

SIMTOWE MINISTRY UPDATE



July 2018



Dear Prayer Partners:

We are back again to share what God has been doing in us and through us in His field for the past six months:

CHURCH REGISTRATION

It has been very slow and tiresome process. Sometimes we felt like quitting or withdrawing from the process itself, but through your prayers we were able to persevere and remain in the battle with the principle of “no retreat no surrender” until the battle of registering the church with the government was won.

We are glad to inform you that it is over now. On May 18, 2018, the registration certificate was released to the church officials. On Saturday, May 19, the church was officially launched in the presence of many witnesses from other churches and government officers.

GMI MOZAMBIQUE

Now that the church is successfully registered in Mozambique, we are looking forward to the process of registering GMI in the country for better partnership between the church and our organization. We are very optimistic that the process will be easier compared to registering the church because I have sold the idea to the religious department of the government and also to the registrar officials who have shown interest in assisting and also taking part in pushing it through on our behalf.



Pastor Banana signing the certificate



The official handover of the church certificate



A light moment with government officials



One of the congregations



*The Vintons and Simtowses
in Mbeya*



*Simtowses and Kempers during
their visit to Mbeya*

WORK PERMITS

We now plan to file the application forms for our work permit next month—again bare in mind that anything to do with the government officials is very unpredictable. So we need your prayers to accompany us and support us during this process. It may take a long period of time before it can be issued or approved. Our goal is to make sure that we have that permit before the end of the year so that we can set the date to move to Mozambique on a permanent basis.

CURRENT CONGREGATIONS

So far we are working with eight groups in three provinces. There is potential growth in the future when we develop our master plan for the church and ministry in Mozambique. People are ready and looking forward to that guideline being released enabling them to work freely.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

For the past two months we have been privileged to host two teams in our house. We started with Vintons and Eric Mango from Malawi, when Dr. Sam Vinton was visiting Tanzania in May.

Also this week we hosted the Kempers and the Capraris. We had wonderful time together as we shared the wonderful experiences we had in the work of God. It was good to see them after a long time.

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to express our gratitude to all of you for the support we always receive from you. Indeed we appreciate all the gifts you send to GMI for our living and for enhancing the work of God in the country of Mozambique. We run short of words when it comes to how we can thank each one enough. We can only pray like the Apostle Paul prayed for the people of the Philippians church, "...and my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory..." Amen. Keep it up, I am sure you have a reward in heaven. God bless you all.

In His Service,

Kennedy and Sofia Simtowe

*Left: the Caprari family with Kennedy
and Sofia Simtowe*

