SIMTOWES HEADED TO MOZAMBIQUE

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savor Jesus Christ from the dusty city of Mbeya, Tanzania. Brethren, as you are aware, for the past two years we have been praying for our move to a new field, and there have been many challenges which we consider to be opportunities as we seek God's direction.

ZIMBABWE FIELD:
Zimbabwe was our first choice of where to move last year. After completing all the necessary steps by applying and submitting the papers for a work permit, the application was unfortunately turned down by the authorities without giving any reasons. We made an appeal according to the law, but it too was denied, so we had to accept the decision. I made several trips to Zimbabwe to address the matter with the church leaders and members, and I assured them of my commitment and continuation of working with them and encouraging them on a regular basis from outside the country.

MOZAMBIQUE FIELD:
After the failure of Plan A, we had to embark on Plan B. I made a trip to Mozambique in July for survey and research on the possibility of residing there on a permanent basis. We visited several government offices for advice and direction. The results of our findings were very encouraging. We took that information seriously and started moving forward. So far we have made very good progress, and now we are busy working on plans that will take us far into the future on this mission field.

MOVING PROCESS:
We are now shifting our thoughts, goals, and ministries from Tanzania to Mozambique. It is my pleasure to announce our move to Mozambique during this month of September. We are now busy trying to move things around in the house before our departure. Please pray for us during this very busy time.

CHALLENGES:
The most spoken language in the country is Portuguese, the official language. Our level of understanding this language is actually none, so in order to be effective in the ministry, we have decided we need to learn Portuguese first. We will be taking classes at language school in Maputo, the capital city of the country, during our first three months there.
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PRAYER REQUESTS:
- ***Pray*** our move and adjustment go smoothly and that God gives us safety as we travel.
- ***Pray*** for our kids to remain focused on their studies while we are gone.
- ***Pray*** for our learning of the new language to be smooth and that we are quick to master it.

THANK YOU:
Finally, allow me to convey our appreciation for the financial support and encouragement we have been receiving from you toward God's work through our family. Please keep it up because the mission is not over yet—we still have more to accomplish. We hope to send you our new address after we settle down in our new area.

May the good Lord be with you all,

Kennedy and Sofia