

## 8. SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE

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At the Romanian Conference in the month of September 2016 Pastor Ioan Aron from Cimpia Turzii, Romania, approached me and asked me if I wanted to join a team from Romania that was interested in doing a mission trip to the northern part of Mozambique. Despite the fact that I had other missions set already for the end of November, I responded that I would seek God's face and see if I have a clear path to go. After weeks of prayer and struggling with this plan, I sensed in my spirit and assurance that it was God's will to join Him in the work that He was doing in Mozambique.

After making this decision, I was going to church and clearly in my spirit I was inspired to call Cornel Balan from Atlanta and ask him if he agrees to come. His response was, "I will pray and see if God opens the way." He had some issues to take care of. After one week, he said he would get a visa to South Africa and if they approve his visa (because he was not a US citizen), he would come. Everything was moved in a positive direction, and I planned to purchase the airplane tickets.

Because our stop to Mozambique was through South Africa, I was informed that "God Will Provide Recovery Mission" had just opened a center in the city of Johannesburg. I received the contact information for that center. When we arrived in Johannesburg, "God Will Provide" coordinator, Yuri Sushchik, welcomed us and drove us to the center which was an hour away from the city.

At the center, we had a night of prayer with the students from South Africa that are addicted to alcohol and drugs. During the prayer time, we sensed a mighty movement of God's presence and we stood in prayer until after midnight. This prayer intervention cleared the consciousness of those students who came sincerely to find freedom and liberty in the Spirit of Christ. This was a true experience and another confirmation that God orchestrated and guided us to be at the right time in that place where they were going through some hardships and discouragement. It is true what Paul says in the book of II Corinthians 3:18: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." We sensed the surge of the glory of God that transformed the life of those people who had been addicted for years to narcotics. Now they attached themselves to the Spirit of God because they wanted to become like Him.

After a short time that we spent among them teaching to keep the freedom that they received in Christ, through daily devotion and purification, we left and flew to Mozambique. In Mozambique, our team from Romania made up of Dr. Marin, Filip and Pastor Aron, together with local Pastor Martinto Francisco Cebola, welcomed







the wilderness and the jungle. His motorcycle broke down and, as he was walking by the motorcycle's side, through the wilderness, a lion was raging and he was afraid. At the same time, he was believing the Word of God that said, in the book of Job 5:23, "And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you." As he meditated on this word, he crossed through that dangerous area without being harmed. We decided to buy him a new motorcycle.

When the conference ended, we gave them envelopes with money to cover some of their needs because they don't have a way to make money. They live with what the field and the farm produces. We gave them the bikes and bags with food.

us. We were translated by his son, Hermenegildo Martinho Francisco.

The next day after we arrived, we went to an orphanage where Pastor Cebola called about 85 pastors with their wives for a week of retreat and seminars. The purpose of this seminar was to teach them to become the men that God intended us to be, in Christ.

At the conference, every day, from morning until evening, we presented lessons from the Word of God that motivated and empowered them to become what God had prepared for us. After every session, we sensed God's presence to pray and many times during this week the glory of God manifested like a cloud in the midst of these hungry people who came from villages with anticipation and a great expectation. Many of them were sick physically and very down-trodden spiritually because of the hard conditions they were facing in the villages where they were ministering. There is a lot of witchcraft and many of them were not strong spiritually to resist and were brought to confusion to accept some of the schemes that the witches performed against them. It is a very dark area and they felt very blessed to come to this retreat where they could refocus their life and ministry, getting a good physical and spiritual nourishment.

Throughout this seminar, I presented 10 pictures of the condition of the heart which, through the help of pictures and the words of God, they were able to examine and see how they really are and ask God to change the area of their heart that was affected by the darkness caused by their misunderstanding and misconceptions, due to their traditions.

During this time, we were very moved to help them with means of transportation because they were coming from villages that were isolated. We decided to buy bicycles for each one but the pastor said we needed only 25 bicycles because they can have 1 bike for each church that was in need. One pastor that came from a very faraway place, Augusto Lindo-Pebane, gave us a testimony about how, one time, while he was driving a motorcycle to one village, he needed to go through







Everyone left very happy and blessed, spiritually and materially. Besides the spiritual care that they received through the teaching of the Word of God, Dr. Marin consulted them and gave them proper medicine and medical advice.

During this time, we ministered to the local church and helped over 50 orphans that Pastor Cebola was responsible for. One day, we visited the local prison where we ministered to about 280 inmates in the city of Nampula and gave them hygienic supplies. When the guards and all the prison staff saw us caring for the inmates, they all came from their offices and attended the service. We blessed them also with goods.



In the last days of our trip, we went to visit some of the churches from the villages under the supervision of the pastors who attended the conference. We visited the following villages: Murrupula, Moneia, Morrupa, and Tiponhe. We were very surprised and at the same time moved to tears to see the critical conditions in which people live. Most of them live in mud houses, sleeping on mats. They carry their water from far away. There is no medical care and no schools for children. They live in very primitive conditions but the field was rich in vegetation and there were lots of fruits. We encouraged them to develop a true relationship with the Holy Spirit and live in the glory of God like Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden before the fall in sin.



We found out that the communities where they lived were very submissive to the church leaders and the criminal rate was very low, almost inexistent. They know how to live in peace with each other, sharing with each other, which is very unusual in society. We gave them gifts because it was the month of giving – food, rice, oil, sugar. In return, they gave us bunches of bananas, and chickens and all kinds of other produce, which was given to the orphanage.

We left this country with the fulfillment in our hearts that the Lord had blessed us with the opportunity to serve among the poorest of the poor.









































