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CHURCH REBUILDING AND COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTRE



When we first visited Pastor Obete and the Church of Jesus Christ Eloi in Xai-Xai, we were deeply moved by the condition of the church building. The structure was constructed primarily from reeds and other temporary materials. The walls offered little protection from the elements, sunlight streamed through the gaps, and there were no secure doors or windows to protect the building and its contents. Despite these challenging conditions, the church remained a place of worship, prayer, and hope for the local community.

In January, severe storms and flooding affected many parts of Mozambique. During these storms, the church suffered extensive damage when the roof was completely blown off, leaving the congregation without adequate shelter for worship services and community activities.

A Vision for the Future

Pastor Obete dreams of replacing the temporary structure with a permanent church building that will serve not only as a place of worship but also as a centre for community upliftment.

The long-term vision includes:

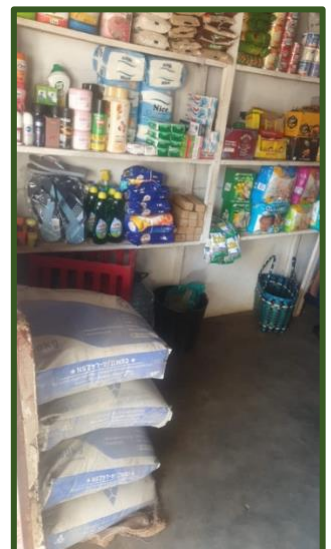
- A steel structure with a secure roof. The estimated cost of the steel structure alone is approximately **R30,000**, a significant amount that is currently beyond our available resources.
- Cement brick walls to provide safety and durability.
- Lockable doors and windows.
- Additional rooms to serve as a training centre for community development projects.
- A sewing training programme for women to develop practical skills and create income-generating opportunities.



Building One Step at a Time

Although we do not yet have the funds needed for the steel structure, we believe in taking steps of faith and building with what is available.

Justus and myself have committed to purchasing **four bags of cement each month**. These are being used to manufacture cement bricks, allowing the project to move forward while we trust God for the funds needed to complete the next phases of construction. Rather than waiting until all the funds are available, we are laying the foundation now—one brick at a time.



Empowering Women Through Skills Development



Pastor Obete has a passion for equipping women in the community with practical skills that can help them provide for their families. We have already received donations of **two sewing machines** and hope to expand this programme significantly in the future.

Once the training centre is completed, we envision a sewing classroom equipped with up to **ten sewing machines**, where women can receive training in sewing, alterations, and garment making. This initiative has the potential to create sustainable income opportunities and strengthen families throughout the community.

How You Can Help

The rebuilding of the church and training centre is a long-term project that will require the support of many partners. Contributions towards cement, building materials, the steel structure, roofing, doors, windows, sewing machines and sewing equipment will help turn this vision into reality.

The first signs of progress brought great excitement to the congregation. After we donated the first four bags of cement, church members sacrificially contributed enough funds to purchase two additional bags. With renewed hope and enthusiasm, they began making bricks for the new building. It was inspiring to hear about their unity, commitment, and pride as they took ownership of the vision and worked together to build for the future.