

# **Evangelism Outreach of Reformed Church Pretoria-Annlin in South Africa to Magodane and Gilé, Zambézia Province, Mozambique – July 2014**



**Mulela congregation of the Igreja Reformada Gilé**

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## **1. Introduction**

Jesus said to his disciples in Matthew 28: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of age”

These words inspired many churches to send their outreach groups to do evangelism work in other countries than their own. Over the years many outreach groups, also from South Africa, have visited Mozambique. The Reformed Churches of Pretoria-Annlin, Rustenburg, Pretoria-Totiusdal, were initially invited by the Reformed Church of Strand to accompany them in 2011 on an outreach to Mocuba, Zambézia Province. At that moment in time, the Strand congregation had already been working in Mocuba for more than a decade. In Zambézia and further north, there are approximately 3 million people who aren't as yet believers in the Christian faith and this motivated Strand to work in that area and form partnerships with the local churches of the Igreja Reformada em Mozambique (IRM).

After that joint outreach of 2011 by a number of reformed churches in South Africa, the Reformed Church of Pretoria-Annlin got involved with outreaches every year. In 2012 again jointly with the Reformed Churches of Strand and Rustenburg and thereafter on its own.

In 2013 the Pretoria-Annlin congregation was requested to specifically focus on the newly formed Niquide prayer house group under the Magodane congregation of the IRM. A group of missionaries of Pretoria-Annlin then visited prayer house groups of Magodane (inter alia Niquide) and Lugela in 2013. In 2014 the Pretoria-Annlin Reformed Church sent out missionaries again to the prayer house groups of Niquide and Natere of the Magodane Congregation and to the prayer house groups of Mulela, Iyona, Ngonha and Malema of the Gilé Congregation.

Both the Magodane and Gilé congregations are part of the Tumbine Synod of the IRM, who welcomes the visits of the outreach groups from South Africa. In this fashion a valuable partnership is formed between the reformed churches of South Africa and the IRM.

This report tells the story of the July 2014 outreach and all the wonderful blessings received from our Lord during the outreach.

## 2. The Outreach Group

### 2.1 South African members of the outreach group

The South African component of the outreach group comprised 6 members. Five of them were from the Pretoria-Annlin Reformed Church, i.e.:

- Dr (Pastor) Heinrich Zwemstra;
- His son, Cobus Zwemstra (Age, 10 years);
- Neels Slump;
- Johnny Beumer, and
- Johnny's wife, Andrie Beumer.

Reverent (Pastor) Danie Murray from a Dutch Reformed Church in Cape Town met the group in Mocuba. He accompanied the group to the Igreja Reformada in the Gilé area.



Johnny en  
Andrie  
Beumer



Neels  
Slump



Rev Danie Murray



Dr Heinrich  
Zwemstra



Cobus  
Zwemstra



The outreach group from South Africa.

## **2.2 Mozambican members of the outreach group**

When travelling to the Zambézia Province in Mozambique, the South African group passed Chimoio where they picked up Fernando Maganga (he is known by all as Maganga – his surname), a first-year student at the Hefsiba Theological School. The group arranged with Maganga to travel on his own from Vila Ulongue to Chimoio. This arrangement worked very well and Maganga was remunerated for his travel and subsistence expenses.

Another translator with the name Nakotta, joined the group at Niquide, Magudane. He was arranged by Pastor Jussa Passulane of the Magodane Congregation. Nakotta only assisted with the translations in Niquide and Natere. For the Gilé prayer house groups Pastor Danie Murray assisted with translations.



Nakotta (left) and Maganga (right)

Maganga's services were invaluable as he was proficient in eight different languages and was able to translate directly from English to Chuwabu or from English to Lomwe. This enabled the group to translate only once instead of from English to Portuguese and then again from Portuguese into the local language.

Together with the translators the group comprised 7 members.

## **3. Travelling to the congregations of the Tumbine Synod of the IRM**

It was decided to enter Mozambique via Zimbabwe because the group was advised that travelling along the south-north main road in Mozambique from the Save River up to Inchope would be unsafe. We would then had to have joined a military convoy as a result of

unrest incidents by Renamo terrorists which could have delayed the travelling by three days.

As the Pretoria-Annlin outreach group would have only travelled with one vehicle, they joined another outreach group from the Bloempark Reformed Church who were travelling with two vehicles and who were on their way to Pebane. Their objective was to encourage a permanent missionary couple, Cobus and Nadia Hattingh and to do some basic maintenance tasks on the house of the Hattinghs. By joining this group, the vehicles could assist each other when experiencing trouble along the road. This proved to be a good decision as the Landrover of the Pretoria-Annlin group had car problems at Catapu near Caia. The two groups also benefitted from each other at the many road blocks. Because Maganga was fluent in Portuguese, he travelled in the first vehicle and could explain to the officers that the mission was bona fide. The other vehicles were then also allowed to proceed without further questioning.

The Bloemfontein group departed very early on 27 June 2014 with two vehicles from Bloemfontein and when they passed through Pretoria, the Pretoria-Annlin group joined them. The two groups overnighted in Musina near the South-Africa/Zimbabwe border. They were hosted by family Sliep of the Reformed Church in Musina. Overnight points on the road to Magodane were Musina, Casa Msika approximately 40km beyond the Zimbabwe/Mozambique border and Catapu near Caia. On the way back overnight points were again Catapu, the Morgenster Missionary Station near Masvingo in Zimbabwe and Pretoria for the Bloemfontein group. The Pretoria-Annlin group arrived on Friday evening 11 July 2014 back in Pretoria and the Bloempark group the next day in Bloemfontein.

The trip to Magodane would normally take 3 ½ days and the 3 days as planned was an underestimation. On the journey to Magodane the travelling time became 3 ½ days anyway. On the way back they managed to do it in 3 days from Mulela but the group had to travel a long distance in the dark which is dangerous. The trips were tedious and in future a longer travelling time will need to be considered.



The vehicle of the Pretoria-Annlin outreach group

Coordinates were noted at each of the turn-offs to the visited congregations. They were as follows:

- Magodane: S17.24345°, E37.18914°
- Niquide: S17.24422°, E37.12691°
- Natere: S17.26225°, E37.23574°
- Mulela: S16.29012°, E37.89767°
- Iyona: S16.13921°, E38.14984°
- Nagonha: S16.17958°, E38.19253°
- Malema: S16.23884°, E38.29211°

The turn-off to Catapu near Caia, the place where people can stay overnight has the following coordinates:

- Catapu: S18.03937°, E35.19479°

#### **4. Outreach Objectives**

The objectives of the outreach were set through correspondence with the two local pastors before the outreach and these were discussed again with respectively Pastor Passulane and Pastor Pilima on arrival at each congregation. The objectives were accepted by all. They were:

- To advise on and assist the Niquide members with their new church building;
- To teach the congregation members how to spread the gospel in their community
- To assess the personal needs of the congregation members and to jointly bring the Word of God to the people and to pray together;
- To teach the elders, deacons and congregation members about stewardship;
- To work with smaller children and bring them the gospel through playing;
- To involve the entire community by showing them the Jesus film and other religious films

Primary objectives, not specifically discussed with the local pastors were:

- To be servants to do God's work;

- To build relationships;
- To be a reflection of God's love, and
- To listen and learn.

Whilst the spreading of the gospel to the non-Christians was also viewed as a primary objective, it was realised that it would be necessary to form partnerships with the local congregations to achieve this. The emphasis should therefore rather be to work together with the local churches and to equip them to spread the gospel further.

## **5. Interactions with Congregations**

### **5.1 Warm Welcomes and Love from Communities**

It is first and foremost necessary to describe what the outreach meant to the members of the outreach group themselves. They were again as in previous years received with so much love by the prayer house groups and with so much happiness that it touched the hearts of each and every member of the outreach group. At each of the prayer houses the visitors were warmly welcomed with singing. The visitors experienced the true happiness of the prayer house groups and one could clearly see God's presence amongst them.

No stone was left unturned to spoil the visitors. In Niquide the outreach group were given rice and a live chicken to cook while the women of other prayer houses of Gilé cooked a meal every day for the visitors.

The following further services were provided:

- The camping area was prepared and cleaned;
- A toilet and a bathroom was built from palm branches and palm leaves;
- Water was heated on a fire and carried to the bathroom;
- The visitors were permanently guarded during the nights by the church members;
- Water was continuously carried to the camping area for use by the visitors.



**Warm welcome by the singing members of the Mulela Prayer House**

At the visitors' departure, the prayer house groups further spoiled the visitors with their fruit, e.g. bananas, oranges, sugar cane, and cashew nuts. The visitors realised that they gave this with their hearts and this enriched the lives of the outreach group members more than anyone could describe. One gift that touched the hearts was a bowl with only one egg which was given at Niquide. The group had been informed on arrival by pastor Jussa Passulane of famine in Niquide as a result of recent floods, but still a congregation member was prepared to give away his/her only egg!



The Niquide congregation members presenting a chicken, rice and oranges

## 5.2 Learning how to spread the gospel

The outreach group taught the members of the prayer groups how to spread the gospel. Two methodologies were presented for the Gilé prayer house groups. The first one was done in line with Matthew 7:13 and 14 and by means of a two-way poster showing the wide and narrow roads and that Jesus Christ is the only access to the narrow road. The prayer groups assimilated the poster contents extremely well and lively discussion emanated from this session. A few volunteers were then given the opportunity to convey the gospel in their own words. A few Portuguese posters was then issued to each prayer house group.

The second methodology is based on the EE3 method where two questions need to be asked to a person, i.e.:

- “If you die today, are you sure that you will go to heaven and enjoy eternal life?”
- “If God asks you the question: “why should I allow you in My heaven”, what will be your answer?”

The congregation members were taught how to start such discussion and what to explain about God's grace, God's righteousness, man as sinner, Christ, faith, commitment prayer, follow-up work, etc.

In Niquide and Natere only the second methodology was explained as the Two-ways methodology was already done with Niquide last year.



Johnny explaining the Two-ways methodology



Dr Heinrich teaching the Two-questions methodology

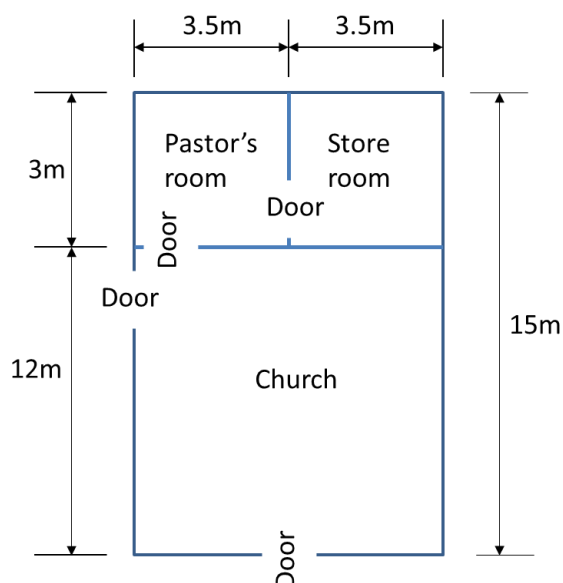
### 5.3 Stewardship

At Iyona and Mulela Neels led discussions on stewardship and taught them sound stewardship principles. We receive everything from God and everything belongs to God and we are his stewards. Care to the earth, the vegetation, the animals and people and care to God's church were the stewardship focus subjects.

The teachings on stewardship were very popular especially the topic on marriage. It seems that the congregations are experiencing problems with polygamy.

#### 5.4 Church Building at Niquide

During the Outreach of 2013 the outreach group and the prayer house group of Niquide jointly planned the new church building. They considered the needs and decided on a building of 15 m X 7 m. These measurements would then include two rooms of 3.5 m X 3.0 m each, so that the actual church hall would have a length of 12m X 7m. The one room would be used as a store room, while the other one would be the pastor's room for accommodating the pastor on his visits from Magodane.



**The church plan as decided in 2013**

The 2013 outreach group also brought a brickmaking machine and advised the Niquide congregation members to start making their own cement bricks. An amount of R3000.00 (approximately 9000Mt) was sent to Pastor Jussa via the Tumbine Synod in the beginning of 2014 to buy cement. The congregation carried the building sand all the way from the river and quite a pile of sand had been stocked. Not much progress was however made with the manufacturing of the cement bricks as the congregation members had no tools to prepare the cement and sand mixture. For the few bricks that were indeed moulded, the sand and cement were mixed and handled with the bare hands – an unhealthy situation.

When the outreach group of 2014 arrived, the Niquide congregation members elected among themselves three persons who would serve on the building commission. Their names are Nota, Manuel and Aurelia. Johnny and Neels then recapped the planning of the previous year and confirmed with the building commission that the needs are still the same. The building

commission were then taught how to mix the concrete and how to lay the bricks. The building commission were also equipped with some basic tools, i.e. Maganga's wheelbarrow donated by him, two spades, a spirit level, thick fishing line, a trowel, two pairs hand gloves and two pairs gum boots. The new equipment was bought the next day in Mocuba.

The foundation lines were then marked out on the next day and it was quite a celebration when the first sod for the foundation was turned. The congregation members were so excited that they dug the entire foundation trench within one day.

The building commission were then demonstrated how to mix the sand and cement for the bricks and how to mould the bricks. The outreach group brought additional wooden planks with them so that more bricks could be made on one day.

Pastor Jussa was then asked to arrange for crushed stone for the foundation. The following mixes were recommended:

Foundation concrete: 1 unit cement; 4 units sand and 4 units crushed stone

Bricks machine: 1 unit cement; 8 units sand

Mortar for brick laying: 1 unit cement; 6 units fine sand

After the trip to Gilé, the outreach group went to Niquide again on their way home. They saw that huge stones were placed in the foundation trenches and heard about the intention to fill up the voids with the concrete mix. This is apparently how most foundations for houses in Mozambique are laid. Although it won't be so strong as a concrete mix where small diameter crushed stone is used, it will suffice as long as the voids between the stones are properly filled with concrete and the stones are clean for proper bonding when the foundation is laid. Pastor Jussa submitted the outreach group with a receipt for the big stones and smaller diameter crushed stone. The amount was 12 500Mt of which 12 000Mt was donated by the Pretoria-Annlin Reformed Church and the remaining 500Mt by the Bloempark Reformed Church.



**A historical moment: Pastor Jussa turning the first sod for the church at Niquide (Magodane Congregation)**

## **5.5 Needle work**

The outreach group was too small and the programme was too full to fit in a special needle work programme for the women. The outreach group however brought with them the second hand-driven sewing machine which was faulty the previous year. It is now in perfectly working condition and both sewing machines are stored at Pastor Jussa's house. Congregation members who are skilled in clothes making are given the opportunity to work on the sewing machines. It is envisaged to help poor families in the church with clothes for the children. Alternatively the clothes that are made with the sewing machines can be sold on the market and the profits can be used for the building fund.

## **5.6 Work with children**

The boys of each prayer house group visited were issued with a soccer ball and the girls with a skipping rope and some tennis balls. Unfortunately there weren't enough translators to conduct a special youth programme this year. The outreach group were however aware of the youth programmes that were conducted by the Strand Reformed Church one week before this outreach. The children of the Magodane congregation therefore did get the necessary attention.

Cobus Zwemstra enjoyed playing with the children.

## **5.7 Film shows**

Films were shown in the evenings to the people from the prayer houses and other interested people in the vicinity. There was a huge interest in the films and 200 -300 people at a time came to watch it. The Jesus film from as narrated by Maria Madelena was shown in Portuguese in Niquide and Natere. Thereafter the film Times of Change, which was based on Farming God's Way was shown. This film was translated directly into Chuwabu by Maganga.

The DVD on Times of Change however got corrupted and the film Walking with Jesus was shown instead after the Jesus film to the Gilé prayer house communities. The original Jesus film was shown in Lomwe.

Chief Carmone of Niquide insisted that the Jesus film be shown on two evenings in his community and the outreach group met this request.



Huge interest for the film shows

The Jesus film was shown 7 times (6 different communities and twice in Niquide). It is therefore estimated that the films had been watched by 1500 to 2000 people and we pray that the Lord have touched the hearts of some of these viewers.

## **5.8 Discussions with Artur and Elisa Felisberto**

On 2 July Neels and Johnny went to Mocuba to buy the necessary building equipment for the Niquide church. They used this opportunity to visit Artur and Elisa.

Artur Felisberto and Elisa Zalimba are a married couple who live in Mocuba at the crèche of Bernadette Janssen. Elisa was the first woman who studied at Hefsiba from 2011 to 2013 and she obtained her qualification in children ministry. The Reformed Church of Pretoria-Annlin paid for Elisa's second and third year. While Elisa was studying, Artur was lecturing at the Hefsiba Theological School. When Elisa completed her study at the end of 2013, the couple moved to Mocuba at Bernadette's crèche. Bernadette was seriously ill at that point

in time had to go to South Africa for cancer treatment. She asked the couple to help at the crèche during her absence.



Artur and Eliza

Both Artur and Elisa got very sick in the first quarter of 2014. They were visited by Dr Kruger Du Preez, then the Dean of the Phycology Faculty at Hefsiba, just before his retirement. He made the Reformed Church of Pretoria-Annlin aware of their illness and the fact that, at that point in time, they had no food to eat. The deacons of Pretoria-Annlin then decided to send an amount of R2100.00 to Artur and Elisa to see them through this difficult time.

The purpose of Neels and Johnny's visit was therefore:

- To determine if there was any further need that they could report back to the deacons of Pretoria-Annlin
- To find out about Elisa's future plans in view of the fact that Pretoria-Annlin invested in her studies.

The couple were very glad to see Neels and Johnny (and Rev Danie Murray who translated from Afrikaans to Portuguese). They were also very thankful for the aid they received earlier in the year. They informed the visitors that the aid came just in time as they were in great need for food at that point in time.

Both Artur and Elisa are recovering well after their illness. Artur had problems with his lungs and he now takes medicine that he must use for 6 months. Elisa had a breakout of ulcers over her entire body, and that is also healing well. Bernadette Janssen recently returned from South Africa after approximately 10 months of treatment and she has now taken care of the couple. They are allowed to eat at the crèche. It therefore seemed that further aid from the deacons of Pretoria-Annlin wouldn't be necessary at this stage.

Artur and Elisa have the vision to start a crèche on their own. They bought a blackboard for 1000Mt (approximately R 330) of the R2100.00 which they received from the deacons and they see this as their first step towards fulfilling their vision. They had started to work with a

group of children who come to them two times a week. It is clear that they need a lot of guidance in this respect.

The pastor of the Assembly of God church in Mocuba of which Artur and Elisa are members asked Artur to become involved with equipping the Church Council members of the church. This will be good for Artur.

Elisa is very proud with her Hefsiba qualification which she showed to her visitors.



Elisa's diploma



Elisa holding her diploma

## 5.9 Discussions with Pastor Matique

While in Mocuba, Johnny had a discussion with Rev Danie Murray about the aid provided by the Deacons of Pretoria-Annlin to eight pastors within the area of the Tumbine Synod. Rev Danie had written an article in the Handevat Newsletter about the eight pastors whose families suffered from hunger. This prompted the deacons of Pretoria-Annlin to reach out to these pastors and to send the Tumbine Synod an amount of money for these pastors. This amount would sustain the pastors for 3 months. No feedback on the current situation had been received since then from the synod and the deacons of Pretoria-Annlin were not sure whether further aid was needed. Rev Danie and Johnny then phoned Pastor Matique in Milange who undertook to send a report as soon as possible to Pretoria-Annlin. Pastor Matique invited Johnny to pay a visit to the Tumbine Synod in Milange someday. If an outreach group of Pretoria-Annlin goes to Mozambique in 2015, it should be considered to travel through Malawi so that Pastor Matique can be visited on their way.

## 6. Identified needs

As the outreach group travelled from the one prayer house group to the other, they became aware of further needs and they will report this to the Pretoria-Annlin Evangelism Committee and Church Council. All these needs have to be laid before the Lord in prayer. Needs that have been identified are:

### 6.1 Further expenses on the Niquide church building

The Pretoria-Annlin congregation of the Reformed Church were in 2012 requested by Strand Reformed Church to help Niquide with their church building. This need was then discussed with Pastor Jussa in 2013 and it was decided that Niquide could be regarded as a priority growth point of the Magodane congregation. Planning on the church building started the same year. So far the Niquide prayer house group has been supported with the following amounts:

- Purchase of the land 4000Mt in 2013 (The price was 5000Mt, but the Niquide members contributed 1000Mt themselves).
- 20 bags of cement R3000 (approximately 9000Mt) early in 2014
- Large diameter broken stones and small diameter aggregate for foundation. 12000Mt in 2014 (Price was 12500Mt and 500Mt was contributed by the Bloempark outreach group).

Total buiding costs so far contributed by Pretoria-Annlin is 25 000Mt (± R8 300).

It is foreseen that all 18 bags of cement will be used for the foundation and that Niquide must further be supported with cement for the manufacturing of the bricks and for the mortar between the bricks. The sand will be carried from the river by themselves. The Niquide members will need further support with the roof. They envisage a corrugated iron roof. At least the store room and the pastor's room must have door and window frames so that those rooms can be locked. The estimated further cost is then as follows:

- Cement for bricks and mortar - 100 bags @ 450Mt per bag - 45 000Mt
- Concrete floors - 20 000Mt
- Roof pine rafters 114mm X 25mm - 45 000Mt
- Corrugated iron roof - 30 000Mt
- Door and window frames and two doors - 18 000Mt

**Total - 158 000Mt**

**i.e. approximately R 53 000**

It is recommended that the foundation of the church is completed with the material already on site. Thereafter the congregation can continue with making and laying the bricks. A request will be submitted by the outreach group to the Evangelism Committee and Church Council of Pretoria-Annlin to further support Niquide with cement and the door and window frames.

Once the building is at roof height it must be considered whether further funds will be made available for a corrugated iron roof.

It is assumed that all work (including the supply of sand) will be done by the congregation members themselves and that this will be their contribution to the church building.

## **6.2 Pastor Jussa's motor cycle**

In 2011 a few individual members of the Pretoria-Annlin congregation enabled Pastor Jussa to buy a motor cycle as he had to travel for long distances to his prayer house groups with a bicycle. When the outreach group arrived at Magodane, they found the pastor's motor cycle broken down. Pastor Danie Murray informed the group that the lifespan of the Chinese Lifo motor cycles on these roads is about 3 years and if you are lucky 4 years. Pastor Jussa's motor cycle lasted 2 ½ years.

The outreach team regarded this as problem that needed priority attention. The pastor cannot do his work without transport. They requested Pastor Jussa to obtain a quotation from a mechanic in Mocuba for the repair of his motor cycle to see if some more service can be expected from the vehicle. The quotation was 5800Mt (± R1 950) and Pastor Jussa was given the money to get the job done. The motor cycle is now in good working condition and an email has been received from the pastor to express his thanks.

## **6.3 Sun panel and printing equipment for Pastor Jussa Passelani**

Pastor Jussa submitted a letter to the Reformed Church of Pretoria-Annlin for assistance with a sun panel and printing equipment. There is quite a demand in his neighbourhood for an energy source for the charging of cell phones. Also for the making of photo copies and prints. Pastor Jussa sees this as an opportunity to earn some extra money to support his family. The aim for the pastor is eventually to become self-sustaining in respect of his family's cost of living.

The outreach group will make the congregation aware of these needs. Perhaps there is a member who wants to donate a sun panel, computer and/or printer.

## **6.4 Support for the family of Fernando Maganga**

Another letter had been received from Pastor Jussa in which he pointed out that our translator Maganga, who was a member of his church responded to his calling to study theology and in the process had given up his salary. Hefsiba succeeded to obtain a sponsor for Maganga's class fees, board and lodging (Maganga himself does not know who that person is). Maganga's wife and his 5 children (all daughters) also live with him at Hefsiba and Maganga doesn't have enough money to buy clothes for his wife and children and to pay the school fees and medical expenses. The Reformed Church Pretoria-Annlin was thus requested to supplement Maganga's support so that he can take proper care of his family.

Maganga indicated that he would like to be a missionary once qualified as a pastor (study takes 4 years) and that he would like to travel from congregation to congregation to teach the people about the gospel and to equip them to spread the gospel further in their communities. This is regarded as a noble vision and Maganga's has the talents to do this

work. The outreach team will therefore submit this request to the Pretoria-Annlin Evangelism Commission and Church Council.

### **6.5 Support to Pastor Pilima**

Pastor Pilima, who is serving 8 prayer house groups in the Gilé area is working under very difficult conditions. At one point in time he couldn't properly take care of his family and they had to go to sleep hungry. The situation improved since the pastor moved from Gilé to Mulela. He was now been able to do some subsistence gardening and feed his family. He however has to visit his prayer house groups by foot and the furthest is 90km! It takes him several days and he has to sleep along the road. This is lately affecting his health and he will not be able to sustain this practice.

The immediate need is to equip Pastor Pilima with a new motor cycle. The Chinese Lifo models are in the order of 20000 – 25000Mt ( $\pm$  R8 000). The better quality Hondas, Suzukis and similar are being imported from South Africa and are approximately 3 times as expensive. The cheaper Lifo is therefore recommended. This expense is seen as a priority as the pastor cannot continue to do his work by foot. The outreach team will submit this need to the Evangelism Committee and Church Council of Pretoria-Annlin. If the money can't be raised, a neighbouring congregation could possibly be approached with a request to sponsor the motor cycle.

### **6.6 Support to sister Olga Louise**

Olga Louise of the Ngonha prayer house was very ill when the outreach team arrived. She is 24 years old and had a dead born baby 4 years ago. Since then her health deteriorated. She regularly had to vomit and at occasions she fell unconscious. She visited the clinic in Gilé, approximately 30km from Ngonha and was issued with medicine but the clinic sister wasn't able to make the correct diagnosis. Olga needed to go to the hospital in Nampula for a better diagnosis otherwise she could die. She however first had to return to the clinic in Gilé to get a reference letter and then had to travel to Nampula. She was however too weak to travel on her own and a family member had to accompany her. The family didn't have the means to pay for the transport.

Andrie from the outreach team is also a deacon in Pretoria-Annlin and after negotiations with Dr Heinrich, it was decided to help the family of Olga so that she could get to the hospital. Discussions were consequently held with the family of Olga and an amount of 6000Mt ( $\pm$  R2000) was handed over to them to pay for the transport.

## 6.7 Request for prayer against ancestor worshipping in Niquide

Pastor Jussa Passulane told the outreach group that ancestor worshipping is a big problem for the Niquide area and he asked that we will pray to God that the people will realise that ancestor worshipping is nothing else then idolatry.

The group were taken to one of the offering places. People who believe in the ancestors place out food twice a year so that the ancestors can bless them for the coming season. This is sad as the people can see that the food goes to rot, but they still believe that their future wellbeing depend on the ancestors. We need to continuously pray to our Lord that these people will get the insight that ancestor worshipping is a false doctrine and that there is only one almighty God.



*A typical altar on which food is offered to the ancestors*

## 7. Retrospection and Evaluation

One week after the team returned to Pretoria, they met one evening to discuss the outreach, what would they have done differently and the way forward. The following points were made:

- It was overall a blessed and highly successful outreach;
- Every outreach team member learned a lot and received just as much enrichment from the outreach than the recipients themselves;
- One day at one prayer house is not long enough – should ideally be two days;
- Maganga played a vital role. The fact that he could translate directly from English to Chuwabo or to Lomwe was a huge advantage. He however had to work very hard, from early morning till late in the evening. A relief translator would have been useful;
- Date of departure for such an outreach should rather be a day before the start of the school holidays. The group took 5 hours to get through the Beitbridge border post;
- The journey should rather be spread over 3 ½ days instead of 3 days. The team had to travel in the dark at times which is not desirable;

- It is more ideal to have two vehicles. The Landrover and trailer had to be loaded to their full capacity and rides were uncomfortable at times;
- The Jesus film in the local language works much better than the Jesus film in Portuguese. The film Times of Change was received very well and can be used in future. At least two copies of each film need to be brought along. Maganga can perhaps translate the film once in the local language and a sound CD could be played instead of him translating lively each evening;
- A rest day needs to be arranged somewhere in the middle of the outreach. The continuous hard work over 15 days took its toll and the team was exhausted when they returned;
- Bible studies worked well. Turns can be taken to lead the studies and the guiding papers should be made available to the whole team;
- The team could have sung more, and;
- The work should be divided evenly among the team members.

#### **Way forward:**

- 10 minutes feedback will be given to the Pretoria-Annlin congregation on 27 July 2014 by Andrie just before the morning service;
- Comprehensive feedback will be given to an interest group on Saturday evening 23 August 2014. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The feedback will be divided up as follows:
  - o Journey – Neels
  - o Equipping the congregations – Heinrich
  - o Relations – Andrie
  - o Future perspective – Johnny;
- Report back to the Evangelism Commission will be done at their meeting on 5 August 2014 and to the Church Council at their meeting on 13 August 2014;
- A report (this report) on the outreach will be prepared and made accessible on the church's web site;
- Andrie will prepare an article on the outreach for the Kerkblad magazine;
- The needs described under Section 6 must receive attention;
- Progress on the church construction at Niquide, the well-being of Olga Louise and the aid to the eight pastors (par 5.9) should be monitored;

- Discussions on Skype should be held with the Strand congregation to coordinate the work;
- Discussions should be held with Hefsiba and Pastor Matique of Tumbine Synod if an outreach is taking place next year;
- Future involvement of Artur and Elisa with youth work should be considered, and;
- Possible support to Elisa with her youth ministry should be considered

## 8. Messages from Pastor Jussa Passulane and Pastor Estevão Pilima to the Pretoria-Annlin Congregation

### 8.1 Message from Pastor Jussa Passulane

I am Pastor Jussa Passulane from the Magodane Congregation. Greetings to all of you in South Africa. I am very thankful for the help which we are receiving from you and for the missionaries which you sent to us. I thank you for the support with the church building which we are now about to build.

I would like to use this opportunity to tell you about another difficulty. Our Magodane Congregation sent our child in Christ and his family to Hefsiba to study Theology. Maganga

does receive a subsidy for his studies but that amount is very low – not enough to support his whole family. He has to pay school fees for his kids, food, clothes and soap for personal hygiene for the family. I ask that you brothers in South Africa pray for Maganga and his family and that you financially support him so that he can finish his studies without a problem.



*Pastor Jussa (right) presenting his message and Maganga (left) translating.*

On behalf of the Magodane Congregation we ask you for more visits because the Lord is honoured through your visits here and your visits are a great blessing to us. More people hear the gospel and start to know God and we see the presence of God among us.

Also thank you very much for the wheel chairs which we received last year. The gospel is spreading very quickly.

I pray that the lord may give you the wisdom and possibility to come and visit us every year. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, I'm very thankful for you brothers.

## 8.2 Message from Pastor Estevão Pilima

I thank the group that came to visit us and also thank you to all the people who made contributions and enabled the group to come to us. We request that you will visit us again because your presence makes a great difference here. Your teachings have opened the minds of many of our congregation members so that they better understand the gospel. Our



*Pastor Pilima, his wife Virginia and three of their five children with Rev Danie Murray translating in front of the pastor's house*

congregation members will now look forward and not backwards anymore as a result of the teachings. We would like to see that the same people who planted the seeds also participate in the harvest. We would like to see that those people come again to see how these seeds that they planted grow as plants. Please pray for us and we will pray for you. This unity between us that has been formed must be kept strong and nobody must be able to destroy it. It is like we say about the marriage between two people – it has been instituted by God. For this reason we say thank you very much and greetings. May God bless you. Thank you.

## 9. Acknowledgements

We thank God above all, who made this outreach possible, let the group travel safely and blessed the work that was done

Many people worked together on this outreach. Only the 5 South Africans from Annlin that visited Mozambique were visible but it wouldn't have been successful without the support of a huge support group who stayed behind in Pretoria and who worked behind the scenes. This group had several tasks, e.g. assistance with the preparations, preparing food for the freezer, auditing of the finances, communication link between the outreach team and congregation (google group), etc. The support group also prayed continuously for the outreach team and for that we are very thankful.

People really opened their hearts and gave with joy. Some donors preferred to remain anonymous. We can only praise the Lord for the attitude of giving. We are sure that it will be understood that we cannot single out anyone. All donations, no matter how small, were highly appreciated.

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- For the sisters who baked rusks;
- For donations of soccer balls, crayons, skipping ropes, tennis balls, paper, flipchart paper and pens and other similar items;
- For financial donations, and;
- For your prayers.

