

Report by Pastor Fernando Alfredo on his Missionary Trip to Ribaue and Nampula – September 2018

Pastor Fernando Alfredo returned from a successful and blessed missionary trip to Ribaue and Nampula. This was his second missionary trip to the North from Mocuba where he lives.

The pastor reported that he met the church members in Ribaue on Thursday 13 September and started working on the next day in Metacurini which is approximately 55 km from Ribaue. The area is in the bush and is not accessible by road. Pastor Fernando therefore had to follow the foot paths with his motor cycle. (see picture).



Pastor Fernando on his motor bike on his way to Metacurini

He reported that the Lord had guided him to talk about the heart of man. Who is controlling your heart? Satan or God's Holy Spirit? The pastor reported that his preaching's impact was great. People in the audience told him that they won't forget his words, they confessed their sins and they gave their hearts to the Lord. A few people brought their which craft things and they burned it in the name of King Jesus Christ.

Pastor Fernando also told about a person who had an insect in a bottle which he believed he could turn into a snake. The snake would then bite and kill a person. This person with the insect in the bottle brought it to Pastor Fernando and they both destroyed it.

On the second day (Saturday 15 September) he taught the church leaders and other church members what it requires to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ

On Sunday 16 September he travelled to Ilekwé, an area approximately 70km from Metacurini. There is no church and the elder of Metacurini asked Pastor Fernando to bring the gospel to the people. Many people came to listen. On the first day he also used the theme of the heart of man. People were excited to hear about it and the participation was very good. After a full day's teaching people came to him in the evening and asked him to teach them further about Jesus. The following day he continued with discipleship teaching.



The bottle with the insect which they destroyed



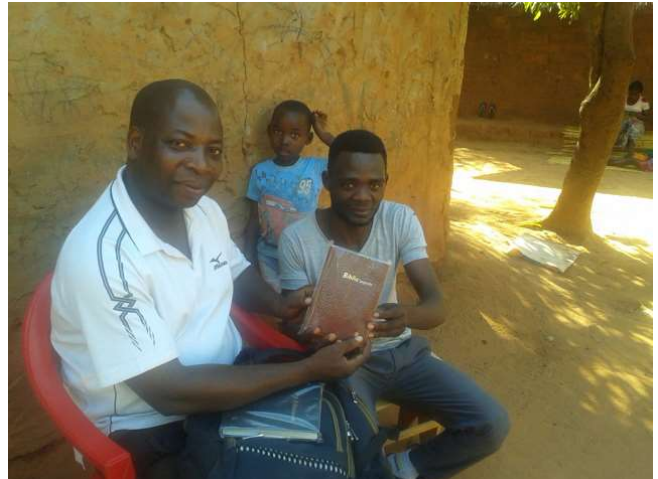
Pastor Fernando (Left) with a poster which he used to illustrate the heart of man

He taught them how to follow Jesus. When he eventually left, he donated two Bibles to the people of Ilekwé. At that point in time he was quite exhausted.

On Monday morning (17 September) Pastor Fernando travelled from Ribaue to Nampula. He found everything was going well. He went to Lino (the person of peace whom he met during his first missionary trip). He learned that he and the other new disciples meet regularly on Saturday and Sunday afternoons with Pastor Lourenco. This was wonderful news.

He gave the other two remaining Bibles to Lino and Gloria. Gloria and her husband Carlos are the neighbours of Lino and they also accepted Jesus as their saviour. They were all very happy to receive the Bibles. They will now use it in their lives for their spiritual growth.

Pastor Fernando had opportunity to evangelise a Daniels family. They also have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and saviour and made a commitment to follow Jesus and to learn from him. They will now meet with the other new believers to glorify God and thank him.





Challenges.

In Ribaue there are quite a few people in the church but they do not have Hymn books and there is no liturgy for the guidance of Sunday morning service. Please pray for this challenge so that it can be solved.

Also please pray for the youth ministry in Ribaue so that may they have also training for Sunday school catechism.