

Mosaic Mozambique Sept 2017



above: prison ministry in Gorongosa and outreaches to different locations

Dear family and friends,

Time flies by so fast and while we have traveled the world to see and meet friends, the ministry in Mozambique has continued. It has been a test to see how they would cope without us being there but with regular contact the teams are succeeding! Herewith a report on what has happened in the work in Mozambique and what is happening with us.

It is exciting to see that the work in Mozambique just continues without us! Thanks to the Dutch couple, Jacque and Guido Valkenburg and the wonderful team of local women, the boys are looked after. Lutha Valkenburg finished her training "childcare" and came back to help with the youngest boys! Secondly, the Primary School team are doing their utmost to teach the kids from the mission and from the surrounding areas. Several events have taken place and below is a picture of the Children's day celebration this June.

The Bible School works hard in teaching leaders the Word of God and discipling the young people. The team works in five different areas and takes the discipleship school on outreaches to places in Mozambique where very few foreign missionaries go. Above pictures of the work in the prison in Gorongosa and the Discipleship school on outreach in the bush. At the center for the Handicapped all the different projects continue, including the school for the deaf. They have had several conferences with one special conference for the deaf lead by an Australian couple Colin and Eva.



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After we started our sabbatical in February 2017, we came to South Africa. There we were able to rest and gradually, we started to see what was going on in the Townships around us and soon we became involved in three areas: discipleship, agriculture and the handicapped people. Discipleship of young people is needed wherever you go, helping youngsters to get into the plan and purpose of God. Secondly, how to fight poverty: having your own garden can help provide food on a daily basis. Teaching people gardening and helping them with the seeds can make a real difference to a household. A third focus is reaching out to a group who cannot help themselves: the handicapped. Plans have been made and through the months in South Africa we worked together with an organisation called Sukuma, which means 'Arise', trying to make a difference in the lives of the most needy. When we return to South-Africa we hope to continue our involvement.

And so our sabbatical continued, we left South-Africa for Europe, visiting friends and family in the UK and Holland. It was wonderful to be able to attend a wedding in York of one of our nephews and to stay with friends in Leeds, to visit museums in London and to be with Mum who had her 91st birthday in Southampton. During the month of August, we house-sat in the Hague and spent a happy month making art again! Meanwhile, Farai left for the States. In September we returned to the UK, settling Reuben into Technical College in Farnborough as he starts a course in general Engineering. As the icing on the cake, we will be part of the Feast of Tabernacles this October in Jerusalem and meet friends we haven't seen for more than a decade... we return to South-Africa by November and hope to be in Mozambique for the graduation of the 2017 Bible School.

We rejoice in the fact that God is faithful, working all things for the good. By the end of this year we hope to be reunited as a family in South Africa to celebrate Christmas. From there, we will step into the New Year with many options on the table...we treasure your prayers for us and for the teams working in Mozambique.

Galatians 2v20 "the life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me"

Many blessings, Kees and Sarah

