

# MOZAMBIQUE FOR THE KINGDOM

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## ***A WELCOME CELEBRATION***

I greet you in the love of Jesus and with thankfulness. After 3½ years of separation because of COVID I, together with Merie Merrill and Mary Yontz were privileged to visit the ACPO and MOP mission that the Mozambican brethren and I, with God's guidance and your generous giving, founded in 2004. At the Beira airport a joyful welcoming team group was waiting for us. Mama Rego and some sisters all dressed in colorful capulanas embraced us. A capulana was wrapped around each of us and with singing and dancing we were ushered into the MOP vehicles. Not one of the five suitcases filled with gifts and supplies for the orphans was opened by immigration officials. Our safe arrival and secured suitcases after a long two-day flight was our first big THANK YOU, LORD. We drove to Dondo to the property where I lived since 2005 with widow Paulina and some orphan girls. The welcoming joy expressed by the sisters and pastors was fantastic! All along the house the children had colored welcome pictures. A group of ladies danced, welcoming us to the house. The laughter and tears of joy were many.

Our two weeks were filled with mission activities with the orphans and the MOP Church. One day Pastor and Mama Rego led us to the corn mill that grinds corn into flour. The mill was given by Christian Mission Charities. I wish you could see the children as they joyfully sang and said prayers of thanksgiving.

Our days were filled with buying supplies for the primary school, playing with the children, a birthday party for the orphans, preparing teaching materials for the conference, and participating in the three-day MOP national conference.

The first Sunday was our welcome and being introduced to the church. There was joyful singing and dancing, proclaiming Scriptures or words of praise to God. When Pastor Rego learned that two of our team are named Mary, he asked the congregation if there were other Marias. Nine ladies lifted their hands. Prophetically he said "There is one more". A mother with a newborn named Maria came and laid her baby into Merie's arms. Merie was asked to pray over her precious little namesake. This was one of various "holy" moments. As the worship service continued with groups dancing praises to the Lord, Pastor Rego asked me to give the word. The Holy Spirit was so strong that I fell onto my knees, praying for guidance for what to preach. Mama Rego helped me to stand up and the Lord gave me a favorite verse, Is. 41:10: "Don't be afraid for I am with you. Don't be discouraged for I am your God. I will strengthen and help you. I will hold you up with My victorious right hand." After I greeted the precious brethren and preached on this word, I asked Pastor Rego to continue and he did, using the same verse. There was such expectancy and continued anointing and strengthening.



## ***CELEBRATION OF A THREE DAY MOP CHURCH NATIONAL CONFERENCE***



After three years of separation because of strict COVID-19 rules being enforced, there was joy, eagerness and thankfulness as 305+ pastors and church members gathered at the MOP church in Dondo. The church is too small, so a shelter was rigged up. The focus of the messages was to train and equip the pastors as they lead over 120+ churches in Mozambique. They long for continued training. The challenge is that there are so many churches and many are very remote. It was a wonderful experience to share the Lord's Supper with all these precious brethren. We thank Highland Baptist Church, Waco, TX and others who so faithfully have enabled MOP church to hold these conferences which help to be united in love, to hear of God's miracles, to teach the Word of God and train the pastors.

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

## MOP CHURCH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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One very special miracle showed the Lord's awesome presence. Pastor Rego and a team were in Marromeo, discipling the pastors and members of MOP churches in that district. They prepared the Lord's supper and had a bowl with morsels of bread. They partook of the bread and juice and moved on to another church. They continued with the same bowl with pieces of bread for three more churches. There was always enough bread and it never diminished. They were awestruck, for the Lord had multiplied the bread.

Another miracle happened in Gondola. As they gathered for church, some ladies brought a blind, young man for prayer. As Pastor Rego prayed for him, the man was fully healed.

Pastors keep calling, thankful for the conference. More and more churches are being planted: Even though we could not manage financially to bring in the Malawian and Zimbabwean leaders, they report that there are nine new churches in Malawi, and 24 in Zimbabwe. They express special thankfulness that the messages that were preached helped them in their personal inner growth and as pastors.

Pastor Rego says: "I do not know how to express our great thankfulness to you all."

BELOVED, THE HARVEST IS SO RIPE. WE PRAY FOR THE LORD TO SEND LABORERS. PLEASE ASK THE LORD WHAT YOUR PART IS. PASTOR REGO AND HIS WIFE CICILIA THANK ALL OF YOU WHO PRAY FOR AND HELP FINANCIALLY IN THIS EVER GROWING MISSION IN CHURCH PLANTING, DISCIPLING AND CARE FOR ORPHANS.



The ACPO orphans in their new primary school room receiving the teaching materials and blackboard bought with funds that VBS children at Harvest gave so generously. The orphans, Mama Rego with Zilda say a big "Thank you" for this beginning of having supplies and games to be able to organize a primary school.

From Macari: "Thanks to everyone who gave us toys, school supplies, books, games and balls. God bless you immensely for the love you have for us. We send all our regards to Mama Tanneken, and our hearts still think of you Mom Mary and Mom Merie. I don't forget everyone who has loved us to live this moment of happiness that we have with everything they gave us. God enlighten your lives abundantly."

We had a birthday party for all the orphans. Many do not know their birthday but we make a special day to celebrate these precious children and teens. They received birthday cake, ice cream and small gifts. It was a special, happy day!



### ***"A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS, A DEFENDER OF WIDOWS, IS GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING. GOD SETS THE LONELY IN FAMILIES. Ps. 68:5-6a***

This word has been my guide and comfort for many years. It was a true blessing and great joy to enter the property at the Regos' home where the majority of orphans live. As we sang "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, Hallelujah" the Regos and my eyes were moved to tears in thankfulness to God, remembering how we started this mission in 2004 with nothing to give to the orphans. With amazement we saw how God has provided through His people so that over the years more than 200 orphans have been rescued. We thank Harvest, my sending church, and many of you dear saints in other churches in various states and internationally. These photos tell just a little of the story of how so many of you have made a big difference in the orphan's lives and in the church's life. My newsletters do not express sufficiently the heartfelt 'thank you's' to express to you all on behalf of the Regos, the ACPO staff, the widows and MOP Church. I thank the Lord for the Regos and the ACPO staff who have faithfully cared for the orphans in this difficult time of COVID and until today. To God be all the glory. May I ask that you continue to pray for us and give generously as ACPO constantly receives orphans and children at risk. I will no longer live in Mozambique, but with God's help I will continue His call to me to care for orphans and widows and to disciple believers. I thank the Lord for each one of you who continues to partner with us and pray for us.

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