

Stories as told by Outreach Participants – Mozambique 2007

1. On the second day of the outreach a young woman shared with us her desire for a Godly husband. As a sister in Christ I was able to reach across all barriers, identify with and pray with her.
2. Within the Gospel training, we listened to stories of how a drunk had come to Christ and changed, how a prostitute had converted, how a young girl who had run away from home because her father beat her had found Christ and as we proceeded to teach the “Heart of Man” 22 of our team asked us to pray for them that God would cleanse their hearts also.
3. **No Chalk board, no white board, no audio visuals? A finger in the sand is all you need to draw a diagram of how you can receive Christ and He can change your life.**
4. After spending all day promoting the Jesus film for that area together with sharing the Gospel, the local chief would not let us show the film in his village. We relocated and all those people came to the neighboring village to watch anyway.
5. A young man who had just the day before accepted Christ, asked for the color beads (evangelism tool) so he could use it to share the Gospel with his friends.
6. **Steve’s comment at the end of the week sums up what we are trying to achieve. ”Our interpreter, Sadiq really began to “take off” so to speak and witness instead of us. It was neat to see how he has changed in the week we have been here.”**
7. In one home where we prayed for four women to receive Christ, we noticed that the babies were wearing string and objects around their waists. We asked what it was for. We were told that it was traditional medicine to protect the children. We went on to explain that in Christ they did not need them because the blood of Christ covers all things. The older woman became angry. To avert problems we left with the younger women and later explained and shared Scripture with them and prayed for them.
8. With each Bible that we gave out we gave a ‘Read your Bible in a Year’ chart. We showed them how to apply this every day as a devotion
9. A man who had just given his life to Christ, the headmaster of the school, donated a piece of land to the church so they can put up a church building in their village.
10. The day after the Jesus film was shown, one lady said she had heard so much about the man Jesus and did not believe much of what she had heard. Now that she had seen the film, she knows that He is real, that He is alive, and that He had died for her. She said, “I am happy that I know Jesus for myself.” My heart exploded as I realized the significance of what she had just said.
11. As we were approaching the river we saw a young man preparing to launch his boat to go fishing. We spoke to him about Jesus and he accepted Him into his life. We then read the Bible to him, the story of how Jesus called the fishermen to follow Him. His natural response was, “I’ll follow Him also.” Wow here we are seeing the Scriptures come to real life before our eyes.
12. **A lady, Deolinda who had been following us every day this week, still would not make a commitment. I prayed for her and eventually after being told it was now or never, she came forward for prayer. She knelt down and Patricio laid hands on her and asked her to repeat the sinners prayer after him. All of a sudden the most awful sounds began to come out of her mouth at the same time she began plucking at her body while shaking and squirming around. After our prayers she became quiet and sat down again. Awesome to see God do His thing through us!**

13. Jesus film nightmare. The video would not work. While the technicals worked on the machine, we went into the village to find a machine. Yeh in the middle of nowhere in Mozambique. Hey - we found one, but the owner was greedy and wanted lots of money for its use. So we left it and returned. The guys had fixed it. 750 people watched the film that night.
14. **Just watching the dust float up all around the children's feet while they sang and danced and praised God. As they lost all their inhibitions and got dirty for God. I just thought how in still air you cannot see an invisible God, but amongst the dust, the rapid, joyous movement was an image of the Holy Spirit; that skipped in and amongst all their ankles, floating up to reach into their souls.**
15. One of the couples who had become believers could not read, so we did not give them a Bible. They later came back to us and asked for a Bible. They said that they had a family member who would read the Bible to them. We gave them a Bible.
16. Having learned the how to tell "their story" and sharing "God's Story", one of the women said, "If we could evangelize like this every month our church will grow amazingly, and now that we know what to do, we will be busy making disciples."
17. At the beginning of the service a lady arrived with a heavy grain bag on her head. We only realized at the offering time when she picked it up and carried it forward and placed it at the offering plate that she had brought her tithe of the grain she had just harvested.
18. As we walked through the village I commented to the translator that it was a pity that the shops were closed. He replied, "They are closed because everyone is following us to hear about Jesus."
19. When we gave a soccer ball to the people, a young man said, "Do you know that God appears to poor people more than He does to the rich?" He lifted up the ball and said, "I can see God in this ball, I don't know what the person who bought it saw. Anything that comes to us is a miracle."
20. After having taught people to share the Gospel message using colored beads which illustrated Brown=sin, Red=Jesus blood, White=salvation, green=growth, blue=heaven and gold=God & His Kingdom, one of the ladies said she wanted to share it with someone. As she shared we realized that she had the story inverted and started at the end. Oh, I thought a chance missed, messed up? To my amazement the man accepted Christ. God uses even our mixed up efforts.
21. Today I was tired, exhausted, I needed help, in fact I felt I needed the day off to relax, so I clung to the Lord. "I look up to the hills, where does my help come from, my help comes from the Lord." Believe me it did. As I looked to the beautiful hills of Messica, under which lies the village in which we are planting the church, I certainly received help and strength from the Lord – after 4 people gave their lives to Christ, my body was filled with physical, mental and spiritual strength.