



Telling of His Wonderful Deeds

Mission Newsletter of Doug & Debbie Crawford

*Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
-Psalm 96: 2,3*

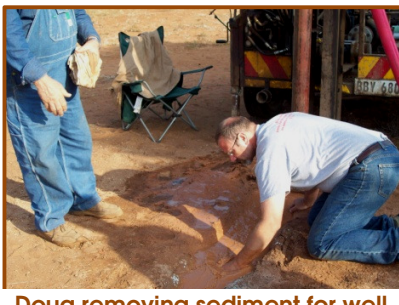
Water...both physical and most importantly spiritual was the theme of our past two outreaches. After a four day break in Polokwane, we returned to Mozambique to the village of Tchale. This village is about 3 hours into Mozambique. Doug did a great job crossing the river for the first time with the large Man truck. This would be the second year in a row that a team from Paulann Church of San Angelo, Texas would minister here. This village has a passionate pastor named Highway. We learned why he has this name as he led Doug and I with our translator through two cattle fields and many winding trails on hut visitations. He has a remarkable testimony which I will share more of on our website. Each day ministries continued to grow. There were 165 children, 13 men and 60 women for Bible teachings.



Pastor Highway leading church in Praise & Worship

Doug worked alongside Sean Mullin of Samaria Mission, along with Benny and Diane Williams who have been

short-term missionaries with Samaria Mission for years, in his first well drilling. We were able to provide fresh, clean water at the dry river bed and then began work on another well in the village but were unable to complete it.



Doug removing sediment for well preparation

We said goodbye to the Paulann team and were supposed to travel from Tchale to the village of Salani. Instead we found ourselves in Dumela with a broken wheel bearing on the Man truck. It took a few days for Gabriel Pretorius, another full-time missionary, to travel back to Polokwane and return with the needed part. We and our fellow

missionary team made up of Mark & Alicia Raley with their two children, short-termer Logan Henke, Sean, Bennie and Diane stayed 3 nights in the Dumela church. The men worked hard on repairing the wheel and we were finally able to get back on the road.

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.

-John 4:13, 14



Cooking by flashlight in Dumela church with Diane & Alicia

Salani is about an hour and a half from the Mozambique border. This village had not been visited in a few years. Two small teams, one from May church in Texas and the other from Centerview church in North Carolina, joined together to share God's word with them. At first the people seemed hard-hearted and disinterested but we believe that through prayer and hut visitations God began to penetrate the spiritual darkness. At the end of the week, William Vaughan, the director/missionary of Samaria Mission, shared a powerful message from Luke 16 of the rich man and Lazarus. He challenged those who believed they were followers of Christ or wanted to follow Christ to stay after the service. Many did and Joseph, another fellow missionary, and William began to speak to them about their commitment and then encouraged them to pray on their



**Doug sharing a message from
Philippians 3**

Benny will return next week to finish that one.

own their own their heart's desire to the Lord. How beautiful was the sound of more than 30 men, women and children on their knees pouring their hearts out to God in unison. They have no church or pastor. We were able to leave them with 3 sets of bible teaching tapes with recorders for them to gather in groups and listen to.

We were also able to provide them with a well near the river. Another

one was also dug in the village. Sean and



Dedication of the Salani well

We had some ups and downs as we adjusted to camp life and our Samaria Mission family, but we returned to Polokwane with a steadfast heart knowing that this is where God wants us to be. We give Him praise for His work in us through these outreaches and most of all for His work in the hearts of the Mozambique people.

Our Prayer Requests:

- ❖ God will direct us to a reliable vehicle for Mozambique roads that will be within our price range
- ❖ Doug leaves with the men on Mon. the 29th for leadership training in Xicumbane & Dumela. Pray for their safety in traveling and for the pastors/leaders in attendance
- ❖ William & Sean will be traveling to Maepai with Pastor Albert & Pastor Robert to meet with government administrators to discuss waiving the high tax on the orphan food that is brought in by Samaria Mission each month

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If God leads you to be a part of His work through us in Mozambique, you may send a check payable to our local church or to MEEK:

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Praises: Our continued good health, finally in our new home, God's provision in many different ways and through many people in setting up our home...more on that next month

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