



"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" Ph 4:13

Eduardo's Parents Visit and Vacation:

On this first quarter, two really good things happened. First, I had the privilege of receiving my parents in Chicuque for a short visit. Second, we had our month of vacation when we had the opportunity to return to Brazil and visit our family and friends.

Maybe you don't know, but I have the privilege to have my father as a Methodist Bishop since I was four years old. In my city and church I was known as the Bishop's son. Many sons and daughters complain to have a parent as a minister. I had my moments, but now I feel honored. My father was one of the keys to my coming to Mozambique. He was the first one to tell me on the right time: "Son, they are asking for a surgeon in Mozambique". Different from others fathers, he also was the major encourager of my mission.

His visit here was very good, first because he could know where his son is working. Second because it was his first time in Africa. He took the chance to reach the Bishop, so a closest partnership (Brazil-Mozambique) could be established. Also, because he brought my mother, person that I miss so much. Finally, because we had the

opportunity to travel together and spend some family time.

Burning Chicuque:

This first quarter was the hottest season (summer) in Mozambique. Finally it's over. When the hot comes, many problems come together. The rain – destroys many Country's infrastructures. Infections – the hot brings many infectious diseases to the hospital. Fractures – summer is the season of the fruits. In a Country of many children this means that the mangos, passion fruits, avocados and other typical fruits bring to the hospital many bone fractures. To me it means more work. In the hot day or night, the light is always down – this means much discomfort at home and headlight surgeries at the hospital (an adventure).



Orthopedic Ward

Container Job:

The blessing of receiving three containers at the same season brought an extra job. To separate, organize and distribute all the stuff. As many things that come are unusual, to the workers, I am having the opportunity to explain them the different uses. We were very blessed with a good extra supply of surgical-medical materials. Many would endure for couple years. We took the chance to make a general cleaning on the warehouses (I found anesthesia systems from the Second War!) One more time, I would like to say thank you to all our partners dedicated to these donations (Texas and Virginia Conference and Marta-Marie Hospitals in Germany).

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Upcoming Work



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This month of May, we will start to receive some VIM teams. We have planned a resuscitation training week and the second Chicuque's Symposium. We already have all the equipment and the rooms ready to initiate our ICU. Unfortunately, we still have a lack of staff (nurses) to start this important work. Many infrastructural modifications are being made in the Hospital. A change in the Emergency Room would soon accommodate our patients better. I would like to ask all to keep on praying for all these works, so God gives us strength, wisdom and personnel to continue the work.

Cláudia's News

"And He said to them: There is much grain ready to be cut, but not enough workers, so make prayer to the Lord of the grain-fields to that he will send workers to get in the grain"

Luke 10:2.

This has been my constant plea to the Lord here in Mozambique. In fact, there is much work to be done, many necessities

and the COH team is reduced, only 6 persons. Among these, I am the only one full time directed to this work. When I look to the communities I can't help thinking to myself: there is so much we can do! Some things are so easy to teach! If only we had more people...

In spite of that the work is moving forward. There is six health nucleus formed in six

neighborhoods. Some are more organized than others yet, all are functional, performing teachings at their communities about HIV/AIDS, malaria, basic sanitation, tuberculosis, blood donation, etc. The health promoters visit the houses to search for malaria, TB, HIV and other suspected cases patients so they can refer them to the health centers. They search

for pregnant women to counsel them to adhere the prenatal care and give family planning advises.

Nowadays we count with 88 health promoters volunteers distributed at the six neighborhoods. The challenges are big but also is our desire and our hope to see better days of empowered people improving their own health.

Some facts and stories

Her name was Joana

A story that could have had a happier end

Joana Rungo, from Macuamene Neighborhood, was brought by a health promoter to one of our meetings at the community. She was very weak and could barely walk. With the help of the COH staff she went to the hospital where she was admitted at the internal medicine ward. The diagnostic was severe anemia and malaria. For four days she stood at the ward and then she left.

I asked the health nuclei leader, Filipe, about her and he told me she had ran away to her home but she was still sick. He told me she was afraid to die since a couple of people at her ward had died. She said to him that the hospital is where people die.

I tried to explain him that she was in great danger and should return quickly to the hospital. I told him that those people had died because they were severely ill and that was nothing else the doctors could do. I pledge with him to convince her that the hospital does not kill but cure and in this case, the hospital was her only chance.

Three days later he called me to tell that Joana had died and although he has tried to persuaded her to go back, she didn't accept.

The COH Building

The Center Of Hope (COH) building already has energy in one part and thanks to Annandale UMC in Virginia it will soon have the final roof at the Atrium and Conference Room and their respective walls covered with cement.

We would like to thank a lot Annandale and every person and church that is investing in this dream with us. Your prayers and contributions mean a lot to us and will mean much more to Mozambique communities.

"Eben-ezer! Up to now the Lord has been our help".

1 Samuel 7:12

Fight against false beliefs

Every day we fight to crush some misconceptions and false beliefs at the communities. Some say that hospital is where they kill people, women say that they are not going to have their deliveries at the hospital otherwise the doctors will always do Cesarian Sections. Many refuse to do the HIV/AIDS test and when confronted with the positive result said that the needle was contaminated with the virus, that's why they got sick.

What we try to do is to explain that because people take too long to seek for hospital care they are more likely to die at the hospital due to advance disease. Because women don't do prenatal care and because they search first for the non-trained midwife to do the delivery, by the time they get to the hospital, the only chance for the baby and mother survive is to do a Cesarian Section. We try to make them see that is not the needle test that pass them the HIV virus but rather their own bad sexual behavior.

Many people lives, as Joana, could be saved if they only know simple facts and simple ways to have a healthier life. 80% of all diseases can be prevented including malaria, HIV and TB.

The fight against false beliefs is won only with the truth and there is no one better to share this truth that their own neighbors and friends, the health promoters.



COH Building - lateral view



Conference Room with atrium's roof behind

Pray for:

COH - Community Work

So the Lord can multiply the COH staff strength. So the health promoters keep going on motivated. So we have good strategies of action.

COH - Building

Pray for more resources and wisdom to use them. Pray for good workers-masons, carpenters, etc.

Eduardo and Cláudia

Pray for the Lord to renew our mental, physical and spiritual strength daily. Pray so that we may seek first for the Lord and His justice. Pray so can fulfill the plans and dreams that the Lord has put in our hearts.

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