

LOVE-LINK

September 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In our last prayer letter, we shared the needs of conducting Bible conferences in Mozambique. God has answered those needs in a wonderful way and three conferences have taken place this year through your kind donations. It has been a significant year for us in more ways than one way.... Our local church is celebrating its 200th anniversary, we have the privilege of being grandparents and at the same time, significant developments are taking place in our work overseas. Please do continue to pray for us.

MOZAMBIQUE

In April pastor Elias Lima travelled from Portugal to Mozambique in order to conduct "Equipping Pastors Worldwide" conferences. Through the help of Janet Pythian, who encourages sustainable farming in Dondo, we were able to hold an EPW conference in that region for the first time. Pastor Pinheiro, a gifted Angolan brother, taught alongside Elias. Subsequently, Pastor Pinheiro asked if EPW conferences can take place in Angola, as he has good contacts there. Please would you pray about this exciting new development.



After Dondo Elias travelled to the north and despite a long flight delay and just two hours of sleep, he took a 6 hour bus journey to conduct the second year of our course in Mocuba. This time he was teaching alongside two Mozambican brothers. It was the first time for Pastor Calisto to teach our course. Elias was gladdened as Calisto opened up what it means to be a pastor after God's own heart. The Mocuba conference was particularly encouraging as there were a significant number of key pastors and leaders present.

We praise God that not only did we provide physical food and accommodation for the men but we were able to provide good spiritual teaching and books for all those who participated. Thank you for your generous giving. At the end of the two conferences Elias returned to the south of Mozambique and conducted a two-day church conference with significant numbers present at the church of Pastor Pinheiro in Maputo.

In July Andrew traveled to Portugal to meet with fellow UFM missionary Leonardo Moraes in order to travel together to Mozambique. Unfortunately, the African airline they had booked with cancelled their flights and put them on an alternative airline 24 hours later. This new flight went via Angola and meant that they lost a day of their schedule. However, Leonardo was still able to preach at the FIEL conference in Nampula with about 500 present. Leonardo also went on to teach at the newly formed seminary in Nampula. I myself was given an opportunity to preach at a local church in Portuguese. My message was translated into the local language, Mocuba. This was a new

experience for me. Then from Monday through to Thursday myself, Leonardo, and two Mozambican pastors taught the fourth year of the EPW course to 40 men. Almost all of our men were less than 40 years of age and several showed not only a good understanding of the word of God but great passion and desire for the gospel.



My task was to help the men consider the Genesis text regarding the life of Joseph. In groups, the men had to prepare messages on various passages by discovering the main point of the passage, and then dissect it with clear points ready to preach it. The men took it in turns to present at the front and the majority showed a good understanding and applied the text correctly. Leonardo taught the continuity and discontinuity of the two covenants, and one of the African pastors looked at the spiritual life of the Pastor. At the end the men did a test and all received a certificate as well as a book. Our top student was so moved to receive two books and said that these are the first two Christian books that he had ever received



Before our EPW course began Leonardo and I spent some time with Nelio and Iza in their home. We have mentioned this couple before. Nelio and his wife are Mozambican missionaries who are seeking to serve God in a 95% Muslim tribe in the far north of Mozambique, the YAO tribe. Presently they are living on an AIM base and Nelio is doing some accountancy work for the mission as well as preaching in local churches. Nelio has already taken our EPW course and taught it to others. We are looking to provide regular support for them so that they can move to Niassa and begin their work. We need eight people or churches to pledge £50 a month and this will be enough for them to live on. Perhaps you could consider this. If you would like to give please could you get in touch with me and I will send details.

TABOR BAPTIST CHURCH

Our home church goes back to 1649 when a group of believers met in a small village near to Llantrisant. After various moves it was decided to build on the top of a hill in Llantrisant. This year is the 200th anniversary of the building. We thank God for his faithfulness to us. We began our celebrations with an evening with the Cambrensis Christian choir. It was a night of testimony and song. At the same time over £1000 was raised for Nelio and Isa in Mozambique. Then, at the beginning of the summer, we held a garden party with old and new friends of Tabor in attendance. One of our deacons shared the history of the church and a local Pastor sang some gospel songs. Both of these events were a time of joy and rejoicing.

Now on **Saturday 21st September at 3 pm** we will hold our main anniversary service with Ian Parry from Cardiff preaching. On that same weekend Phil Swann from Llanelli will be our preacher on the Sunday. We trust that over the weekend we will be able to reach out to the community around us and that God would be pleased to bless with salvation. Our church is becoming increasingly diverse with folk from



overseas in attendance as well as new faces coming along. A great need is for God to come in power amongst us and make us a bright and shining light for him.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

At Tabor Baptist Church, we have had the privilege of investing in a few young men. Tom Green from the USA had a summer placement with us and Brazilian, Henry de Oliveira, two years of training. Henry is now pastor in Ystrad Mynach. Over the last year Josh Wallice from Wales has had two short placements with us. He and his wife Mandy are now to begin Bible college in Holland before going on the mission field. Please pray for them. It is our desire to see others trained in the ministry at the local level. Please pray for us that God would send the right people.

At the same time we want to be useful to the church worldwide. Pray that as doors of ministry open we will be wise in knowing which ones to take and which ones to support others in. Andrew's first calling is to pastor the local church and he has to be careful not overstretch himself with other activities. Pray for great wisdom in this.

Once again, we want to thank you for your continued support in so many ways. Do drop us a line if you are able to. It is always good to hear from you.

Wishing you every blessing in Christ – Andrew and Jenny Love

If you would like to give to Nelio and Iza in Mozambique please let us know and we will send details of how to support them. Thank you



We are delighted to invite you to

200th anniversary celebrations

TABOR BAPTIST CHURCH

PREACHER: IAN PARRY

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 3PM

Follwed by a buffet tea

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All welcome

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