

SIMTOWE MINISTRY UPDATE



January 2019

Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Brethren, since my last update, a lot has happened in the ministry, so I am going to try to highlight the events which have taken place.

IN JULY I traveled to Maputo, Mozambique, to ship our belongings to Tete Province where we are planning to settle when our permit is issued. Tete is very hot place. We will be searching for a new place to settle down where we will be establishing the training facility for Mozambique leaders (we will tell you more about this later).

I visited my contact in Swaziland and I also visited the Livingstone church in Zambia. I have been in touch with this contact for several years now with the vision of planting a church in Swaziland in the future. My plan is when we are settled in Mozambique we will include Swaziland in our church planting program—the same as I did in Zimbabwe and Malawi when we were in Zambia in early 2000. It is my goal and vision to reach all the southern African countries with the gospel of grace as God permits.

IN AUGUST we held an evangelistic outreach campaign in Chunya District in Tanzania where we are helping to plant a church. When we are in Tanzania we are tirelessly supporting the efforts of reaching out to other areas. We have managed to plant one church and one more is soon to be planted.

IN SEPTEMBER we hosted Pastor Banana of Mozambique in Tanzania. He preached in several churches and also attended the youth conference. I was invited to be the guest speaker at the youth conference for the Grace Church in Tanzania. Sophia was invited to speak at the women's annual conference of the Grace Church.

IN OCTOBER I was invited to minister at the annual conference organized by two zones of the Grace Church of Tanzania. We traveled to Zambia to visit our daughter Stella, whereby Sophia and Cecilia remained for some weeks as I made more ministry trips.

NOVEMBER was busy as I was invited to attend the ordination and consecration of my best friend in Kenya. I traveled to Malawi and paid a visit to my fellow missionaries and church leaders. We conducted our annual leadership seminar for the Mozambique church leaders. This is a major annual event where we established the team we will be working with when we arrive in Mozambique in February 2019.

The new leaders took an oath to show their loyalty and readiness to work with our church as pastors and elders, and they also took an oath that said they were ready to be used to spread the gospel of grace in their areas. We are very excited and ready to help these men advance their gifts and skills by training them immediately after we settle in Mozambique. These men came from eight different churches, though some were representing some congregations which could not make it to the seminar. So we have an unconfirmed number of churches affiliated with our organization which has risen to over 25 following the visit which was conducted between October and November around the country. The actual figure will be available when we move in February.

As **DECEMBER** and the end of the year were fast approaching, I visited with and encouraged the brethren in Zimbabwe. They are experiencing some problems that are causing them to get discouraged and I wanted to remind them that God is good and He can do ALL THINGS! Then I finally joined my family in Zambia for the holidays.



People Kennedy has been ministering to



Annual Leadership Seminar



Kennedy and his best friend

MOZAMBIQUE MINISTRY UPDATES

We are in the final stages of our registration with the government. As you are aware, any process takes months or even years to be finished in this country. After we got our registration certificate, they asked for our organization to be advertised on the government website for the public to have easy access to us for enquiries and follow-up on our activities in the country. We just finalized all the payments, and all the papers are at the Ministry of Justice for endorsement. We are planning to move to Mozambique from Tanzania by February 2019—with or without the permit in order—to help push it through since we are allowed to live in the country for 90 days under a tourist visa. We can use that period of time to make sure the permit is issued.

MOZAMBIQUE MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- for the process of moving from Tanzania to Mozambique to go smoothly.
- for the availability of funds for the shifting and set-up costs.
- for the funds to purchase the land for a training facility.

MINISTRY PROJECTIONS/PLANS

1. A Bible training center is our first goal in order to upgrade the level of our current leaders in this country. The leaders are far behind in Bible knowledge and skills in leadership.
2. We want to continue with a church planting program using our evangelists. We are planning to begin training in March 2019.
3. We have developed the church calendar for 2019 church activities, and we hope to stick to that for better accountability for all of us—pastors, evangelists, national leaders, and all church workers together with the missionaries.
4. Leadership training, outreach programs, church visitations, youth conferences, women’s seminars/conferences and leaders seminar conferences are activities found in our calendar, which has already been communicated with our churches—those confirmed and unconfirmed. I will be printing the calendar and these dates soon.

FAMILY LIFE UPDATES

- ◆ Stella is still in the job-seeking process—nothing permanent has been found yet. She lives in Zambia at our home in Kabwe and still trusts God for her future endeavors. She is also involved in youth ministry at the Grace Community Fellowship. There is no engagement yet.
- ◆ Frank just graduated from college with an Electrical Installation Certificate and is at home in Tanzania. Although he gets some contracts, he would like permanent employment.
- ◆ Benjamin is in his second year at the University of Science and Technology in Mbeya, Tanzania.
- ◆ Cecilia’s graduation was held in Mbeya, Tanzania, after she successfully completed her primary education in August. She entered secondary education this month (January 2019).

NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to convey our appreciation for the timely support we receive from you as prayer and financial partners. We can only wish for God’s blessings to be upon you all. Remember that together we can make a great difference in God’s vineyard.

Because of Calvary’s love,

Simtowe Family



Kennedy, Sofia, and Cecilia