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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

### MOZAMBIQUE: DAY 3 & MALAWI: DAY 4



My first trip to Mozambique showed me that even in a country that teaches there is no God, He is very much alive and at work, even in a place of great darkness! We already had a CTC program in operation in Mozambique through the leading of the Spirit. I was in a hotel one morning in Blantyre, Malawi, about to eat my breakfast. Another man and I were the only people in the room when the Holy Spirit spoke to me and suggested I sit with him. After each of us shared about our work, he remarked that he had a brother in Mozambique, Pastor Samuel Mtaula, who might be interested in our training program. I gave him my business card and a couple of days later received an email from Pastor Samuel asking me to come to Mozambique. Although I couldn't go at that time because I already had a full schedule, we began to communicate and get to know one another. Before long, Pastor Samuel was running a new CTC program. He now has two groups of students totaling 21 and teaches lessons from the CTC material to his congregation's weekly adult Sunday school hour.



When I eventually received photos of the CTC classes and their Sunday school hour, I realized their church was little more than a few poles stuck in the ground with plastic the consistency of a black plastic garbage

bag for the walls. I knew that Pastor Samuel's church was to be one of the nine churches the Lord put on my heart to help build this year.

During my visit to Mozambique, Pastor Stephen and I ministered at a meeting at Pastor Samuel's church. This visit was a true **"God event."** When Stephen and I arrived, there was a crowd of people lining the way from our car to the inside of the church. They began to



sing and praise the Lord, welcoming us as we walked. Pastor Samuel directed us to a small room inside his rented home where his wife and some ladies had prepared food for us. About 150 people waited for us to greet them inside the makeshift church. The men and women sat on benches to the left side and across the back of the church and the women with small children sat on mats that covered the dirt floor on the right side.

During our lunch, I asked Pastor Samuel how he came to serve the Lord in ministry. He told me he only had time to tell me the short version. His testimony is quite remarkable! He was married with children and wanted to begin a business. He went to two banks and received the necessary finances. Soon after beginning his business, however, things began to go wrong. Because the business did not make the money he was counting on, alcohol became his way to escape his problems. As things got worse, the banks were threatening to put him in jail. He was desperate and went to a friend, now the teacher for CTC, to find out which witchdoctor could help him. The friend said that he had not gotten anything from the witchdoctors he had visited but had heard of a man who was able to help.

Samuel went to the man who listened to his story then told him he could help direct him to those who could make everything right. The man arranged a meeting and invited Samuel to travel with him to the meeting place. On the way, they stayed overnight in a hotel. The man paid for separate rooms and all the expenses, knowing Samuel had little, if any, money. That night Samuel asked him who these people were and what would they want from him. The man explained that they were people who worshipped Satan, that when he got there he would be escorted into a series of rooms. In the first room he would meet Satan and would be asked **3 questions: 1. Are you ready to become a member? 2. Will you support this work? 3. Are you willing to sacrifice?** He was told he must answer "yes" to all three questions. In the second room, he would find a body on a cross bleeding real blood. He must take a glass and **drink the blood.** If he did not throw up, he would be escorted into a third room where there would be other members waiting to meet with him and help take care of his situation.

Pastor Samuel asked him what they meant by "are you willing to sacrifice? The man replied, "Are you willing to kill someone to further the work of Satan?" Pastor Samuel

asked, "Have you killed someone?" The man answered that doing so was required to enjoy prosperity and financial reward. He said **he had killed one of his own brothers to gain reward for himself and the rest of his family.** Samuel knew the man's brother and the circumstance surrounding his death and realized this man was telling the truth.

That evening when Samuel was alone in his room, a great light came into the room. It was so bright that he could not even look upon it! He felt himself being lifted up and saw two dimensions. **One was a place of suffering.** He saw what looked like a lake with fire where many were crying and in great agony. Then he was taken to a second dimension that was **so beautiful** that he said **there were not words to even describe it.** Then a voice from the light spoke to him and said, **"Go home and look for God's truth."** Samuel then went to his host and told him he could not continue and had to return home. The man said he would not give him money to get back home and that Samuel would have to make his own way back.

After eventually arriving home, Samuel spent three days alone just trying to understand all that had happened. He went to a place where he could use a computer and Googled "God's truth." He found a Church of Christ website where he could study the Bible and receive study material. After completing the entire study program, some Church of Christ missionaries directed him to a small group meeting where they were planting a new church. He received Christ as his Savior, was baptized, and became an evangelist for the Church of Christ.

Stephen, who has heard the long version of Samuel's story, said that during Samuel's experience as an evangelist he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Samuel had become the regional coordinator for the Church of Christ, traveling, preaching, and planting new churches. Then there was a time when Jesus came to him again and said, **"I want to use you. Can I trust you with my power?"** Samuel answered, "Yes, I only want to do your will."

Not long thereafter, a group of new believers came to him and told him about an elderly crippled man who wanted to come to church but could not walk. They wanted Samuel to go with them and pray for him. Samuel went, laid his hands on the crippled man's head and both of his knees, and prayed for Jesus to heal the man. Samuel said that as he was praying, he was asking the Lord, "Where is the evidence of the power I read about in the Bible?" Samuel took his hands off the man and told him to rise and walk. **To Samuel's amazement,** the man got up and

walked! He walked to the church where people who knew the man spread the word of the miraculous healing.

Samuel said that men from the Church of Christ soon came to him and questioned him about the healing. They told him **they did not do things that way** and he would have to leave the fellowship of the church because he moved in the gifts of the Spirit. This ended his Church of Christ affiliation. Samuel began holding small group meetings in his home, **starting with just fifteen people.** There are now more than 600 people who attend his meetings! Over half of them have yet to trust in Christ.



Now back to our meeting in Mozambique. After eating, we were escorted into the meeting room filled with people waiting for us to speak. I shared from **Jeremiah 29:11**, my favorite scripture, and finished with an altar call. **Seventy-six** people came

forward and knelt as I led them in the sinner's prayer. As I was pronouncing a blessing over them a demon manifested in a woman outside this group. The elders ministered to her



while I continued the blessing. Pastor Samuel then asked Stephen to come and greet the people. After the meeting, we went to see the site where **New Hope Church** in Tete, Mozambique, will soon sit.

Your prayers and gifts enable us to continue to move forward. I will share more next month about our efforts to raise funds to train 40 pastors in Malawi who have never been to Bible school. Your **project gift of \$600** will train a pastor. Please continue to stand with us as we are making disciples who are making disciples and leading others to faith in Christ. Your faithful prayers releasing God's blessing and sacrificial giving are making a difference around the world. Yet, I believe God has much more for us to do. Please continue to pray and stand with us! **TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

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