



The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada

Will you join in this work to bring safe drinking water to these families and villages?

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A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen. (From the BCP 2019, Evening Prayer)

Last newsletter we told you that in the Diocese of Zambezia, Mozambique, they have been given two gifts recently, many thanks to you, the donors. The first, is the gift of clean fresh drinking water from 4 new wells. The second, is the everlasting gift of the Living water. Bishop Vicente has told us that these two gifts have had an immediate impact, in at least two ways.



Faith and Community Leaders in the District of Milange

1 The fresh drinking water:

The four communities (2 each in the districts of Molumbo and Milange) each have a borehole (well with a pump). They were identified as having a severe shortage of clean safe drinking water, and had a sustainable supply available. It was determined that as well as fresh clean drinking water, there was a need for good hygiene and sanitation not only in these villages, but also in surrounding villages. When the discussion centred on good hygiene, it was determined that there was a need for low-cost latrines. These would need to be built using local materials, and available for each village. (A total of 85 latrines have been built by the communities in the last three-month period).

As has been previously mentioned (in earlier newsletters), there is a small fee charged to each family, to be set aside for ongoing maintenance for the wells.

2 Eternal Living Water:

During this last three-month period, the teaching of hygiene and Christian Values (a programme nicknamed WASH) was run. These teaching programmes increased trust among the villagers and the Faith Leaders, and allowed for the sharing of the Word to all the families in these villages (~1900 families currently). As a result, 30 churches have now been planted, meeting in the shade of trees.

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Bishop Vicente tells us that the villages have begun to build and stockpile bricks, to prepare for church buildings. ARDF Australia (ARDF A), has already agreed to support this church planting with agreement to pay for 15 church roofs (corrugated steel), to be placed on the brick walls, when brick building and funding is complete!



WASH committees established in the communities of Messiase and Nansato

A story from the field:



Maria Joao attends school in the community of Messiase. To get safe drinking water, Maria walks about 5km daily. At times she is not able to attend classes, which affects her grades. She has often had stomach problems because her family would sometimes drink water from a nearby river. She tells us: *“My mother was very always getting sick so she depends on me for house chores. I want to help her as much as I could, but in the past, it was difficult for me the work was a burden having to walk and see safe drinking water”*, this prior to the new well. After the new borehole and well, Maria is happy to say that, *“these days my school performance has improved, even my teachers are surprised with my grades. This is because that I no longer have to walk long distances and my mother is getting better! I believe that is due to the fact that we are now drinking safe water.”*

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Will you:

- 1 Pray for all those in the mission field today? It is not always easy. Currently there is an epidemic of hemorrhagic conjunctivitis plaguing Mozambique.
- 2 Pray for the people of Mozambique, the people in the Province of Zambezia, the people in the Districts of Molumbo and Milange, and in particular the people, like Maria, in the four villages of Mongue, Nansanto, Macolococho and Messiase? They need strengthening as they learn about our Lord.
- 3 Support this ongoing project to bring safe drinking water and the True Living Water to them? If you will, see how to support this fresh water and True Living Water project below:

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HOW TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF ARDFC

Donations to ARDFC can be made:

- Through your parish
- Online at www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm (via Canada Helps)
- By sending your cheque to ARDFC, Box 1013, Burlington, ON, L7R 4L8

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

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