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FIRST POST AT CAM'S NEW OFFICE

by Kym Delport

The very first post to arrive at our new office address was not a bill, a form, or official paperwork – it was a card from one of our supporters, containing £10 for chocolates or biscuits for the admin staff, along with a note thanking the team for all the hard work involved in the office move.

"What a lot of hard work and rearrangement must have gone into moving into another part of Preston! Thank you for it. Please treat yourselves to a box of chocolates or biscuits."

Although none of the admin staff have met the senders personally, their thoughtful gesture brought real encouragement to the team at a particularly busy time. After weeks of packing, organising, overcoming frustrating legal hold-ups, transporting files and equipment, and trying to settle into a new working environment, this simple act of kindness was warmly appreciated.

It was a small gift in monetary terms, but a deeply meaningful one in spirit. It reflected something we are continually thankful for – the heart of our

supporters. Behind the prayers and financial giving are people who genuinely care about those serving in the ministry and who take the time to encourage others in simple, practical ways.

For the staff team, receiving this as the first post at our new office felt especially fitting – a reminder that Christian mission is built not only through major projects and important decisions, but also through kindness, encouragement, and faithful partnership.

We are deeply grateful for all CAM supporters whose generosity reflects such warmth and Christ-like thoughtfulness, and we thank the Lord for the encouragement His people so often bring to those serving in the work.

Please do make sure you have our new address noted in your records so that any post you send will reach us safely at our new offices.

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▲ CAM's new base



▲ The generous gift arriving

SEEDS OF HOPE GROWING IN CHIMOIO, MOZAMBIQUE

by Kym Delpont

An eager greeting from each class ▲

Last April, Nick and I had the privilege of visiting the work in Chimoio, Mozambique, led by CAM missionaries Wanderley and Rosaria da Silva. Although the trip was primarily an audit visit - an opportunity to see firsthand how the ministry is operating and how funds are being used - it quickly became much more than a checklist exercise. We found a thriving centre of learning, discipleship, and community transformation.

From the moment we arrived, we were met with warmth and enthusiasm. The Baruk Centre was buzzing with activity on both days we visited, with classrooms alive with eager children and staff working hard to create opportunities for the next generation.

A school bringing hope

The school is at the heart of the ministry, which serves around 330 children through its pre-school and primary programmes. In a community where opportunities are limited, the school has become

highly valued by local families, with demand for places exceeding capacity.

Walking through the classrooms, it was encouraging to see the visible improvements made in recent years. New desks, maintained buildings, and expanded classroom space all demonstrate careful stewardship of the resources supporters have provided.

Like many mission schools, however, there are ongoing challenges! Recruiting and retaining good teachers is difficult when finances are stretched. Despite this, the ministry continues to flourish and provide a stable learning environment.

Beyond the classroom

What makes the work especially exciting is that its vision reaches far beyond traditional schooling. Each afternoon, literacy classes are held for the wider community, and there are plans to introduce practical skills courses later this year - including



▲ Warmly welcoming the Delponts!



▲ Wonderful hosts Wanderley and Rosaria



▲ Students on the literacy course

tailoring, plumbing, electrical work, IT, and cooking classes focused on cassava-based nutrition. These initiatives are designed to equip people with skills that can strengthen families and improve livelihoods.

Alongside this practical ministry is a strong commitment to discipleship. Each Saturday morning, the Bible school gathers to train church leaders and believers for ministry. Eighteen students are currently enrolled in the structured two-year programme, which provides certification through a Brazilian church partnership – an important recognition for pastoral ministry in Mozambique.

This is clearly not simply about running programmes, but about investing in people spiritually and practically.

Stewardship in action

One important aspect of our visit was to ensure that funds sent from supporters are being used effectively and appropriately. It was encouraging to see clear evidence of careful stewardship.

During our visit, work was underway to install a borehole to improve access to reliable water, and a motorbike purchased through CAM funding will help support transport and ministry logistics.

Looking ahead

There is also excitement about the future. The Ferreira family are hoping to join the ministry later this year, subject to visa approvals and support raising. Their arrival would significantly strengthen the team and the long-term development of the work.

A ministry worth supporting

Like many mission projects, the work in Chimoio depends heavily on faithful donor support. The aim here has never been profit. This is mission in its truest sense: serving vulnerable communities in Jesus' name.

School fees from families cover only a fraction of operating costs, and around 30% of students are unable to pay fees at all. A child sponsorship programme currently supports around 25 of the 330 children enrolled, highlighting the continuing need for support. For just £15 a month, supporters can help provide education and opportunity for a child who might otherwise go without.

Yet what stood out most during our time in Chimoio was not financial need, but visible impact. Lives are being changed through education, practical support, and the faithful sharing of the gospel. The work is active, valued by the community, and full of potential for the future.



▲ (from top) Drilling begins for the new borehole; Wanderley ready to ride

As we left, we carried with us a strong sense of encouragement and gratitude – grateful for all that God is doing through this work, and confident that the seeds being planted in Chimoio today will bear fruit for many years to come.



TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

by Gordon McKillop

'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.'

Proverbs 22:6

During April, 29 Sunday school teachers gathered to be taught about communicating Scripture and Bible stories to children in a meaningful way.

Work left undone

It came to our notice some years ago that many churches had stopped running Sunday schools completely for various reasons. Teaching children at Sunday school in African culture is, very sadly, often considered to be a somewhat insignificant role. Some of this attitude can be traced back to a period, within the last 40 years, when many children died young. It was not at all uncommon to ask a parent how many children they had, and one would hear a similar reply, for example, 'eleven children but six have died'. Children were hidden away and often locked in houses at times of funerals for fear that they would be exposed to the 'death spirit'. One wonders how parents could ever have survived the terrible loss of their much-loved children. The often-unspoken cultural concept emerged that investment of time in the young, who had a very uncertain future, was futile.

At a basic level, when child mortality is high, families (and churches) may expect that not all children will

survive to adulthood. We have learned that it is not about lack of interest in teaching children in Sunday school but is more about individuals finding time regularly to invest in children and being honoured for their commitment.

An essential ministry

Thankfully, when child mortality declines, a new pattern develops, and families tend to have fewer children and therefore invest more in each child's education. As survival becomes more certain, the perceived value of long-term investments like schooling and Sunday school increases. This is where we are today in 2026.

The students heard again the importance of teaching children consistently and being their friend. Much time was spent on various teaching methods, so that all could learn to teach the Bible in a way that children could easily grasp, after which certificates were awarded.

Pray with us that churches will, once again, see the great importance of teaching children in Sunday school and embrace the long-term impact that this can have in children's lives.



▲ Teachers learning together



▲ Practising newly learnt skills



▲ Eager to attend Sunday school



20,000 MORE BIBLES

by Kym Delpont

The hunger for God's Word in the Democratic Republic of Congo continues to be both humbling and deeply encouraging. In September 2024, through the generosity and prayers of supporters, 9,500 Kiluba Bibles were delivered to help equip churches, pastors, evangelists, and believers across the Kiluba-speaking region. We have been amazed by how quickly these Bibles have been snapped up, showing once again the deep desire many people have to read and study the Scriptures for themselves.

The way, the truth, the life

In communities facing poverty, uncertainty, and hardship, the Bible brings hope, truth, encouragement, and the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. Many pastors minister faithfully with limited resources, and for countless believers, receiving a Bible is a treasured and life-changing blessing.

Because of this urgent and ongoing need, we are now placing an order for 20,000 additional Bibles through Bible Society. The Bibles will be printed in South Korea before beginning the long journey to the mission centre in Lubumbashi, DRC. From there, they will be available for all those eager to receive them.



▲ Boxes of Kiluba Bibles, ready for distribution



Stewards of God's grace

While we do provide free Scriptures where there is genuine need, we have found that selling Bibles at cost price often gives them greater value in the eyes of the recipient. Even a small personal investment in a Bible means people are more likely to treasure, read, and keep it safe for years to come. We seek to balance generosity with stewardship so that God's Word remains accessible and valued.

The estimated lead time for this shipment is around seven months, although experience has taught us that delays are always possible. Please pray for every stage of the process – for printing, transport by sea and land, protection from delays or difficulties, and safe arrival at the mission centre.

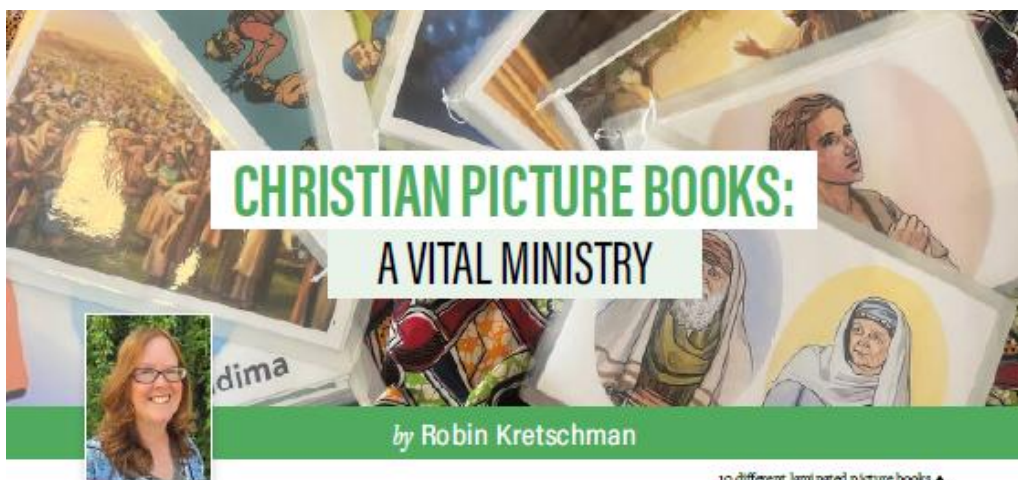
Above all, pray that every Bible received will bear fruit for God's kingdom: strengthening believers, encouraging church leaders, and helping many people come to faith in Christ.

Partnerships and prayers

Thank you for standing with us in this important ministry. If you would like to support the purchase and delivery of these Bibles through a donation, we would be sincerely grateful for your partnership and prayers.



▲ Reading God's Word; (top) Arriving at the mission centre in 2024



10 different laminated picture books ▲

In the remote bush communities of Zambia, the development of children's books has become a story of creativity. Reaching children with the truth of Scripture often begins not with words, but with pictures. Images speak a universal language that every child can understand. The saying, 'a picture is worth a thousand words' is especially true in children's ministry. Long before a child can fully read, a picture can capture the heart, spark curiosity, and plant the seeds of truth deep within them.

Visual learning leaves a lasting impression. When children see Bible stories illustrated before them, the lessons become real and memorable. Pictures cross language barriers and create understanding in ways words alone often cannot.



▲ Teachers learning how to use the picture book

A practical solution

Yet bringing books into the bush came with significant challenges. During Zambia's rainy season, some areas receive nearly three metres of rain. Traditional paper books quickly deteriorate in huts with leaking roofs and constant humidity. But what seemed like an obstacle became an opportunity for innovation. Through lamination, the pages were protected from water damage while also gaining a vibrant, glossy finish, producing a depth that brings the illustrations to life. What began as a practical solution became a powerful tool for ministry.

Today, ten different laminated picture books are being used throughout the region. These books are shared with Sunday school teachers during training sessions and distributed to local teachers after ministry visits to remote villages. The construction of the books reflects simplicity. A hole punched in the upper-left corner and secured with a zip tie allows the pages to remain together. Numbered pages help teachers quickly restore order if the zip tie becomes twisted. Through these simple yet durable resources, more than 1,500 children have already been introduced to stories from the Bible. Each book opens the door for children to encounter Scripture in a meaningful and engaging way. Stories about God the Father as Creator, the birth of Jesus, His teaching in the temple at the age of twelve, His miracles, His sacrifice on the cross, and His resurrection bring the Gospel vividly to life. Additional stories of John

the Baptist and the Apostle Paul help children see the faithfulness of God throughout Scripture.

Building on a firm foundation

The learning experience extends far beyond the books themselves. Children sing songs connected to the stories they hear. They play rhythm instruments, and colour in pictures using crayons, flowers, and leaves gathered from their surroundings. Games, music, and hands-on activities transform each lesson into a joyful experience that children remember long after the class has ended.

Equally important is leaving these materials in the hands of local teachers. Repetition strengthens understanding and builds long-term memory. With every lesson retold and every picture revisited, biblical truth takes deeper root in the hearts of the children.

One of the most meaningful features of the books is found on the back of every picture: the corresponding Bible verses written in Lunda. This allows Sunday school teachers to confidently share the story while being guided by Scripture in their own language. In this way, the books not only teach children but also encourage and equip local teachers for ministry.

God's picture-perfect provision

What may appear to be simple laminated picture books are, in reality, seeds of hope being planted across the bush. Through them, children are hearing about Jesus, teachers are being strengthened, and communities are being touched by the Word of God. We praise God for allowing us to take part in developing and distributing resources that are not only practical for the bush but powerful for eternity.



▲ (clockwise from top left) Children huddled around as the story comes to life; Marching and singing using rhythm sticks; Robin and Charles teaching; Making their own pictures!



THANKS BE TO GOD AT ALL TIMES

by Wanderley and Rosaria da Silva

The last few months have brought many blessings and challenges to the Baruk centre in Chimoio, Mozambique. Through it all, the da Silvas have faithfully trusted in the Lord, and always remembered to give thanks to God at all times.

A fallen tree

We had two tall eucalyptus trees at the Baruk centre which Wanderley had planted in 2001. Mozambique experiences periodic cyclones, so we decided to cut them down to prevent them from falling during a storm and potentially causing significant damage. Unfortunately, however, an unexpected incident occurred when part of one of the trees fell onto the wall of the Baruk centre.

We thank God that no one was hurt. The person in charge of the work immediately took responsibility for the accident and committed to repairing the wall. Even in the midst of this situation, we are grateful to the Lord for His protection and care over everyone in the community.

A well-worn vehicle

Our vehicle has needed to go to the repair shop frequently over the last few months, due to mechanical problems caused by its long years of

use — it has already been on the road for 25 years — as well as the very poor condition of the roads we travel on daily. Even with these challenges, it continues to be a very important tool for the work we do. We are grateful to God for His protection during every journey, and we continue trusting that He will provide for every need.

A renewing visit

In April, we had the privilege of welcoming Kym and Nick Delpoit to spend a few days with us, and we were deeply blessed by the moments we shared together. We asked Kym if she could bring a word of encouragement to our team, and we were greatly motivated to continue serving the Lord with joy, faith, and dedication. We are grateful to God for this very special time of fellowship and spiritual encouragement.

Please continue praying for this ministry, for the entire team, and for the children at school. We believe that God will continue to sustain and guide every step of this work.



▲ The car in the workshop

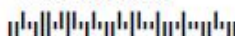


▲ Kym sharing with the school team; (top) The damaged wall



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