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Dear Friends,

This has been a very 'different' month for AWYesu. Many of our team members have gone home to visit their families and minister in home churches. Happily, not everyone is away at once, but some stay while others go and then go as others return. The Mozambican contingency of the Team are at a whole new level. What amazing Team members we have, both foreign as well as national. While Bible School in Inhaminga and Nacala is not in session, Vocational School in Nacala with Chris and Debs, Nelson, Amimo and Jeosefa continues full steam ahead. Everyone else is fully occupied with Apostolic Church visits, conferences, seminars and outreaches to AWYesu churches. We are making disciples, seeing souls saved, healed and filled with the power of God. All Glory to His Name!

For the two of us (Rod & Ellie) this is on the road time as we drive back and forth from Inhaminga to Zimbabwe for dental work and various appointments. Rod had all his documents, passport stolen, it is a two day journey to Harare, Zimbabwe plus hours in a long line to replace passport and other documents. Rod will have surgery on his femur which he broke seven years ago. The metal pin has to be removed. It should have been removed after two years, now seven have gone by because he has been 'too busy' to go to the doctor! Please pray for him as he has this done 20th October. Ellie experienced a dental miracle. After some work was done on my tooth the dentist told me to be back in one week, booking a one hour appointment for gum surgery and also work on a root; which he looked rather concerned about. Another trip back to Harare, but not without me praying, asking God to 'do something with my tooth.' I was settled into the chair, instruments were laid out, "Open your mouth, please," said the dentist...then a loud exclamation of, "**WHAT THE HECK!**" Well, what the heck? My mouth was totally healed, no gum surgery needed, no root problem. Thank you, thank you Jesus. When I asked his opinion about my sudden cure, he muttered some sentences as to the effect that 'well, sometimes things heal up.' I refuse to let anyone explain away my miracle!

As you read this letter, we will be taking time out at Mana Pools on the Zambezi river (Africa's wildest place) with Jeff and Nicky and two other couples. This is where we had the lion, elephant and hyena encounters two years ago. Since then someone was eaten by a lion on their way back from the shower but we will arm ourselves with pepper spray ;o) We will also celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary in the romantic wilds.

We send our gratitude to each person connected to us and this ministry, our love and sincere appreciation. You are bringing change to Africa and touching many lives for Christ.

We pray blessing upon blessing upon you. In the natural the world seems a bit shaky but we invite you to 'open your eyes and take courage', see in this edition. The testimonies and reports will encourage you also as you have a part in them.

In Jesus, together for His Glory,

Rod & Ellie and all at AWYesu

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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."

RIBAUE WA YESU

This report was written by Pastor Jose who graduated from Bible School a few years ago.

"Samuel took a single rock and set it upright between Mizpah and Shen. He named it 'Ebenezer' (Rock of Help), saying, 'This marks the place where GOD helped us.'" — **1 Samuel 7:12**

Ribaue: Location

Ribaue is located nearly 130km away from Nampula city. It's the corridor to several other districts of Nampula, Niassa Province and Malawi. Population of 153.794 (2005 census).

Church started on Nov 9th, 2008.

We praise The Lord who has brought us this far. Our Church started in 2008, our first meeting took place on our veranda. We rapidly grew from a household of 5 into 75 adult members in 4 months. We moved from our veranda to meet under a big tree till the shadow could no longer hold us all. We decided to build a mud, grass and bamboo building. The Lord continued moving mightily in our midst and increased us to 130 adults members and 4 house-churches (cells).

New building:

The Local church contributed to buying materials to build a proper building where we could come together for worship, without being disturbed by the dust, sun-heat and not getting wet when the rain falls. Today, we have a decent building standing in our community.

After the construction, people accelerated the work whereby everyone is moving together in unity and fully involved in soul winning, opening some new house-churches. Presently, we have a membership of 194 adults and 182 children aged from 5 – 15 years old and in overall we have 374 people. We also have a total 10 house-churches scattered within a distance of 7 – 60km away from the mother church.

Testimonies:

The Lord is moving in our midst with healings, signs and wonders which are happening here and we have counted up to 17 different solid different type of miracles. People continue to be saved, healed and restored here at Ribaue and our building of 12x5.5 built to fit one hundred people, is packed as we squeeze in 194 adults and over one hundred children and its really crowded. We are praying to expand the existing building.

The members and leaders from Afrika Wa Yesu Church: Ribaue, want to thank you, for sowing into our lives and community. And pray God's blessings to you all.

Jose Braimo & the local leadership

AMIMO (AFTER HIS VISIT TO INHAMINGA)

*** Amimo is Chris's right hand at Nacala Vocational Training School.**

I have been feeling the urgency on how I can put to action what I learn, and also to assume responsibility as somebody who carries something very important to the other people. I have been changed, my way of seeing life and, now I know what exactly I can give people to people who do not have. I have discovered that I am the messenger of Jesus and He has called me for His work.

It was valuable to participate in the meetings where I learned to go to another level spiritually and physically. During the devotions with students it was rich time because it's not just to teach the students, but also the Word changes my thoughts and answers my questions that I have.

About the work I found blazing everywhere, I went to talk with people, they were friendly to give me what I wanted from them. I am looking forward to go deeper on this so that I can know more about what is needed. I know that everything will be completely a God purpose for my life because the word says in (John 14:18) 'I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. And also in (John 14:21) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

God is showing me his great love and fulfilling His promises to me.

My time in Inhaminga it was rich. I learned lot in SOZO (wholeness teaching). I learned how to open the way to total salvation, body soul and spirit. Before, there were some closed areas I had in my life but from that sozo teaching I come up with another understanding. My life has been changed lots in that time of conference in Inhaminga. I would like to thank our leaders and all the preachers. My prayer is that God will bless this ministry with abundant years of life.

Editor's note: *Amimo's story is an amazing one. He started working at Vocational School in Nacala and landed in prison because the motorcycle he had borrowed from a friend for a short ride was stolen. He could not replace the bike so spent a long time in prison where he almost died of lack of food and care. He served his term and is doing so well and is a great help, teacher in Nacala. Recently Rod bought him his own brand new motorcycle. He was overwhelmed...what a turn of events for him. Free physically and spiritually, growing from glory to glory and the proud owner of his own motorcycle. We share his story so you can rejoice in the daily events of Team lives and the incidents that show the greatness of God to them.*

ROD'S FORMULA-ONE BIRTHDAY PRESENT

No, he did not get to watch a race in person nor drive an F1 car—only in his dreams, which are wild enough. ; o)



Rod's birthday present: our Nacala home redecorated F1 Style by the Maas Family

But Chris and Deborah with their friends did the next best thing; they decorated our 1960 Jurgens caravan (our Nacala home) Formula One style, picture included for fun.

If you want to really know Rod, you have to understand his passion for F1. When he watches nobody is allowed to watch with him unless they know how to be QUIET, not chatter and make a noise. We call it *Rod's*

Church Time. He suffers trauma when he misses watching a race and we all suffer when he has not had his *F1 fix* (Is this a joke?) That's for you to guess.

Baby Boomers and pre Baby Boomers will remember this song, it goes something like this: "When I get old, losing my hair (he still has lots) many years from now, will you still send me a valentine, birthday greeting bottle of wine? ...Will you still need me, will I still please you, **when I'm sixty four?**"

The answer is YES!

SIMONA: INHAMINGA YOUTH CONFERENCE

God had His own way done beyond any of our expectations at this Conference. We had more than 270 youth coming from 3 different provinces: Sofala, Manica and Zambezia. Our Afrika Wa Yesu Churches are growing and praise God that they are always full with kids. It is our responsibility to take this generation. Thanks to Rodney we had now enough space for everyone that wanted to participate. The Conference Hall was full for 5 days and for sure God's presence was so real in that room from the beginning to the end. It was beautiful to see them coming, all in groups, singing and dancing and with so much expectations to meet with God.

Our team was equipped to receive, settle, feed and guide them in all of their needs. I was so proud of Josias, Abdul, Santo, Jemusse, Mussa and Maria. They covered all the areas: administration, worship, preaching and serving every youth that was present. Gradually they are moving to a place of great responsibility; the missionaries are now able to stand back and support and encourage them in all the big work they are doing. Every one brought an amazing Word from God, led us before the throne of God in worship and of course giving direction through all the conference. Abdul, that was a Muslim before, has a specific anointing when he speaks about courage. So many youth came in front to testify how God ministered to

them when they cast all the fear away, knowing that they are strong and courageous in Him.

Again I saw the efficiency of small groups (30 youth in each group). We can minister to them individually, see their spiritual level and help them to grow in specific areas. This way they were coming more ready and alert to the big meetings when we were all together. Also when we are in small groups we can train much closer someone while they begin to minister to their friends. It was in this time when some of them committed their lives to Jesus, others were baptized in the Holy Spirit and of course they got answers to many questions. I loved to see the nutty ones gradually change as the Word and the Anointing touched them. After they have a real encounter with God, it is beautiful to see their energy and creativity used in a good direction.

We saw so many lives changed. Many of them were coming in front for repentance, breaking before God, baptized in the Holy Spirit and in the last day we had around 110 youth baptized in water.

I remember when in Romania during the communist time we had water baptism. There was so much joy but impossible to manifest or express—we were hiding because of the persecution. Well, this time at this water baptism at the youth conference we had exciting joy, expressed in every way possible. There was no way to put limits or rules. It was an “organized mess”...others dancing in groups, others around the drums singing and jumping, others praying for the ones coming out from the water, others taking pictures and a big group around the pool rejoicing and encouraging the ones that were getting in the water to be baptized. It was wonderful and amazing! Our God is faithful and so great!

DIOGO & LEIDIANE, CHIKUDZIRE SEMINAR

We taught a lot on unforgiveness and breaking curses. They received the word and in the afternoon we had two separated groups, men with Diogo and women with Leide. The men opened up that some of them are many times shy in front of others especially for praying and worshipping with freedom, that they are always thinking on what the others will think about them if they don't speak things as they should. We prayed for them breaking this kind of fear and religious spirit, and I felt it resulted a lot. During praise and worship some didn't stay on their seats as they used to do before, but they came in front to sing, clap their hands, dance, praise and worship freely.

Testimony: Gina had been coming to church for some time but did not experience full freedom. The first day of our meetings, a demon manifested in her. Even after we had prayed for her, she could not concentrate on the meeting. After counselling with her, she confessed that she had bitterness towards the second wife of her husband. Gina was experiencing a lot of hurt. However, she made a decision to forgive. The demon left her and she rebuked every evil spirit in her life. She not only forgave, but spoke with the other women and made her heart right. She began to experience a great freedom in worship as she entered into the presence of God. Then Gina was baptised in the Holy Spirit. She was so full and totally free. This filled my heart with great joy.

We saw at least twenty people receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, such a tremendous move of God. Even the children spoke in tongues.

LIVING WATER IN A DRY AND THIRSTY LAND

This is dry season in Africa. Bush fires billow smoke across the land, adding darkness to the thick blanket of oppressive heat that is already scorching the earth. Roaring flames devour plants, trees and animals, leaving a black and charred world behind it. We sweep our house at least three times a day, dusting bits of soot from the furniture also. We are safe behind solid brick walls; but not so, the people who live in mud huts with thatch roofs. Each year when the fires come, we receive reports of huts having caught alight, lives lost. The entire nation of Mozambique burns every year. Why? People start clearing their fields and set the dry wood, stalks and weeds alight to make the job easier. The wind comes and catches the flames away, and the fire is unstoppable.

During this time, rivers dry up annually, wells cease to give water. People have to walk longer distances to get to a water point that may yield a better supply than the one closer to home. The Inhaminga area is particularly dry due to no good water source for the town. Various organizations have drilled for water but found none; or pumps have since broken. Water is reached after drilling 70 to 90 metres deep, which is a big, expensive drilling operation.

We thank God for friends who have contributed to Afrika wa Yesu water system, we now have two wells on campus. Even so, when Bible School is full and during conference time, we have to use water sparingly. Now, we also have a well at Inhaminga wa Yesu Church.



Water at Inhaminga
wa Yesu Church



Leidiane preaching at Chikudzire



Some people walk 10 kilometres to the well, then 10 kilometres back carrying 20 litres of water on their head.



Building new dormitories, Inhaminga



Amimo and his new motor cycle



Our vegetable garden, Inhaminga.
(Thanks to our water well)

Not only are our spiritual wells watering and even flooding the region, but we also give physical water to the people!

Our water wells have not ceased to provide water for the hospital (*imagine a hospital without water*), the government administration, and various developmental projects. Every day bicycles loaded with big containers of water pedal home after filling up at our wells. Women are walking almost half a day to get 20 litres of water which they then carry home on their heads. This water is for the family to drink and for cooking their corn meal. Wash? Rarely, these days, there are greater priorities at hand. We have people walking twenty kilometres to fetch water and carry it home. When visiting someone at their hut, the greatest gift we can take is a container of water. Giving a cup of water to the thirsty takes on a whole new meaning.

INHAMINGA WA YESU WATER WELL: At the church, our well gives 400 people 40 litres of water each a day. This is not a great yield a day, but 400 people together with their families, get blessed every day. Thank you JESUS!

On campus, we have been able to grow vegetables to feed our team, students, supply food for the hundreds who come for conferences for a week at a time. Plus we have some left over to give away. Thanks to Douglas (our Zimbabwean worker) we have had a vegetable garden this year like never before!

We are grateful to be able to take a shower, wash our clothes and drink our full while so many are not able to do any of these wonderful, beautiful things that so much of the world takes for granted.

OPEN YOUR EYES & TAKE COURAGE

In these days of shaking, we can learn to see through God-vision what is truly around us. Our life is in a constant state of change. When we allow the Word of God to rule in our lives, that change will be governed by His Word, not circumstances. God's Word will continue to change our life forever! When we speak, we prophesy. When we speak in line with God's Word, we become His prophet in that moment. The devil always tries to shut the mouth of God's prophet; because he is terrified of your words.

In 2 Kings 6, we read the amazing story of Elisha warning the King of Israel each time the Syrian army planned an attack. The King of Syria's efforts against Israel being continually foiled; he suspected a spy in his ranks.

His men said, 'no spy', but there was a certain man, a prophet of God who could hear every word the king spoke in the privacy of his bedroom. Scary! "Find the prophet so I can kill him!" When it was reported that Elisha was in Dothan, the Syrian army set forth in great numbers with horses and chariots, surrounding the entire city to get just one man. The devil is threatened by just one man who has the Word of God in his mouth. The enemy is threatened by you!

Elisha's servant rose at dawn to this terrifying sight of a great army and cried out, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" Elisha had God-vision and saw something more than just the enemy...the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

"Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." He prayed that God would open the eyes of the servant to see what he himself could see; the servant saw. It was all there BEFORE he saw. It is the prophet's job to help the disciple to see, to get the revelation.

Then when the Syrian army came down God blinded them at Elisha's request. Now the enemy was blinded while a certain man of God and

his certain servant had certain supernatural vision. After they were taken captive the King of Israel enquired of Elisha if he should kill them, but Elisha said "No." Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian raiders came no more into the land of Israel.

Ha, that is freedom, when the Lord makes your enemies be at peace with you!

God has supplied us with the MORE that we need to overcome every challenge. To see the more, we have to look in the right place. The intellectual realm is different from spiritual realm. In the natural it was a terminal situation for Elisha, but in the spirit the way out could be seen. God's army was there all the time, the servant looked in another realm and saw. When you are full of fear, you are looking in the wrong realm. Make a choice where you will spend your looking time.

When the servant's eyes opened, his emotions settled and fear left, based on what he SAW. But as we mature, the just shall live by faith, not by sight. If God had to open our eyes every time we had a need, we would walk by sight and not by faith. Faith is trusting in the Lord and not leaning on our own understanding.

Don't look for intellectual answers. The 'smartest' world leaders are in a mess and confusion. Do not allow the god of this world to blind your eyes. For the Christian who walks by faith and not by sight, there is a greater understanding that comes through opening our eyes in faith. We see what nobody else can see, therefore we continue in hope and expectation, strengthened by the joy of the Lord that cannot be dampened by circumstances, and we continue in victory. We have enough courage for ourselves, and enough to give away.

Trust God to open the eyes of your spiritual understanding. It is not our own understanding...trust in the Lord and lean not to your own understanding. There is an understanding that comes through opening your eyes to faith in God. You do not need an intellectual gospel but a revelation to see the provision that is already there all around us.

There is more inside of us, more around us than he that is in the world. We have not received the spirit of fear but of love and power and a SOUND MIND. The spirit of fear blocks out a sound mind unless you release your sound mind to block out fear. God is not going to forsake you at the time of challenge. Open your eyes and be of good cheer!

STOP PRESS!

Lino and Telvina with Santo, and Pai Costa on team got back last night from an apostolic visit to Doa, Tete Province. We just met with them and truly, it is a rejoicing like when the disciples reported to Jesus all the miracles they saw after being sent out. Amazing deliverance of demons and many salvations. MIRACLES! Many were healed of serious diseases, blind eyes were opened and the lame walked. People were stopping them on the road asking to be prayed for because of the evidence of signs and wonders that followed the preaching of the Word. The people did not want to let them leave there and come back to Inhaminga. More about this in the next newsletter!

At Inhaminga wa Yesu a powerful Presence of God is falling as people worship, prostrated before Him. Next week Lino and Telvina visit Inhambane province, right now Mariano and Graca have gone to Nampula and Diogo and Leidy to Mazamba while others are across the face of the globe, America, Brazil, Egypt...and in the morning we leave for Zimbabwe. Afrika wa Yesu is impacting the nations. ALL GLORY TO GOD!

KEEPING IN TOUCH!

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