



SAAWE

NEWS

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DISASTERS AND EMBARRASMENTS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES!

Mozambique on our Doorstep

For many years many South Africans spent their holidays in this country – are we going to give back to it? In recent years many local churches undertook short term outreaches to Mozambique. Mozambique now needs much more from us!

Are you willing to participate?

Situation

Within a short period of only six weeks this poor country was transformed by the devastation of two cyclones, Idai and Kenneth! Hundreds were killed and tens of thousands were left homeless. Schools, health clinics, bridges



One of the water testers indicating that the flood was much higher than the level indicator. See the mud line on the hut in the background!

and other infrastructure were destroyed and more than two million people were affected. Local Churches, Denominations, Businesses, Individuals and NGO's from the rest of the world and from South Africa moved in to offer much needed assistance.

Opportunities

In the first couple of weeks Global Relief distributed at least 16 000 water purification kits in Mozambique, mainly as a result of contributions from local churches in KwaZulu Natal. One such kit can purify 20 litres of water. Important contacts were established and Audio Bibles were given to the local population. Prof Jean Simonis of the Univ. of Zululand, together with his wife Anita, used to live and work in the Beira area. After Idai hit Mozambique in March of this year, Jean immediately went to Beira to assess the situation.

The Lord miraculously opened many doors for Jean. He was able to establish valuable

relationships with pastors of the Mozambique Apostle Church and Church of God of Mozambique which together represent more than 750 congregations. Jean saw how the local churches took over the food distribution. As a Professor in Hidrology, Jean was able to assist with the reopening of the water boreholes and the testing of the water in the villages most affected.

Shortly afterwards cyclone Kenneth hit further up North in the coastal region.

Jean and Anita just returned to SA from a week's teaching on Disaster Management at the Catholic University (UCM) in Beira. This was followed by training a team of the leaders of the Igreja Reformada and leaders of the Church Without Borders. The purpose of this training was to equip those who have a passion for this work to be able to train others.

Cyclone Idai, Mozambique, aftermath, 15-16 March 2019 (Denis Onyodi: IFRC /DRK/Climate Centre).



Prof Monica Samaja, Dean of Health at UCM and Prof Jean Simonis.



We invite you

Long term work is needed to help our neighbours recover and reconstruct their lives. Organizations such as Global Relief, Harvest Ministries and INcontext joined hands with churches and groups in Mozambique.

Join forces with Global Relief and make a difference! Contact Rev. Loffie Schoeman at +2782 875 8313, lofstel@discoverymail.co.za or globalrelief@saawe.co.za.

INTERCESSORS: We are urgently looking for people who will commit themselves to interceding for SAAWE on a daily basis. If you are willing to do this, please send us your Whatsapp telephone number or email address to patrys@saawe.org.za.

LORD WE WILL GO....

By Gerrie and Arlene Coetzee

Early one morning in January 2002 we found ourselves sitting on our garden bench in George. The previous night God spoke clearly to Arlene instructing us to become missionaries in Brazil.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we declared ourselves willing to go wherever He sent us. Our mission journey started in September 2002 with a discipleship

training school in Fortaleza with YWAM. The next five years saw us being involved in different ways in Brazil with YWAM and later with a local church.

In July of 2007 we returned to South Africa and Gerrie completed his Theological studies at the Bible Institute of SA in Kalkbay in 2009. During this time we experienced God's calling to Portugal to continue our mission journey which realised in March 2011 when we arrived in Portugal to join the IRE, Igreja Reformada Evangélica, in Massamá, Lisbon. Our main task was church planting in the Forte da Casa area among the mainly Roman Catholic inhabitants, which is known to be a tough mission field. This work continued for the next eight years. Unfortunately the project came to a halt because of circumstances beyond our control. It became clear to us that it was God's will to return to SA in April 2019 and to join SAAWE as part of their team in their endeavor to further God's Kingdom.

We look forward to the new challenges associated with a different ministry of taking the Gospel to those who have not yet heard it. Praise be to God for His grace and kindness!

All the Glory to God! **Gerrie is available to speak in churches. His contact details are**

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LIGHT FROM LIGHT – A SUN PANEL BIBLE.

By Christine Louw

Most people on earth do not have access to the Word of God! Yes, maybe the Bible has been translated into their language, but they cannot read!

A woman in an unreached People Group used 40% of her street-selling income to hire someone to read the Bible to her every day. After missionaries had given her an Audio Bible with a sun panel, she started using that among her neighbours and passers-by who bought from her. She started listening groups and literally influenced hundreds of people. In this way a simple woman became a disciple maker. *(Taken from Faith Comes By Hearing)*

Suffering caused by war, drought and famine resulted in an unprecedented tidal wave of refugees especially from Syria and Iraq but also in Africa. In South Africa we also experience the effect.

During the past year we were able to equip 140 church leaders in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Egypt with 1300 Audio Bibles and on how to distribute these precious resources among the refugees and start listening groups. Also in South Africa we were able to train 50 people.

Don't you want to be part of this precious chain of listening groups among refugees and people whose language we do not understand? You can help to give an Audio Bible to a refugee in South Africa or the Middle East through your contribution of R120.

Below Left: This Syrian woman lost her husband but received the Word of God in her own language.

Below right:
God speaks my language!



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