



United Church of Christ in Mozambique - UCCM UPDATE № 1 of July 2013

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EDITORIAL

Peace and reconciliation are a real need for any citizen. In Mozambique the peace was gotten after a long term war that took sixteen years and it killed many citizens and destruction of a lot of infrastructures. As a whole, the end of the Mozambican war served as a high lesson of Mozambique capacity in reconciling rapidly at national level. It needed the intervention of different Mozambican organizations (Catholic Church, Christian Council of Mozambique and others) as well as to the international extent. Peace and Reconciliation brought a coexistence multipart system in the country that has now lasted twenty years.

It would not be any positive way for anyone to destroy this Mozambican pride they have achieved to maintain peace and reconciliation in the country due to subjects that can be solved and getting consensus. Any dramatic end of this peace would be a depreciation of the Mozambican heroism for their capacity to solve their problems as siblings. I plead the protection institutions so that we value our conquest for us to maintain our gift and prestige of Peace, Reconciliation and our country Development.

The churches in Mozambique are committed with peace process. On 3rd July under Peace Observatory of Mozambique the church leaders went to see Mr. Dhlakama at Gorongozo hills to hear the reason why he went back to the bush. He welcomed the church leaders and he clarified for everybody that he will never go back to the war. The church leaders were happy to hear that. They prayed together with him for peace.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES FINANCES WATER WELLS IN MACHAZE

The projects teams of Machaze Parish concluded the construction of some more three water wells in Machaze. This project of well construction in Machaze was accomplished last month of June. They thank to the support given by Global Ministries. The Executive Secretary of Global Ministries Rev. Sandra Gourdet works a lot in getting supporters to finance this project since 2011. Till June the Machaze Parish already built six wells.

Water wells construction is a difficult project and very expensive because the material of construction brought from very far away, the technicians are also scarce. We have to thank Pastor Edmore Sibanda that has been making a lot of effort using his personal vehicle and the church members who work as volunteers for the construction of wells. The wish of the Church and of Global Ministries, was to cover all drought areas this moment to have made many wells, but due to the difficult process and expensive material, we just concluded six wells in the same number of communities. The United Church of Christ in Mozambique (UCCM) thanks the American partners of Global Ministries and it continues appealing so that they support construction of wells for Machaze for this year till next year.



One of the last three water wells

THE COMMUNITY OF CAIA PARISH RECEIVES FLOODS DONATIONS

Mozambique is disposed to floods and other atmospheric disasters. In the year 2000 there were almost great destructions because of floods in the whole country. In the beginnings of this year the floods devastated the South area and a little in the country's center region. UCCM was not out of this matter, the church visited the communities of the region, doing survey of damages and noticed that along the Zambeze river, precisely in Caia district a lot of families lost their harvest in the field.

Immediately it appealed to the partners through Global Ministries but it was already late because the partners had already received other appeals. In spite of that they didn't stop answering our small appeal and they donated USD5,000.00 which was used to buy some products and pay transport as well as distribution. They were not many products but were enough to show the gesture that our American siblings had to the United Church of Christ. We would like through the Revd. Sandra Gourdet, the Africa Executive Secretary of Global Ministries, to thank our American partners, that work hard to get support for Africa projects, in particularly UCCM.

MASSANGE CONCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHAPEL

After long years of waiting, has arrived the time of the conclusion of the chapel of the Massange's parish, 10 kms to the North of our Church headquarters. In 2012 a high level delegation from Global Ministries visited the Churches in the city of Beira and the President, Revd. Lucas Amosse took this delegation to visit Massange parish. At that time the chapel had no roof, there were just walls, after their return, Global Ministries sent USD11,000.00 American dollars, that made a great progress for the conclusion of the chapel.

The chapel still not completely concluded because of cost increase of construction material and also due to some alterations in the project, but these are very simple things which can be done by the local contributions, unless someone from our partners wish to reinforce such a local contributions. Members of that parish of Massange are very happy and on every Sunday they receive new members and the number of member has been increasing.

The challenge still there and big because the chapel doesn't have sufficient chairs and benches for every member to sit, the Pastor's house doesn't exist nor some room for meetings and biblical studies. The children of the Sunday school, the youth use the same chapel, because there is no other space to use.

Even so the Church has a lot to thank Global Ministries in the person of Revd. Sandra Gourdet who has done so much effort to get funds for this work. We would like through her to thank all those who had contributed for this work. We pray that God may bless all of them and that they may continue having such a good will.



Massange chapel 17 March 2013

FORMER UCCM PRESIDENT VISITED AMERICA

The former UCCM president Revd. Semente Serenguana and his wife Cristina Serenguana visited United States of America, in 2011. It was a very important visit to the Church. In his return he shared many stories of fraternity, he made a lot of friendships for UCCM.

In December 2011, he finished his four years term of office in the Church leadership but the projects that he had began are in course. Mrs. Cristina Semente still coordinates the activities of the family development project (cooperated by Mrs. Delfina Paia and Mrs. Lina Grudja). These ladies are tireless workers at the church giving workshops and group monitory for micro-saving.

This project of family development has been helping a lot of people particularly the women members of UCCM which through this project are making big contributions to the Church. We do expect the visit's fruits done by Revd. Semente and Mrs. Cristina Semente so that we have positive results to the UCCM.

We do appreciate all of those that gave hospitality to our former president and his wife. Our special thanks is also extended to the deceased Kathy Winner and family who hosted them during their last days in the USA. We hope that they will do the same to others. We don't get tired of thanking global Ministries for this good relationship.



Rev. Semente & Mrs Cristina

GLOBAL MINISTRIES SUPPORTS MISSÃO GOGOI

The dream of Gogoi Mission has becoming a reality in the province of Manica. We were waiting for a tractor from Zimbabwe and we met Revd. Ngadziore, the UCCZ President, we discussed about the means of bringing the tractor to Gogoi Mission. We agreed that the tractor will cross the border twice or three times per year. Besides this we are waiting a missionary from Global Ministries to work in that Gogoi Mission station. That will be helping many people in the region of Gogoi.



2013 production – Rev. Edmore Sibanda