



Mozambique Ministry by Eric Gephart

New Missionaries

Several years ago, a delegation from Mozambique came to Namikango asking if missionaries could be sent to them. They said there was much work that needed to be done and wanted to know how they could get a missionary who could live and minister in their country.

Namikango's response at the time was that no missionary was available. However, we were willing to train Mozambican teachers at Namikango on how to be a missionary. Two men were selected for this goal. One represented the Milange area, and the other represented the Gurue area. These two men came to Namikango and lived at the Mission for over two years, learning as much as they could about Namikango's ministries, Bible studies, training and learning about church leadership and the role of a missionary. Finally, last September, it was time to return these men to the churches in Mozambique.

Since returning, they have been serving in that ministry and learning what missionary life is like. They have worked to establish strong leadership among the churches there and to introduce new skills in community development.

Teacher Refresher Course

At the end of February, the Namikango Bible Team traveled to Mozambique to host the *Annual Teacher Refresher Course* in Milange. This annual meeting brings together all the Bible teachers who will be teaching in the Village Bible Schools in Mozambique.



Refresher Course for Teachers

We offer refresher courses for the coming academic year. Namikango has two Bible Centers there: one in Milange, a trading town on the border between Malawi and Mozambique; and Gurue, a small town deep in the heart of Mozambique. Teachers from both Centers traveled to Milange to participate in the two-day training.

Along with the training materials, the Bible Department shared other valuable information like updates and plans/goals for this year. Additionally, the team was able to sit with representatives from different communities to discuss questions they had and the best way to move forward.

After the course was completed, the team traveled to Milange and Gurue to talk with the new missionaries and to hand them over to the churches in an official capacity. It was with much joy that the churches received their men back, exclaiming, "We finally have missionaries!"



**Namikango
Outpatient
Center
Ready to
Open Soon**

Out Patient Clinic by Ben Hayes

Construction of the Out Patient Clinic **is nearing completion**, with only a set of outdoor toilets remaining to be built. The next step is to equip all of the rooms with the furniture and equipment necessary for use as a clinic. We are currently working on this, moving the supplies in from the container shipment we recently received. We will be acquiring the remaining needs locally as well as purchasing the initial installment of medicines to open the clinic. Having a supply of medicine will be a blessing, as medicine is difficult to find if you are not in one of the larger cities. The purchase of these medicines will cost approx. \$1,215. If this is something you would like to help with, please let us know.

A Blessing for Ntonda School

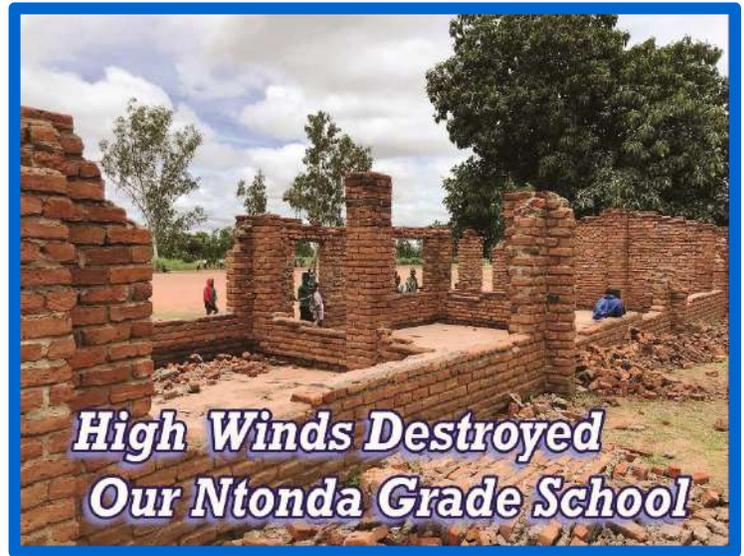
Last month, we reported that Ntonda Primary School was damaged by heavy winds during a storm. It resulted in the destruction of five classrooms.

We are grateful to report that we received generous responses from many of you, resulting in a total amount of \$70,000. This will allow us to begin plans for rebuilding the school.

We have already worked with an architect and contractor to design another five-classroom block. We should be able to start the building next week.

The students who lost their classrooms have been holding classes under the trees. However, when it rains, they must move inside and squeeze together with other classes in the undamaged section. This has put considerable strain on the teachers and has slowed the learning process. Because of this, we are deeply grateful for the quick response which will allow us to rebuild and to have bigger and even better classrooms than before.

The completion date (if more rains don't delay us) will be the beginning of June. What a blessing it has been to see how God has worked through each of you to support this school.



We are grateful for the funds given so quickly, and trust that we will receive the remaining \$30k needed to complete the rebuilding. Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Ryan Hayes

Well for Villagers

TO: Namikango Mission **FROM:** Bob & Lynne Williams

Several weeks ago, the Newsletter published a story about women in a remote village who had to walk a long distance--twice each day--to get water. Lynne and I were touched by the story, and we have several questions.

What is the probability that there is an aquifer with potable water beneath the village?

What would it cost to put in a well in that village?

If we made a donation to cover part of the cost of a well, would others help make up the remainder of the expense?

Please keep up your hard work! The plans for the near future sound excellent. I trust that the Lord will see these through.

Bob & Lynne Williams

Bob & Lynne,

I referred your inquiry to Ben and he tells us that drilling wells is a really good ministry and is especially needed at the Mission.

We share your compassion for these folks in need. We are not able to drill in the area now. We do not have equipment or representatives in that area at this time. But we see people in need of water daily in the villages nearby and we are working hard to provide precious water that is needed for them.

If you are interested, we could put your support (and any others interested in this) towards the water we're trying to provide for the villages in our area. There is no public water available for the villages surrounding us. These villagers walk long distances of a mile or more, to get a bucket of water from the Mission supply, and we gladly supply it for them.

Our water needs are strained for the Mission Bible School, the Maternity Clinic, and for the villages around us. Water is a precious item and expensive to maintain. Our water needs are growing because our ministry and outreach is growing; we are trying to raise crops to be more self-supporting and we



need a second well to help accommodate all of these needs -- for our own needs as well as the nearby communities'. We could use some help in our efforts to make water available for a lot of people.

If you would be willing to put your funds towards this project, it would be incredibly helpful! The areas of need are as follows:

- 1. \$4,000 - cost of drilling the well with pump installed.*
- 2. \$1,600 - cost of a small 1,000-liter water tank to store the water so that it can feed the taps and irrigation.*
- 3. \$1,980 - three large 5,000-liter tanks*
- 4. \$300 - piping, water taps, and watering stations for villagers at two locations.*

We would appreciate and could certainly use your support for providing water here.

Blessings, Sidney



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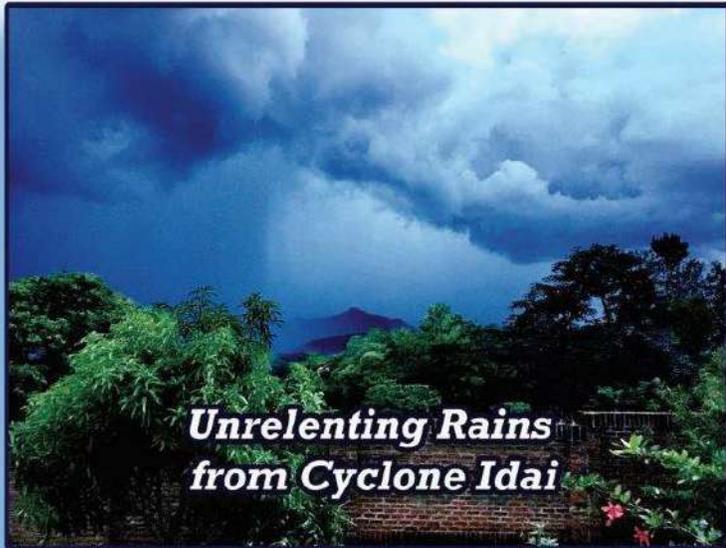
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Unrelenting Rains by Ben Hayes

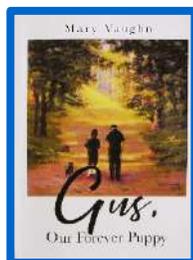
Malawi has been hit in the last few weeks by a storm that produced four consecutive days of continuous rain. The last time I remember anything like this was when it flooded in 2015. While this flooding in terms of rising water levels isn't quite as bad as that time, it is still devastating for many people in Malawi. The gov't. declared a state of national emergency this week. Many mud homes were damaged by the unrelenting rains. Villages near rivers and lakes experienced more pronounced flooding. The death toll to date is 45. Closer to home, four of our staff members had homes partially destroyed by the rains.

We continue to receive word from churches about the effects of the rains and flooding in their communities.



BBC News: A severe Cyclone "Idai" tore through Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, with 100-mile-an-hour winds and heavy rains.

*The latest report from Ben is that **Idai** veered south and the impact on Malawi was less than first expected. It did hit Mozambique, south of the Mission, and there are reports of over 100 deaths.* sv



Sidney and Anita,

Your nephew (*my beloved husband*) Paul loved you so much, especially your dedication to mission work.

I have just published my first book "Gus, Our Forever Puppy," and 10% of every book sold will go to Namikango Mission.

Your nephew was a great man - at least in my opinion. He never complained about his cancer. He is now with Jesus worshipping before the Throne of God!
Blessings, *Mary Vaughn*



In loving memory of

Thelma Clark

Lois J Lenzen

We are so pleased to let you know we are able to raise our contribution by \$100 per month. We pray you are able to use these funds to help the work at Namikango Mission. We send our love and prayers for all. [Crescent Park Church of Christ](#)

The [Brady Avenue Church of Christ](#) in Brownwood closed on November 24, 2013. We have recently sold the building and property and would like to donate a portion to help benefit Namikango Mission. God bless you in your work.

Coffee Processing Facility

The coffee processing facility is moving along. We hope to see it completed by June. Once it is completed, we will be able to move the new coffee bean roaster (just received in the container shipment) into the building and prepare for the coming harvest. The coffee cherries are green on the trees at the moment, with harvest time coming in May-July. We're looking forward to having a product so we can begin marketing this year.

Our goal with the coffee and with other projects is to provide a level of self-support for Namikango. We teach the people here to become self-reliant and we want to set an example for them. [Ben](#)



The Coffee Facility Building is Underway

Be sure to watch the amazing Mission video!

<https://vimeo.com/174889961>

Ongoing Prayer Requests

We ask for your continued prayers.

- Pray for the team in Malawi
- Pray for the Board of Directors
- Pray for the 2019 Capital Campaign Fund Drive
- Pray that every outreach effort will result in the salvation of souls

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