

INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC.
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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
Surgery & Vietnam & Mozambique



Friends and partners, thank you so very much for your faithfulness during this year of so many challenges! God has continued to show Himself strong on our behalf as the CTC program saw several graduations completed in spite of the virus.

As I had shared, my passport has been in the Nigerian Embassy in D.C. since March, waiting on a visa. I spoke to a real person last week who informed me that it was ready for pickup. They agreed to mail it and I now have my passport complete with a visa for Nigeria that is good until 3-10-22 and an unused visa for Togo that expired while waiting for the Nigerian visa. I will inquire to see if Togo is willing to make allowance and extend my visa so we can plan to open a new CTC in Logos, Nigeria and Lome, Togo as soon as possible.

I have been dealing with issues in both of my shoulders since July after recovering from the Covid-19 virus. For several months prior to the virus, I had been going to the local YMCA four times a week to do an upper body workout. I wanted to stay fit for traveling and for helping with Daniel. I was seeing some very positive results and feeling strong when the virus hit me. The virus took a lot out of me so I was anxious to get back to the YMCA and may have tried to do too much too soon.

After seeing a specialist who prescribed five weeks of physical therapy, I did not see any improvement at all. I then went to another orthopedic specialist and had an MRI on my right shoulder. My doctor said the test indicated an impingement, a bone spur, and arthritis and possible torn tissue. He suggested that he do an orthoscopic investigation and at the same time fix whatever might be needed. He could either end up making repairs arthroscopically or open up my shoulder. The latter would mean I could have my right arm immobilized in a harness for as much as six weeks and even longer before I would be able to travel. All that would only take care of one shoulder.

Vicky's parents are coming after Christmas to visit for several weeks. Since Vicky's parents are happy to help, I plan to schedule the surgery for January 8th.

Naturally, I would rather the Lord, my Healer, speak a word of healing to both of my shoulders and this surgery not be necessary. Believe me, I have been releasing Him to do so and would appreciate you joining with me in asking Him to heal me. Together we can make a difference!

I am now working in the third semester of the online CTC program and would like to finish the work before the surgery as I will only have use of one hand for some time. I see this as just another attack of the enemy to keep us from moving forward. Even now as I work at my desk, I can only type for a while until the pain in my right shoulder makes doing so almost impossible.

As this year draws to a close, I know many of you look at your year-end giving to do your best to be up to date with your tithing and offerings. I would like to encourage you to consider Indigenous Training Ministries, Inc. in your giving. There are two opportunities in particular where I know your financial help would make a tremendous difference for God's Kingdom expansion. Both of these ministry opportunities weigh on my heart. We **cannot** show photos of the work or students in Vietnam. However, I was given some testimonies by one of our teachers which encouraged me, and I trust they will you as well:

In the North: we have the student is a drug addict. Because of drug, he mad and lived in a lunatic asylum for 3 years, he tore his clothes...now God heal him and he a good student in the class.

In Sai Gon: one student had been in jail for 13 years for killing some one and God changed him and he serves God now.

In Ca Mau: one communist comes to class to follow us (so she could report them) and now she changed and her house become the church and she preaches for the church on Sundays.

Another women, her husband left her for another women. She cried and cried so much that her eyes became blind but she converts to God and she is the best student in the class though she still can't see. There are a lot sto-

ries I can't enough time to tell you.

Just let you know some so that encourage you: Your work in VN is not in vain.

One earlier testimony was about a place where I had gone with two of the teachers. It was in the far south and a couple of hours upriver by speed boat. This would be our first time into this area where we hoped to share Christ and establish a church. When we got to our destination, word quickly spread that an American was in the area. It was not long before the police detained us and demanded money or imprisonment as we were not carrying identification. I asked them to release the two women as they had no money and told them I was willing to go to jail instead of paying. They refused, saying we must pay the fine for not having identification. I negotiated with them until the price for our disobedience was reasonable and paid the fine. They released us and we made the speed boat trip back in the dark with fish farms all along the sides of the river and much bigger boats coming upriver. We could not see the large boats but only hear the noise of their motors chug chugging louder and louder as they got closer to us. It was a white-knuckle experience! Today there is a church and CTC school in that location because our two teachers continue to go there at great personal risk. They change their names every time and have not told even the students who they are. They will soon be operating three locations each with a new batch of students. **\$10,000** would go a long way to help train these next groups! **You can make a difference!**

MOZAMBIQUE, AFRICA

Pastor Samuel Mtaula, like here in the US, has felt the effects of the Covid-19 virus on his church. Churches in Mozambique were ordered to close and are only now slowly allowed to reopen. They must maintain social distancing, etc. I regularly receive updates from Pastor Samuel and will share part of a recent letter so you can see what God is doing and just how important this work is. Here is a second opportunity to make a difference!

...Yes, due to the increased number of congregants and new converts in every Sunday service, my vision had to change because the previous place (the front yard of his rented home) was so small and that the owner of the place continued to increase the money rentals every month, so the only option I had was to go to our own place and establish conditions to enable us have Church services comfortably. For example the last baptism, we had 107 converts and every Sunday there are 10 to 30 new members joining the church.

The offerings here don't depend on the number of people but their understanding of the word of God. As I mentioned earlier that most people in Mozambique do not really believe in the existence of God and they look at a Church as an organization to rob their money and they are not willing to help the work of God. However, we the servants of God must be patient, firm and strong in the Lord, following our calling for the work of God to continue. Like for example 1,500 Meticaís (**\$21.51**) is the maximum offering that the congregation gives on a full Sunday service and my church uses a generator to provide electricity and I have to buy 10 litres of petrol which costs 720 Meticaís (**\$10.32**) per Sunday service.

I have attached photos of the last baptism of 107 converts and last three Sunday Services



before they declared a state of emergency due to Coronavirus. I have a strong faith that God will grant us the completion of this magnificent Church Building which will be the best Church building and a center of hope in Mozambique. God will do it as He promised me several times...

For the benefit of those who may not remember the story behind this church, here is a quick pictorial review:

When I first met Pastor Samuel, he was meeting in a very simple structure in the front yard of the home his

family was renting. He is a Bible school graduate who got filled with the Holy Spirit and received the right FOOT of fellowship. He started a Bible study and prayer meeting with folks he led to Christ and soon outgrew his living room. He moved to the front yard of where he was living and constructed this simple building:



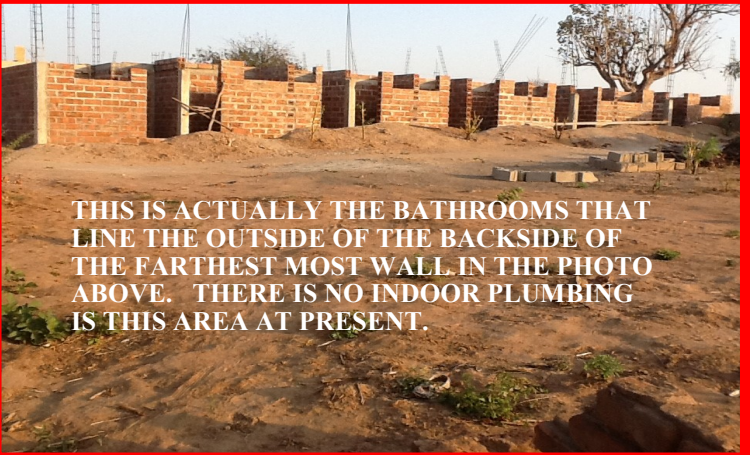
Soon even that was filled with people who had been taught that there is no God and that churches were only



out to steal your money. However, they were drawn by the Holy Spirit and the demonstrations of power in life changing deliverances that continue to take place.

This was the point at which God got me involved, and I made a trip to visit Pastor Samuel and his growing congregation. During this time, God challenged me to help build nine churches. I knew the church here in Tete, Mozambique, would be one of those. I began releasing God to bring in the finances, \$10,000 for each church, \$2000 of which I set aside for travel. We actually completed ten buildings with the funds because two buildings were already partially built, and I did not need all the money allotted for travel. I offered Pastor Samuel \$8,000 to help them build a 60 ft. x 30 ft. brick building with a sheet metal roof and cement floor as long as he had a clear deed to the land. He soon indicated he had the land which he got by trading land that

he had for a larger parcel in an undeveloped area. Shortly thereafter, he wrote to ask if I would allow them to use the funds to help build a much larger building. It was his firm belief that God wanted to raise up a bigger work in Mozambique, a country with a godless govern-



ment and people steeped in darkness and occultic rituals. We agreed with him and the much, much larger building began with a special block that would stand strong for many, many years.

Unfortunately, our funds did not go as far as we had hoped due to the cost of materials. With the congregation continuing to increase in numbers each week, Pastor Samuel set up a temporary structure inside what would someday be the sanctuary of their new building.



It is hard to judge from the photos as there were probably many folks seated out of camera range, but it appears there were between 800 and 1000 in attendance.

With a Sunday offering of less than \$22 and expense of more than \$10 to run the generator, it is easy to see why the building process is so slow.



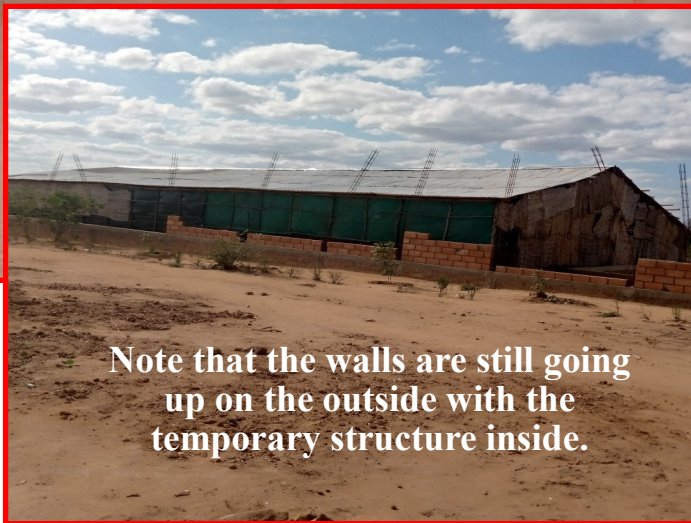
We actually sent about \$5000 additional to help with the building with no promise of anything beyond the original \$8000. Incidentally, Hope Church in Palm Harbor, Florida, gave the original \$10,000 to help build this building. What a return on the investment!!

Recently, I have felt the Lord tugging at my heart to help finish this building, at least on the outside. The last time I spoke with Pastor Samuel, it would take about **\$25,000** to get them in the building. From what I have seen God do through this ministry in such a short time, I believe that He truly wants to use this ministry to make a difference in Mozambique. You can be a part of helping to make that difference. I believe there is a multiplied return awaiting those who invest in God's Kingdom; especially in places that believe there is no God!

Please, as you are considering your end of year giving, consider these two opportunities and join me in releasing God to work His will through us. As always, we covet your prayers and financial support for this ministry. God continues to show Himself strong on behalf of those who love Him and are called to His purpose. No matter our situation, we trust that God is ultimately working all things together to accomplish His plan of reconciliation and redemption.

We love and appreciate each of you who receive this newsletter, pray for us, and seek to partner with us in **making a difference that echoes throughout eternity**. God bless and keep you, make His face to shine upon you, and give you peace!

Merry Christmas & Blessings multiplied to you and yours throughout the new year!
Please take a moment to ask God what you should do!
TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Note that the walls are still going up on the outside with the temporary structure inside.

PRE-COVID SHUTDOWN



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