

On Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 6:48 AM, Sarah Olds-Mondlane wrote:

Hey guys! Hope you are all having a wonderful day! I just wanted to take a few minutes to update you on our life and ministry over here in Maputo, Mozambique! Roberto, Melina, Maya and myself are all doing great! Roberto has just left to take the girls to school, and I have 30 minutes of quite time before the Masana staff arrives to prepare for our street outreaches. These few moments of alone time I get each morning are a precious gift from the Lord...worship music playing and preparing for the day ahead!

As many of you know, Mozambique was hit with 2 horrific cyclones in the past 2 months. They were both very far away from where we live but it was heartbreaking to watch the news coverage and see the level of suffering. Close to 1,000 people lost their lives according to the official counts though its suspected that the actual number is much higher. Roberto had the great privilege of serving with Samaritan's Purse in their relief efforts for the past 6 weeks. He mainly helped with the logistics from here in Maputo, the capital city, of getting supplies sent up to the affected areas. Samaritan's Purse had 2 airplanes that were flying back and forth multiple times a week with supplies. Last week, Roberto flew up north to receive a Samaritan's Purse plane and organize the logistics for unloading and transporting the supplies to Pemba where the second cyclone hit. Roberto has loved the opportunity to serve the people of his own country. I would have loved to have been on a plane alongside of him but with 2 small kids that was not possible. We are grateful for the work of Samaritan's Purse in bringing Hope to the suffering. Please continue to pray for the people of Mozambique as they begin to rebuild their lives after such tragic loss.

Masana is going great! We have drastically changed our way of ministering to the street boys. Rather than the boys coming to us 5 days a week, we now go to the abandoned homes and parks where they spend their time on the streets. Our staff has found it so much easier to connect with the boys on a deeper level in their own settings and in smaller numbers. God has really orchestrated our visits and allowed us to come in contact with several boys that we would not have met if we had just waited for them to come to our center. We've been able to help 8 boys get off the streets already this year!

Roberto has spent a lot of time at our property across the bay where we are getting ready to launch our transitional home. With the help of some of you guys, we have been able to start a farming project, build a chicken coop, add an additional bathroom and a covered patio for meals and meetings with the boys... Just this week we held interviews for a new staff member that will live at the house and care for the boys that are there. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we decide who is the best fit to join our team. We have begun praying through which boys we should invite into this home to participate in a 3-month program. The hope is that they will be better prepared to leave behind the street life and return to their families. We want to do a better job of discipling the boys and also help them process through the time they spent on the streets.

We could use prayer for our vehicles. Some friends who left Mozambique last July sold us their SUV. Unfortunately, the car overheated 2 days after we received it causing great damage to the motor. We invested \$4000 into rebuilding the motor but it continues to have problems. Our friends who sold us the car have been amazing and have told us not to worry about paying them for the car. We are working with local mechanics to work out the kinks but its taking a long time. We still have our small car but it's getting quite beat up because of the horrible road conditions here. The truck that we use for Masana also broke down a few weeks ago. It was

fixed last week and broke down again an hour later. The same mechanic has been working on it and we should get it back today. Would you please pray for our cars and the mechanics working on them? We need reliable vehicles!

Thank you for taking the time to read through our update and for remembering us in your prayers. We are so blessed to be a part of what God is doing here in Mozambique and to have the privilege of loving the least of these. Thank you for all of the love and support that each of you gives!

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