

*The news and prayer letter of Chris and Cãmica Hemborough*

## **Project Mozambique - Plus**

**WORKING WITH THE CHURCH OF MOZAMBIQUE AND OTHER  
PORTUGUESE SPEAKING COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND PORTUGAL.**

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**Dear Friends and Supporters,**

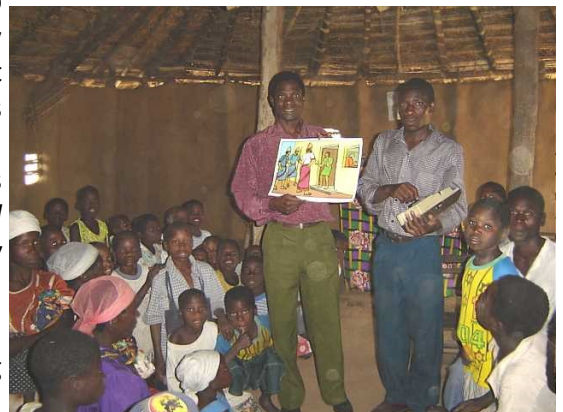
*Just as during this year we have entered into a new chapter of our work, it has also been a time of change for our charity. During the summer months some of our trustees felt it was time to step down. They have all very faithfully served and supported the work of Project Mozambique - Plus for a good number of years, and we are very grateful for all that they have done, including for their guidance and wisdom. At the same time, we have welcomed new trustees and a new secretary, all of whom we look forward to working with as we build further on the good work that has been done over the years: helping to equip God's Church in Mozambique and other Portuguese speaking countries as opportunities arise. As we thank you all for continuing to faithfully **pray** and support the work, so too we **thank the Lord** for all that He is doing in His Church worldwide, for His faithfulness, and for the part we all have in this.*

### **New technology advancing God's Word.**

As the Church across the globe continues to grow, and as many more come to faith in Christ Jesus, so too does the hunger of people for the Word of God. Therefore, the translating of the Scriptures into the many languages of the world continues unabated! In the past this was quite a lengthy task, but with modern technology, and with Bible translators sharing resources, this process is being accelerated considerably. As the Bible is translated into more languages, the goal of having a portion of the Scriptures in every language draws considerably nearer.

However, another challenge is that many people, who only speak their native tongue, are often not able to read. Here again enormous strides are being made to overcome this issue through further development of modern technology in communications. For example, while attending the Keswick Bible Convention in July, we found a stand mounted by an organization called '**OneHundredFold**'. This organization is working to upload recordings of the Scriptures and biblical resources, in as many languages as possible, onto SD cards which can be used on smart phones and other such devices. One of the driving forces behind this vision is a very interesting statistic: in a world with a population of 7.53 billion people there exists about 14.2 billion devices in which SD cards can be used. Furthermore, '*rich and poor, literate and oral, developed and developing, the earth's 17,000 people groups are now communicating to the degree that is unprecedented in human history*'. (<https://100fold.org/missions-technology/>)

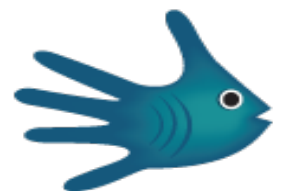
Therefore, with the help of OneHundredFold, one of our forthcoming projects is to arrange a quantity of SD cards with Scripture recordings and other biblical resources, starting with the Sena and Changana languages. This will be in addition to the MP3 players we will continue to receive from Gospel Recordings Network (formally Good News Media). Please see further updates regarding this below.



*2006 - And how times have changed! Inácio uses a hand driven tape player while Pastor Sandi shows the flip chart pictures to illustrate the recording. A simple system, but it did work well!*

### **Global Recordings Network App (GRN)**

GRN have developed a very good app for those with access to the internet (pictured on the right). This includes the material in Portuguese and Sena which we helped to record during our earlier years in Mozambique, plus the many other languages. This too is a very helpful resource for the increasing numbers of people with access to the internet. In addition, GRN still have the MP3 players and flipcharts available for the many who still don't have such access; these are also still available for us to use.



<http://5fish.mobi/>

## Printing/literature news

**Sunday schools:** We have continued to increase our activity books for Sunday schools. One activity book was one that Cãmica received from a church in Portugal and which she has adapted for use in Mozambique. Together with the teachers manual, it provides 28 weekly lessons. We have 4,000 copies of this book now printed which will help about 160 church Sunday schools. These are currently being distributed over a wide part of the country, including churches in two communities involved in an agricultural project called 'Growing Hope', which is run by a friend of ours called Janet from the UK.

**Scripture Union:** We have recently put in an order for the printing of 2,000 Scripture Union booklets called *Pão do Céu* (Bread of Heaven) which provide a set of Bible readings for each day of the year in 2025. This very helpful resource has been prepared for Portuguese speaking Africa by Scripture Union in Portugal, and will help equip those who are actively involved in their local churches and communities.

Our work with **Manna Publications** continues to be very helpful. As previously mentioned, Manna Publications produce and help print Bible commentaries in a number of languages which help many who are leading churches.

We have also received further stocks of material from **BeaconLight**. This again includes the 'CrossCheck' tracts and follow up Bible studies titled 'Truth Unlocked'. All of this material is being used in prisons, churches and in other establishments where it continues to be greatly appreciated and remains to be very fruitful.

While **thanking God** for the funds and provision of all of this material, we remain grateful to Carol of Terra Bonita who arranges much of our printing. We are also grateful to one of Carol's contacts, called Lynn, who provides safe and dry storage of all that it printed in a warehouse which is a huge help. In addition, we remain grateful to a Portuguese missionary couple, Jorge and Alice Pratas in Maputo, who deal with all our smaller print runs. We pray that all that is printed will help draw more people to Christ Jesus and enable them to grow and be strengthened in God's Word.

*Two girls from a Sunday school in Xai Xai with our activity books.*



## Marion Hemborough (Chris' mum).

Recently Chris's mother, Marion, passed away. She had just turned 97 years old. Marion was a faithful supporter of the work of Project Mozambique - Plus. We **thank the Lord** for Marion's encouragement and support over the years, knowing that she is now with the Lord and all the many saints who have gone on before.



## Recent news in Mozambique

Recent national elections have caused considerable unrest in the country, including a national strike. Please **pray for peace and justice** in the country at this time. Please also remember to **pray** for the new president who will be sworn into office in January.

Do continue to **pray** for peace in the northern province of Cabo Delgado where violent Islamic insurgency continues. Please remember too the church there which remains faithful to God's calling,

## Mark and Lesley (Pro-vision Mozambique)

Please continue to **pray for Mark and Lesley** as they tirelessly work among the many people groups in Mozambique. Many such groups live in very rural and remote areas where they speak only their local language and often are not able to read. Mark and Lesley are currently preparing to travel to such areas to distribute urgently needed mosquito nets, as well as working with 'Live Schools'; a project to train local missionaries to work with local churches.

We are planning to travel with them in the coming year to help train more Sunday school teachers to use our material.

## Update on information for donations

**Donations** for the work of Project Mozambique - Plus can be sent to our **new** treasurer:-

Ana Hemborough, 5 Tai Penyard, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 0LP.

**Email:** ana.hemborough@gmail.com **Tel:** 07826 450 187

*Ana can also provide information on gift aided donations.*

**Cheques** can be made payable to 'Project Mozambique'

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Sort code: 20-99-40

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