

GROWING HOPE IN MOZAMBIQUE



Dear Lady Boswell Students, Staff and Parents

I am sending this with great thankfulness for your donations and kind hearts, for funds received during last year and for your prayers. Your support is greatly valued as we continue this work in the name of Jesus. Thank you for praying through this letter.

For we are co-workers in God's service..... 1 Corinthians 3:9

Farming for Orphans in Mozambique

In 2008, when I began linking with Mountain of Praise Church (MOP) I provided some land on the Africa Naturally farm to grow rice for the children. In 2013 we began FOM, equipping members of the church with Farming God's Way and helping them establish their own vegetable gardens, one at the church and one at Tanneken's house, along with other support over the years. Pastor and Mama Rego, leading Mountain of Praise Church, continue to care for 50+ orphans and we continue to be blessed to support them through FOM and the rice field. Rains were late again but started in January this year and we are all hopeful that rice fields will have abundant harvests in May-June even though the first seed sown has perished.



Praise the Lord that Pastor Rego is fully recovered from his stroke. Momade, continues as the FOM team leader. He was one of the very first team of three we trained with FGW on the farm. I will never forget him surprising us all by jumping into a hand dug well, full of rain water and up to his shoulders, when we were learning how to make a FGW compost and needed to soak the grass. He has had Parkinson's disease for a while but this now hinders him quite severely. Others on the farm team support him with physical work as needed. Please pray for him and for wisdom for decisions that may be needed soon.



Latest News

During 2024 Growing Hope linked with 17 churches, including MOP, a total of 828 adults, over 150 widows and 669 children. As we link with these rural churches to equip them with Farming God's Way we discuss their wider needs. On average in these churches, over 20% of children are orphaned with no parents and those with only one parent alive is about 45%.

All the families in these churches live with food insecurity and the norm is one meal per day. Vegetables grown in their church gardens can make a big difference for children's nutrition. This year, 2025, we are linking with 24 churches.

Food and Water insecurity is experienced by all the families in the churches we link with in Caia. With the exception of 2 churches located near deep wells, all ran out of water in their hand dug wells by mid August. (Vegetable farming is April to December.) **My prayer is to provide hand drilled wells** for each church. Also, gifting bibles, living water, for each church has begun. A further 15 wells are currently needed.

Since November we have received donations for 5 wells and bibles for children, youth and adults, for 5 churches, providing water for survival and living water. So far, 4 wells have been completed, below is the well made for the



Assemblia de Deus (Assembly of God) Church, Pastor Tome. They sent me this message: *'The well is super beautiful, the community and believers are thankful and happy and praise God that His blessings always reach us.'* Please pray for these brothers and sisters. A minimum of 15 more needed for the other churches faithfully Farming God's Way.

Here is a summary of Janet's time in Mozambique in November 2024

..... continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

I am thankful for the relationship we are growing with the 19 churches and believers in Caia, for the Bible Society in Beira, for Chris and Cãmica, Project Moz, donating Christian literature, for Pastor Pires faithfully running bible teaching for children in Dondo and for Pastor and Mama Rego leading Mountain of Praise orphan care.

Prayers of thanks for the visit to Caia: The journey is a 9 hour drive there and back on a very pot holed road and Armando and David travelled with me. Caia is a remote town, very poor with an expanse of rural area. Over 5 days I met with the 13 churches linking with GH and learning Farming God's Way during 2024 and the 6-8 additional churches to link this year. Along with me for these visits was Paulo, Pastor Pedro Armando and David, who trained with FOM. I would have liked Momade to have joined us but he was not well enough



We also ran a very successful biblical training day for all the pastors, wives and other leaders of their choosing, with 40 attending. I was able to gift several bibles including children and youth bibles and other Christian booklets, something for each church.

I never cease to feel humbled when I visit Mozambique and this visit was no exception.

I thank God for the time spent with each church and each believer. We would be greeted by the pastor, his wife and church family and then enter the church, sing praises, say prayers, discuss their experiences with the Growing Hope Programme and their hopes and vision for 2025. We then walked to their vegetable gardens, heard how these had blessed them, discussed improvements, then pray again. You will notice that no vegetables are growing. This is because their hand dug wells dried up in August and why they need the hand-drilled wells which can go much deeper.

..... but God has been making it grow. 1 Corinthians 3:6

Pastor Training:

Pastors are asking for training and we are **prayerfully aiming to develop a biblical training programme**, working with 5 pastors who are able to teach others . This will be available for all the churches linking with Growing Hope.



The churches also want to grow a children's teaching ministry with churches working together. The pastors work well together and encourage each other, in actions and prayer.

Seed of Abraham Church, Children's Ministry

My link with Pastor Pires and his church, Seed of Abraham, is long term and ongoing. We continue to encourage this church family with Farming God's Way and also to support Pastor Pires in his passion for teaching children the bible. This year we were given children's bible teaching material by missionaries, Chris and Cãmica/Project Moz, enough for 4 churches. **Prayers of thanks for this answer to prayer.**

Janet continues as a Mission Associate with Church Mission Society and a Global Link Partner with Mullers.