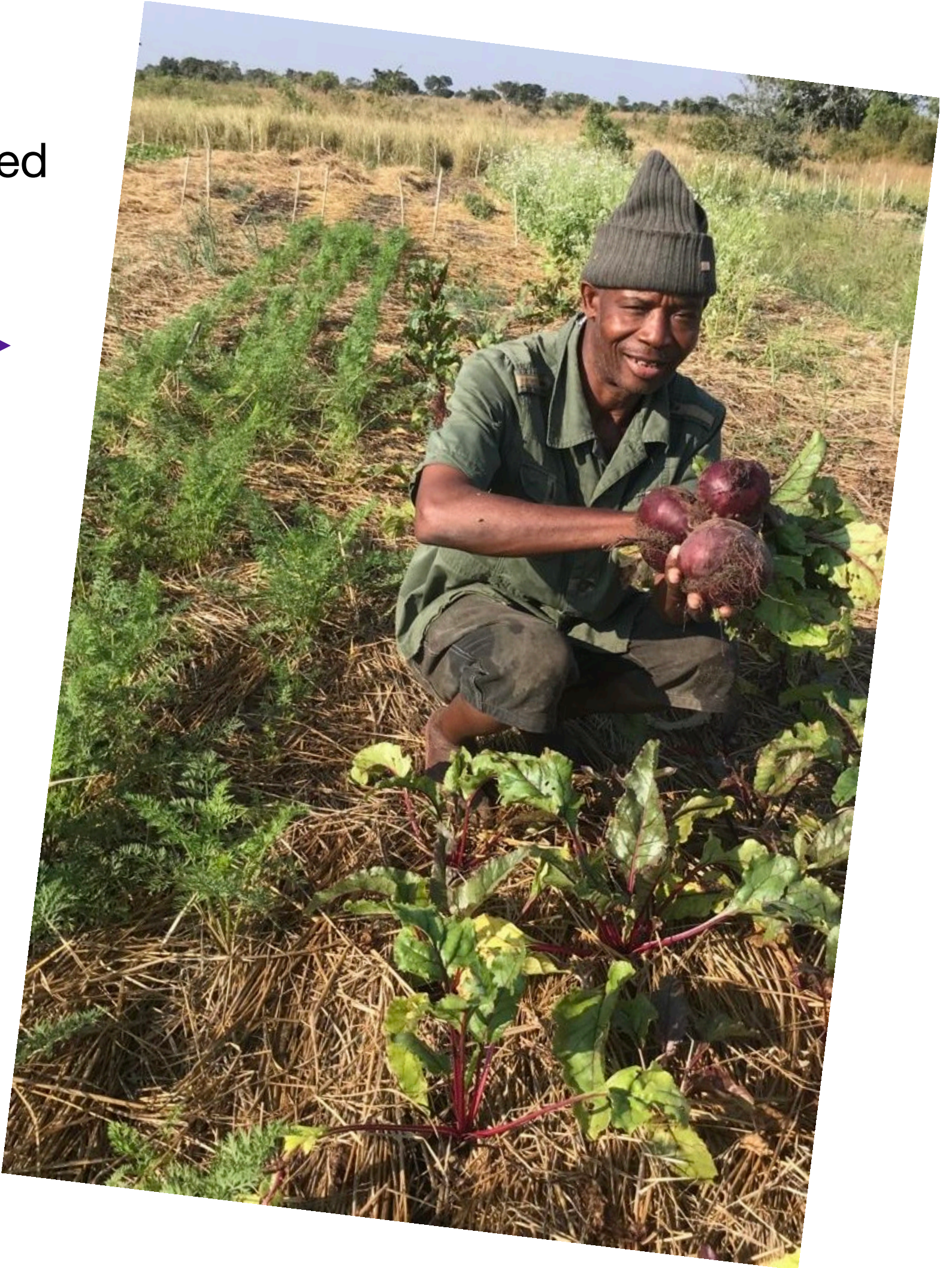
Momade has produced a bumper crop of beetroot this year.



The team harvests every Saturday morning from mid April to end of November



Harvest are delivered each Saturday to the children at Mountain of Praise Church



**Weather patterns are changing, droughts in the rainy season and then extreme flooding but.....
God has been making it grow**



Shining Light in the Darkness

The church vegetable gardens are a great encouragement for others living nearby



Older orphans learning and practising FGW



FOM and church teams have been Watering with Faithfulness



Vision for churches - living water

I am praying that we can support more churches to deliver bible teaching for children, including the many orphans in the communities. They have a vision for this and it helps the children with reading and writing, helping them have access to books where there are none in the home and to writing and drawing materials. Many in school do not learn how to read or write until they are 8, 9 or 10.



If anyone thirsts,
let him come to
Me and drink.
He who believes
in Me....



.... as the Scripture has said,
out of his heart will flow
rivers of living water.”
John 7:37-38

Thank you - Obridgada



I thank God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all I pray with joy because of the way In which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now.....

