

SIMTOWE MINISTRY UPDATE



Dear Prayer Partners,

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Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Brethren, the work of registration in the country of Mozambique is over at last. Though there were many challenges in achieving this goal, we faced them with confidence by trusting God at every moment of our concern. I did believe in Philippians 1:6: "...that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion ..." Proverbs 3:5-6 became our verses of encouragement as we continued with that work until we saw the positive results in the process. We thank God for His direction.

REGISTRATION WORK

After much suffering, headaches, broken hearts, and frustrations, today we are joyful, at peace, and grateful to our God for the accomplishment of this task of registering the work in Mozambique. The process was quite discouraging, almost to the point of losing hope, but our patience which was given by God helped while we were struggling with the government system in Mozambique.

Below is a list of requirements we had to submit to the registrar's office:

1. A list of 500 names of the church members.
2. A recommendation letter from the district religious fraternity.
3. A letter from the provincial religious office.
4. The names of the Board of Directors of the church.
5. The church constitution signed and approved by the government advocate.
6. The proposed name of the church for verification by the government.
7. The church or ministry base in terms of property/land.

We were able to submit the information and the name of the church was approved—***Igreja Graca mao de Deus de Mocambique***. Now we are waiting to receive the church registration certificate from the registrar's office.

WORK PERMIT

After obtaining the church registration certificate, we will start the process of getting our work permit. We are not yet sure of when it will be issued.

The church locations according to the provinces: ★



MINISTRY PLANS

I will now be going to Zimbabwe, and later in the month I will be heading to Mozambique where I will be conducting a tour of all the churches that have been established. We have almost 10 branches in the country and are planning to reach more areas before the end of this year while I am in Mozambique.

CURRENT GOALS

1. To visit all the established churches to share the vision on our church planting program.
2. To search for potential Bible School students for future training.
3. To identify more locations where evangelism work will be taking place.
4. To conduct training sessions and seminars to all laymen who are leading groups.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Being a new church in Mozambique, in accordance with the laws of the country, we need to have a ministry base for operation. I have done some surveying already and I found a very strategic piece of land where all the necessary structures can be built. The plot is only 600 meters from the main road. This is just to notify all my prayer partners to help us achieve our goals and support this vision for Mozambique by joining together in prayer as we determine whether that land should be purchased for future use.

The land will be able to accommodate Bible training facilities, missionary housing, church and missions offices, and much more as needed. It has plenty of space to do future development. I hope this will open up ideas from some of you. Feel free to share your views and comments via email at ksimtowe@gmail.com, and I will be happy to reply to your suggestions or comments. God bless.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Remember to pray for quick mastery for us as we learn a new language.
- Remember us also in your prayers as we continue to support our kids as they achieve their dreams of going to college and getting jobs.
- Please also uphold us in your prayers for safety and health issues as we serve God and His people.

THANK YOU

Finally, brethren, we will never tire of thanking you always for your financial support and encouraging words towards God's work and our family in general. We don't have words to express our gratitude for your generosity. May the good Lord continue to meet your needs for the sake of His name and ministry He has put in our lives. Remember, the MISSION is not yet over. Keep it up.

Thanks for your time,

Kennedy and Sophia