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Dear Friends,

As Christians, we are God's letter. People read us; they look into the pages of our life and read about Christ in us. If they did not see the title, 'Christian', or 'Follower of Jesus', would they get the right message simply by reading our life? If we did not wear the title on the cover, what would our testimony be? If I was not preaching, would people know I am a Christian through the way I live? Do I have enough love in me to show Whose I am?

Enoch did not have the Word to read. He walked with God (conversed, communicated as he walked up and down with God) The Word was imparted to Him by divine revelation. He prophesied, (spoke the words from God's heart for the people concerning the second coming of the Messiah) ... "Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints," (Jude1:14)

Enoch lived at a time of great evil, yet He walked with God.
Abraham – lived in a time of child sacrifice – yet God chose him out of it for he was righteous, he declared there was only one God even before he knew him.
The Apostle Paul could not turn to the book of Ephesians, he lived the book

How much more do we not have opportunity to witness, speak for Christ and live for Him, than Enoch and Abraham and others who turned to God without being told Who He is? We have been told the Good News, GO TELL!

Thank you for your love and support that enables us to cover much ground for Jesus!

Together for His Glory,
Rod & Ellie and the AWYesu Team

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WEBSITE REVAMP

Check out our website updated and revamped by Tripp Douglas and Stephen Ginn. What a great job, we are very proud.

Thank you, Guys!

Luke 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, [To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

POMENE – THE PLACE OF THE BIG ONES!

The place of Ellie's childhood dreams where together with her great fisherman family, she caught fish almost as big as herself! Revisited in the last five years where we do a different kind of fishing. Rod is yet to put his fishing rod in the water...that will come too! Our fishing is according to the promise of Jesus, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Pomene on the Inhambane coast of Mozambique is famous for 'the BIG ones', unprecedented for fishing. However, to get there is a fourteen hour trek from Inhaminga (we all know about that road,) then the final stretch across sand dunes is an experience all by itself.

Pomene is a tourist destination for the only the rough and tough, those who want to catch the big ones. Most of the year there are no tourists, holiday season brings them in. There are two beautiful hotel lodges that are empty much of the time. Small reed cabins are built along the beach for those who like it even more natural. Mozambican families are employed by the cabin owners to watch over the small camp area while they return once a year or once every three years. Then there are a few local fishermen. As most of the people are receiving salaries without having to actually work, the main pastime is fishing and drinking moonshine under the coconut palms. It may sound idyllic to some but the repercussions are appalling. In the midst of all this magnificence of beauty, the deepest well of pain we have ever encountered on the mission field (other than in the midst of a war zone) pulls like a death trap.

Five years ago we experienced the beginnings of revival where people rushed to the church, to our camp, to find us on the paths asking for prayer, wanting to receive Jesus. The church was packed. People were healed, delivered and set free. However, after some time the majority tried to walk with one foot in the freedom of Christianity and the other in the bondage of witchcraft. Finding the dark side easier to submit to than to fight the good fight of faith in Christ, many have reverted back to their old lifestyle. An alternative so called church known as the ma ZION has established itself to give a place to those who find us too hard to walk with. On Sundays you can go to the ma Zion church and drink, pray, call up demon spirits and talk to your ancestors and the 'prophets' to get direction for your life and sort out your problems. Something like a séance, African style.

We were excited to visit Pomene again, we truly love those people. Each of us was well prepared to be fishers of men, determined to catch the 'big ones' those in satan's grip. What an amazing team, all trained at our Bible School in Inhaminga and experi-



Enoch, Munyaraidze, Antonio, Josias, Rod, Ellie, and Jansen journey on the long African road to Pomene.

enced on the field. The team consisted of Jansen, Josias, Enoch, Daena, Antonio, Munyaraidze, Rod and Ellie.

While we saw good results in much of what we did, it was a mission outreach of pain and sorrow as we stepped right into the depths of the sorrow and suffering of a people living in great darkness. Should

you visit Pomene, you will see the most beautiful beaches, rocks and pools, turquoise waters, friendly people with smiling faces as you drive past their quaint reed huts under the palms. It all looks so good and happy and free – and there is some of that, yes. Thank God! However, should you take time to visit with them in their homes, win their confidence and see what their lives are like, you would weep and pray as we did at a deeper level than ever before.

Paito is a child that just lost his mother three months ago. On the first day at Pomene I saw the pain in his eyes. I told him how sorry I am, he just wanted to cry but held everything in. I asked how he feels and he said, "my heart is not feeling good and I am not happy." He lives alone in a little hut that he used to live in with his mother. He rarely eats and is very skinny. He wanders around the community hoping someone will feed him some scraps. I can see what is in him through his eyes. He is 13 years old though he looks about 9. He no longer goes to school as the teachers have chased him away and told him not to come back. One teacher goes to church. They have accused him of stealing. He is angry with life. He has relatives living in the community but they don't care for him. He is cold at night and lonely and sick in his heart. Please pray for Paito.

Anabella has been moving from province to province, not settling anywhere. She has had two husbands who have deserted her. His firstborn child has had serious health problems since birth. She took her to the witch doctor who said it was because someone had cursed the child. She knew the name and where the person lived so she made the journey there to take sand from that person's house and take it back to her house. She spread it around her house while doing a ritual with the witch doctor.



One of the women testifies a changed life.



Daena fellowships over popcorn with the women while teaching them how to make bracelets.



Josias reaches into the hearts of the children while allowing them to paint their own pictures. A first time for them to hold a paintbrush – very exciting!



Jansen plays catch with a small child whose face tells it all.



Antonio preaches a powerful message in Portuguese while Marcos translates into Tsitswa.



Enoch tells the children stories, looks at their paintings and lets them speak about what they painted.



Ellie imparts prophetic exhortation to Marcos. 'Today you shall be the first one to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues. He was!

This did not work so she went to the maZion church. This is a cult, not a true church though they invoke the name of Jesus. They also call up demon spirits and worship their ancestors. The leaders performed rituals after commanding her to run to one place and to another, just running and running. During this time they took the child under a tree. One man climbed up the tree and they threw the baby up and down to each other, from treetop to the ground. They said that while the mother ran the demon would come out of the child, the mother would leave it somewhere else and the child would be cured. The child, a girl, is now lame in one leg.

Anabella took another husband who beat her a lot and destroyed her knees, breaking her knees with a stick. Today she can walk but with a lot of pain. This man is still there but she has moved out and sleeps at the side of the road, not in the house with him. Now someone has given a piece of land and she has cut trees and built a little shack where she lives with her children. She walks from Pomene to Muxungu every day to buy and sell peanuts, covering 10 miles a day on foot with the journey and making sales. This takes up the entire day. She cleans them, puts salt on and sells them. Many times she has no food so someone gives the head of a fish or something small for her and her family.

One night her son **Alexi** (7 yrs old), broke the reed door of her little house to get peanuts because he was hungry. She beat him terribly. He came to the church with a smashed face, dripping blood all over himself while shaking with fear and pain. The Team washed him, fed him and gave him a corner in the church to sleep. The next morning they went to visit the mum to talk with her. She was angry, shaking with rage because of what he did. The Team did their best to minister to her, to win her heart so that she would change and not mistreat her children in this way. She does sometimes come to church.

Another boy named **Paito** – enjoyed a wonderful day at 'Kids Day'. The Team played games with the children, told them Bible Stories and did fun things. They painted the children's faces, this was so much fun and everyone laughed and laughed. Near the end of the day Paito went to his house next door to the church to show his family his painted face. His father became very angry and began to beat Paito saying that he had not given anyone permission to paint his face. The boy came running and crying back to church. The Team went to see his father to apologize for offending him. He responded with hardness of heart that he did not send his child to church to be painted but to learn.

Adelina has been addicted to alcohol for many years and sold moonshine to make a living. We have been visiting her and encouraging her to walk with Jesus, showing her love and friendship. She responded to a measure, received Jesus into her heart and accepted our friendship. However, she continued to struggle with her problems, not breaking free. We were very sad to learn on our arrival at Pomene that she had died. The rocks at Pomene are beautiful but treacherous. The huge waves at full tide beat against the sheer, ragged cliff face. Adelina was walking on the rocks having been called to help with the fish being caught. She was drunk, unsteady, and walked over the edge of the cliff to her death, drowning in the sea. A great tragedy.

Anesion We praise God for this young man. Two years ago Anesion's father begged us to take him to Bible School as he was drunk all the time and wasting his life away. God touched our hearts to say yes, we believed he would be set free. We responded to his father, "If you can catch him and load him into the Land Cruiser at 03:00 am tomorrow morning, we will take him." As we pulled out of Pomene in the early hours, there was Anision with his bag, sitting with his father, ready to be loaded up. Six months at Inhaminga in the joy and victory of life in Christ Jesus totally changed him. He is now the leader at Pomene wa Yesu. He continues to make improvements on his home and garden. His wife and three children are healthy and happy, well fed and clothed. He no longer drinks, takes drugs nor beats his wife. However, it is hard for a prophet to find honour amongst his people, as Jesus said. Anision is mocked by many but nobody can dispute the fact that he is totally changed.

HOW DO YOU SHARE LOVE?

We sang, danced, prayed and worshipped while sharing the Word of God daily at the church. All are welcome at any time.

The Children: Josias and Enoch, Jansen and Daena spent hours and hours with the children every day. Playing in the sand, telling stories, teaching them to paint, draw pictures, make little crafts. Holding them, hugging them. Drying their tears and making them laugh. Sharing their meals and giving a warm place to sleep when they had been beaten up by their parents.

The Women: Daena in particular ministered to the women, visiting them in their homes. Inviting them to the church to make bracelets, eat popcorn, laugh and fellowship. She listened to their tragic stories, cried with them and encouraged them in Jesus.

The Men: Antonio and Jansen gave direction to the men, listened to their problems and encouraged them to be 'real men', showing them the way of responsibility and accountability. Many hours were given to individuals as well as group discussion. They also visited Muxungu on the other side of the estuary to build up the group of Christians that meet there.

We know there are many needs yet not met, we also know that we gave something that cannot be measured in value and we believe much of the seed we planted is taking root and will grow. We have the greatest privilege in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, and showing His Love to those who are willing to receive it.

NAMPULA WA YESU – PASTOR ARMANDO



We are incredibly proud of Pastor Armando and Lurdes Jo. They have been with us for **ten years**, *faithful, hard working, anointed servants of the Lord*. Since sending them to plant a work in Nampula, they have gone from glory to glory. Not only in the ministry there, but in responsibility of heading up

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all AWYesu Churches nation wide. In Nampula city, they have been struggling with finding an adequate house of worship. Now they have a better situation though we are believing for bigger things, a large building on a strategic piece of land. In the meantime Pastor Armando's report will touch your heart as they do what they can with what they have, with all their heart is evident.

Pastor Armando writes:

"Last year, we rented a chicken house and cleaned it up, painted in white color and turned it to be the dwelling of God's name and glory in the community. It was from there the Lord has increased our number, blessed the works of our hands and confirmed His Word through miracles, signs and great deeds in our midst. This move of The Spirit of our living God, attracted people of different walks of life among whom government officials, politicians, university students and several Moslems surrounding us wanting to know more of faith in Jesus. As a direct result of this impact, many came to know Jesus – Hallelujah to The Lamb!

The Lord is our Provider. We have a new and temporary meeting place now. We have put up a small roof with 10 poles around of 12 by 6 meters and it looks great and several new people are getting attracted by our living testimony of Jesus Apostolic ministry!

What an honor to be a partner with God. We strive to do our best to finish His calling with excellence and still keeping the faith with the clean conscience! Several places were visited and ministered unto. As some of you are aware, that had powerful time in Macomia where our ministry to the people and the local leadership was very productive. Ribaue is blazing for Jesus and people are hungry and thirsty for the righteousness of God. They gather every day from 3 a.m. for hours and it is over two months now that the church come together to seek The Lord.

Permanent plot: *We continue looking for a plot here in Nampula city, where we can build our permanent church building. Up to this point we are having good contacts with the city municipal and different community leaders to help us locate a place for us.*

Our prayer to you goes:

"May The Lord fulfill each and every good promise made to you. All that He has destined for you to do, let it be accelerated and fulfilled in your life time and in its completeness. As He was with all the heroes of Hebrews 11, may He be with you every bit of time, directing your steps, providing all your needs and protecting you against every enemy's plans. May God receive all the glory due to Him through your live, family and ministry in the name of Jesus and by The Holy Spirit both now and forever".

Thank you, for being our family in God!

Armando and Lurdes and Family.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS?

Nacala Discipleship School: Nicky writes, "This is the first term of students in 5 years that all the students who came, actually finished the race. Not one was a problem or we had any inclination to send home during the first term. 23 Discipleship School Students graduated from AWYesu Nacala."

Vocational School: Debs writes: "The 15 men have learnt about money and business matters, glorifying God in everything they do, maintaining and using their new carpentry tools which they have now taken home in a wooden tool box they have made themselves, been given many ideas and practical experience in all things pertaining to woodwork. They learned a varied range of jointing techniques, and have constructed chairs, windows and wardrobes in their time here. They have excelled at dorm living, serving in the local churches, and evangelism."

Inhaminga Bible School: "We are in our final month. The students are intense in study, prayer and intercession. They just returned from evangelism, five days in the bush practicing all they have been learning. Souls were saved, demons cast out, the sick were healed. Great joy. It is winter here and cold in the early mornings, yet they are up as the stars fade into the morning light, praying outside in the cold."

Teaching: Diogo writes: "I finished teaching about the Holy Spirit and the students are very excited about the gifts of the Spirit. They loved that part about DUNAMIS, the great power, and that it is used to witness of Jesus Christ. I could hear them praying all over campus to be used in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and on outreach it happened. Now I'm teaching New Testament, The Life of Jesus, and the Church and the Kingdom of God."

Spirit School: Mariano writes, "After Mai Ellie returned from Pensacola, she impacted the lives of us all through what was ministered there. It was very relevant to us also and pushed our lives into another level in God. It is a time of God stressing the importance of prayer and intercession; where the students as well as the Team have been encouraged to pray beyond the level that we were doing. In every moment that I walked around campus I could find one or two students or groups reading the Bible and praying together, in the early hours before the rooster calls us to separates us from our beds, the students can be heard praying, crying, adoring Jesus in languages as well as with songs in the Spirit. This has brought an atmosphere of the presence of God everywhere we walk. It has been a very significant and outstanding moment in all our lives, making a lot of difference as it has taken to very powerful evangelism."

Feed My Sheep: Students and team are off campus several times a week to reach the community and outlying areas for Christ. Leading souls to Christ and strengthening His Church. Everywhere demons are cast out and the sick are healed. Patricia writes, "On Thursday night Cristina brought her two year-old child to the camp, she was very sick. The child breathed with a lot of difficulty, she moaned in the mother's lap, so afflicted. We prayed, claiming Jesus' Blood and the cure for her life. A lot of children are dying without medical help. All night I slept with that child in my mind. But in my heart I knew that Jesus would change that situation. He healed her. I could see the mother's happiness and total change of her face."

Simona of Student Evangelism and Youth Seminar in Nhansoswe writes,

"There were strong testimonies, people that were serious about the change in their lives when we visited here before. After receiving Jesus a man named Evaresto threw away all the "nipa" (moonshine) he was making and never made it again. Children that never forgot about Jesus, living a different life than their parents. But some of the people went back to witchcraft or drinking, though others are still faithful.

Going back there this time with a strong team of men, our students, brought so much hope and joy. We also visited Chomba and Baua at nights, almost everybody in the village showed up at the film. I could see that nothing was in vain; that what we sowed years ago is still there in the ground and now we didn't have to start all over from the beginning. Very promptly people came and respond to God. On Sunday morning the place where the students had their church services was full of people from Chomba, Baua and Chite.

On Friday while in Baua, a man came to ask help for a very ill lady that couldn't go further with her husband on her way to the hospital. Mariano and I left to meet them. Right there in the middle of nowhere, crying with desperation was a man, a little child and a lady that was lying down half dead in the bush. Mariano thought that the lady already died but when checked he saw that she was still alive. The lady had been losing a lot of blood through hemorrhage. She was pregnant and she lost her baby. Because of the spiritual darkness they were living, instead of going to the hospital they went to the witchdoctor. In that very moment they were coming from the witchdoctor, full of things they got from her. Knowing that we might ask them to burn the witchcrafts, the husband was preparing to hide them somewhere in the bush. Soon all of us were in the car on our way to Inhaminga Hospital. You could feel the spirit of death and fear in the car. First we burned part of the witchcraft (the big stuff the man wasn't yet prepared to give up so he hid it in the bush) and then we shared about Jesus with them. Both of them received Jesus; after that it was like a dark cloud being lifted up and in spite of the lady still losing a lot of blood, hope arose in our hearts. When she got to the hospital she was already with her haemoglobin 2 in desperate need for blood transfusion. God saved her life; they have 5 more children at home that need a mother. Right now she has just been released from the hospital, out of any danger. What really impressed me even though it wasn't new - was God's amazing unconditional love for these people. They were just coming from the witchdoctor, spending all their money on witchcraft, disobeying God; now that man was desperate in the middle of the bush, thinking that all was finished, that he lost his wife and the mother for his children: he cried out for help and The One who answered was The One who he was against and rejected. God answered and covered them with His love. I believe this family will never be the same, like all of us after meeting with our Saviour.

Friday and Saturday we had almost 100 youth coming from 6 different places: Chomba, Baua, Chite, Nhansoswe, Tarakita and Nhagambwe for the youth seminar. I had a great opportunity to work together with Jemusse, Antonio Inacio (one of the students) and professor Antonio Zeka. It has been a challenge to feed, give a place to sleep, organize, and minister to so many youth, but it has been so amazing! What made the difference was the great expectancy the youth from Nhansoswe had, they fasted and prayed before because they wanted to meet with God. Their hunger was contagious so while ministering to them our own strength was renewed and God was ministering to us personally. The day finished around 8 p.m. after a wonderful visitation of the Holy Spirit while at least half of the youth was baptized in His power. O, it was so beautiful!

We also had some precious time teaching them about purity and family. We touched the subject of polygamy which is so strong in those areas. Four of the teen girls that were participating were actually living already with men that already had other wives. One of the girls after receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit started to cry for almost 2 hours. I believe it was Holy Spirit ministering deliverance and healing in her life. The leaders of the church understand more than ever that the church needs to make a stand against any demonic tradition, and be family to these girls, sustain them and help them when they have the courage to decide to not move to a house where the men have other women and their father has sold them to. We are ready to protect and help our youth against any traditional destruction."

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