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Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

With all the turmoil now, it is hard for many to rest and relax. Yet the above words from Paul's letter to the Philippians tells us not to be anxious. Pray to God, and let him know your requests. I heard a sermon recently about this passage reiterating the advice, and let our reasonableness be known to everyone. It may sound difficult, but when it is in the Lord's Hands, we can be free from anxiety.

Safe drinking water in Molumbo and Milange towns of Zambezia, Mozambique



These pictures are from sites where new borehole locating was done for the wells, and at the same time instructions for use were given, hygiene discussed and, The Word was proclaimed.

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In our last newsletter we advised you that two sites had been selected for testing, Mongue in the District of Milange, and Chitambo in the village of Mtoco. Although we were going to begin with one site, it was determined to be financially responsible to test a few, as it is quite a distance to bring the technicians and equipment for testing each time. As it turns out, the original contractor could not complete the locating and drilling of the wells. Their machinery had broken down without a secure date for return to work. A decision was made to change contractors and go with another who could complete the job. This contractor could only drill the wells if all four could be done at the same time, as the distance he had to travel was about 900 kms. Wisely the bishop and crew agreed. Now the work is underway.



This picture shows some of the equipment required to present the information on hygiene, wells and The Lord to the villagers who will soon get fresh drinking water.

As we advised you last newsletter, the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, Australia, with Lucy Lim as Executive Director, has agreed to partner with The Anglican Relief and Development Fund, Canada to assist with the drilling of a well. This is perhaps a first within the Global ARDF organization, and perhaps we might see even more cooperation between these sister organizations across our Lord's world. Their funds have arrived and the first borehole has been dug. Thanks to you in Canada, the remainder of the funds for boreholes have been sent, and now we are well on the way for the next leg of the project. We need to now raise the next \$35,000 for continued training, refurbishment of the old springs and salaries for the time period.

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As part of the Anglican Church's holistic ministry in Zambezia province, the Anglican Diocese of Zambezia will erect four deep water wells and construct protection for 14 natural water springs that will help meet the water needs of thousands of people in Molumbo and Milange towns. Once installed, the boreholes and natural springs will improve the livelihood, hygiene, and sanitation of these communities, giving thou sands of people access to reliable, safe drinking water. People will be discipled through the church by meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

These refurbished and new wells will benefit many people:

An estimated total of 8,400 people, some in multiple ways:

- 2,000 people from Molumbo community and 2,500 people from Milange will gain access to clean water and learn about hygiene and sanitation practices.
- 3,900 people will benefit from 14 rehabilitated water sources with access to safe and clean drinking water, reducing the incidences of waterborne diseases

The total cost will be about \$152,000 CDN. Each new well will cost about \$16,000 to dig, each refurbished well about \$1,000 to rebuild, plus other costs (to maintain the fresh water supply, research and monitoring). Will you join in this work to bring safe drinking water to these families?

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Let us thank the Lord for our blessings, and consider how we might be a blessing to others.

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