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Pursuing God's Heart

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Dearest friends,

God is calling us deeper in Him. As we trust to go deeper, we become more depended on Him. It is crazy, because the world likes more the shores and feel secure in shallow waters. But for us, to get our hearts still, we need to get into the deep, closer to His heart. That is the place where we can hear God, where His instructions are clear and pure.

Our life is not our own, we are pregnant with Jesus desires and plans for this world. We carry the burden for the lost souls, we want to see God's glory carried to the ends of this world. The deepest is the darkness around us, the more His light is shining through us! Miracles will happen all around us, as we are depending entirely on the Holy Spirit.

A Call for trust

We know that in all the world things are messed up: injustice, war, violence, earthquakes and hunger. But above all, we know that God wasn't taken by surprise, that He has a redeeming and rescue plan, that He loves us and we are living under His leadership and control. We want to be part of His great army that fights not against flesh but against principalities and spiritual darkness. In **Mozambique** we put our trust in God against all the terrible circumstances that are happening in the last years. The war is intensifying, and more innocent people have been killed, threaten or captured. For more understanding of what is happening, I will quote our leader Ellie Hein: *"Economic collapse and corruption, ambushes, forced recruitment of soldiers, rape, displaced families, hunger, refugees...and more, has changed the face of Mozambique to a shadow of what it used to be. We continue to believe it will not get worse to the place it was just over twenty years ago. Of course it all depends where you live. Those living in cities with access to everything they need and who are not travelling in certain areas may be forgiven for stating there is 'no problem' in the country. Living in the central provinces is another story. In the midst of it all we carry on as normally as possible. We build relationships, help one another, and share the Love of Christ, pray for peace, doing all we can to make a difference."*

This is definitely the time to be here, we are living an urgency to preach the Gospel and to prepare the African bride for Jesus. We are still planning to travel, to build, to evangelize and disciple, and to start new projects. And we are still depending on your prayers and partnership in this great commission. We are interceding before God for more time of freedom to reach the most unreached people. I still have to see thousands of children in Mozambique filled with the Holy Spirit and loved with the love of Christ, to see the youth of this nation rising up as an army of worshipers, leading nations to Jesus.

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GO INTO ALL THE WORLD



BAPTISED THEM IN WATER

Inhaminga - our dear home for so many years

Inhaminga has been affected by this political instability, but that didn't stop our team to continue living and serving those precious people. **Casa Esperanca** is a place of refuge, joy and encouragement, not only for the children but for all community. Because of lack of rain in the beginning of the year and because of the economic collapse, hunger increased in this part of the country. But we were also able to increase our meals for the children. That raised the number of children coming to our both bases: **Casa Esperanca** and the **Youth Center** in the village. More than 350 children were fed twice a day/ 6 days per week. **Abdul** is like father to all the children in the village. Our 2 classroom for the preschool are full with the little ones. The older ones are coming daily to learn how to read and write, but more than anything, all of them are growing knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The years of training and just the fact that we didn't give up is bringing fruit today for God's glory!



New place, new children, new challenges and new excitement



First time holding a paint brush
and for some of them first time holding a pencil

As some of you know, I moved to **Nacala**, one of the seaports in the northern part of **Mozambique**. It is one of our bases and we are living on campus where **Jeosafa** is a Bible School teacher. At one of our small new churches, we started to meet with the children, during the week and in the weekend.

There are so many children that need Jesus all around us. Most of them are coming from muslim families. Some of them have been prohibited to come to our meetings by their families but you can see them playing around, trying to hear what is happening and with the desire to be part of all the excitement. We started with 20 kids, and now we have over a hundred! The day we brought the blackboard and every child got a notebook and a pencil, their anticipation grew. How little it is needed to make a child happy!

Every step we take is in faith, trusting God for His help as He entrusted us with His vision and heart desire. Our vision is to teach them to know God but also to help and open their minds through education. We want to see them full of the Holy Spirit and growing to be the leaders of this nation. What a privilege for us to help a child to hold a pencil for the first time! There are so many children in the community that are not going to school. It is more important here that the children are going to the mosque and when they have a specific age they are learning some of the Koran and Arabic language. As we gain favor in the community, many of these children are coming to our meetings and we are blessed to be part of this shifting in their lives, when God is taking them to have a greater destiny in Him.



We started the meetings under the tree with the children seating on the few mats we had. As time goes, we are getting chairs and soon we are praying to start building our **Children's Center**.

We still need to reach thousands more and we believe for a great harvest among the children in Mozambique. The enemy has planned to destroy them with the fiery flashes of war, famine, diseases and death. But God had a different plan for them and we decided to stick with His plan and rejoice in His victory!



Youth Conferences

We believe also for a great harvest among the youth in **Mozambique**. The Regional Conferences are giving us a glimpse of their hunger and desire to know and serve God!

Regional Conferences means: planning, prayer meetings, seeking God's heart in the Word and organizing the finance. The finishing point is one whole week of a powerful experience with God's anointing and revelation. Every day is intense, giving no time to stop which keeps the leadership in unity and love. Everyone is a hard worker, ready to serve and sacrifice instead of looking for applause and recognition from men. God is in charge of it and He is raising up an army of front line generals that will fight for this young generation.

In May this year, in **Ribaue** it was our first Youth Conference together for me and **Jeosafa** leading, as a couple. How much strength and vision is added when a family stands with the same goal and desire. When most of the youth left, we continued with the youth leaders, to hear their hearts, know them better and impart into their lives. I believe that God is reaching to every level and He is blessing every vision they received: to held youth seminars at their churches, reach people through evangelism but also to get a plot, work hard and get the money to help building their church. It was so precious to see the desire to serve and give all to God!

In August, we couldn't go to the Youth Conference in **Inhaminga**; that week exactly the roads became very dangerous, and made it impossible to travel. It broke our hearts as we were waiting to go for such a long time. But we felt God stopping us, telling us that it was time to release the Mozambican leaders that were trained there, to do the conference. They took ownership, and they depended 100% on God! And they experienced Holly Spirit movement like never before. More than 130 youth were transformed by the power of God.

We want to thank you, dear friends and family that sent us, thank you for your prayers and love that are covering us everywhere we are! Even we are far from you in distance, we know we are so close in the spirit; and we sustain each other before the throne of God in prayers and intercessions.

We love you dearly in Christ,
Simona and Jeosafa Vasconcelos

