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# Cabo Delgado is Falling Apart – Your Gifts can Change this.

250,000 People are living as refugees, internally displaced persons (IDP's), in their own country. Islamic militants have bombarded believers in this province in the northern parts of Mozambique. The most northern province in Mozambique, is Cabo Delgado – it is situated on the border of Tanzania.

The situation in this province has worsened since 2014. This is due to the fact that the extremist Muslim group, Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah, with strong connections to Isis (Islamic State) have started a terror regime. They have killed more than 1,100 people in horrific attacks.

#### **RECRUITING THE YOUTH**

These Islamic militants are recruiting and targeting the youth to join their forces. Many young believers who refuse to convert to Islam and fight with the rebels are tortured and punished – most of them are killed.

The year 2020 will be remembered as the year with the worst attacks on believers in Mozambique, while the rest of the globe will remember the COVID-19 pandemic. These vicious and brutal attacks had a far worse effect on many people, than the Coronavirus.

#### THE SITUATION IS GETTING WORSE

At the same time there is a lack of access to clean water and sanitation facilities. This was caused by floods and

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heavy rains in December 2019 and January 2020. It also led to a Cholera outbreak, with over 1200 cases and 18 deaths reported in the province. Severe food insecurity has risen severely due to the combination of Cyclone Kenneth, floods and violence.

Trials, tribulations and persecution are very real issues for believers in northern Mozambique. In Matthew 5: 10 we are reminded that believers have experienced persecution since biblical times, "*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*"

#### BELIEVERS IN MOZAMBIQUE NEED YOU

Partner with Harvesters and make an impact in northern Mozambique. Your gifts will lead to victories for God's Kingdom in this crucial and strategic area. The Gospel message is needed here like never before. We cannot reach the masses without your help.

Harvesters Ministries has an opportunity to reach believers here. We need continue to train pastors in Evangelism, Discipleship and Church Planting. They need to be equipped in order to make a difference in their communities.



# Global Pandemic or Revival?

This has been both a strange and interesting year. No one could have predicted that a global pandemic would hit and affect us all in such a severe way.

The majority of the world's countries experienced national lockdowns and are now facing economic crises. Third World countries are suffering the most. Despite all of this, 2020 is a year of celebration for Harvesters Ministries. We are celebrating 20 years of Church Planting. None of this would have been possible without your generous giving over the past 20 years. It has been amazing to see how God has expanded this ministry from 1 church in Malawi to more than 70,000

churches worldwide. By the grace of God pastoral training is currently happening in 43 languages – 20 years ago this was all just a dream.

#### FEAR IS NOT FROM GOD

When the pandemic was announced and all international travels were cancelled, it was human nature to feel uncertain, but our faith is in God. Fear is not from God.



When you partner with Harvesters, you're opening the way for the unreached to know Jesus. Recently, you also helped to change communities in Southeast Asia. Thank you for your gifts and prayers!

Let's never give the devil an opportunity to cause us to be despondent.

The phrase, "Do not be afraid", is written in the Bible 365 times. This is a daily reminder that we should place our hope in Jesus and stop living in fear.

Despite all of these struggles, God has opened new opportunities to train pastors and church leaders in Evangelism, Discipleship and Church Planting. Most of the training is currently taking place via internet technology and some of the lockdowns have been relaxed. It is now possible for some local church leaders to travel to villages and share the Gospel with unbelievers.

#### **PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY FOR THE TRUTH**

Many people are placing their hope in worldly things instead of placing their faith in Jesus Christ. This pandemic has left people across the world looking for the Truth. People are hungry for Jesus and the result is that many people have placed their trust in Jesus during this time.

One story from Myanmar really touched our hearts. The Burmese government are allowing public gatherings again. Many of the church leaders grabbed this opportunity to reach out to neighbouring villages. Pastor Kyar\* said that people were eager to hear the Good News. Many people, young and old, accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Redeemer and Saviour.

Many of these pastors also received much needed aid. The Coronavirus pandemic have left people in terrible circumstances. Many pastors and their families were starving and struggling to put food on the table. It was impossible for them to earn a living during the lockdown.

Thanks to faithful donors it was possible to reach these pastors and their families with much needed food parcels. These families took this opportunity and shared the little that they had with their neighbours. Many of these families that they helped were unbelievers and accepted Jesus Christ after they experienced this openhearted kindness and generosity.

#### YOUR GIFTS MAKE AN IMPACT

During these trying times it is extremely important to continue to build God's Kingdom in some of the most difficult and remote places. Your gift of £100 will sponsor the training of one church leader. He will receive a Bible in his home language, complete six modules and plant at least three churches in his community.

As we read in 2 Corinthians 5:20 "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

It is important to change communities. People who love Jesus will treat others with love; they will not murder, rape or hurt someone else.





Thanks to faithful supporters like you, pastors who received food aid could share their food and reach out to unbelievers in their areas.



## Church leaders in Southeast Asia are Conquering the odds

One can't but not have the highest regard for many of the church leaders in Southeast Asia. Church planting is not only understood in theory – these church leaders are willing to travel on roads less travelled to reach the lost. Often these narrow and muddy roads can only be travelled with perseverance and determination which is brought about only by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Many of these church leaders live in poverty themselves, they do not own cars to travel on these roads. Most of the time they can only travel with small motorcycles and in some cases bicycles.

God's Kingdom needs to expand in this region urgently. Religions like Buddhism and Islam have completely infiltrated the majority of these countries. Your gift can change communities in Southeast Asia. Prayerfully consider making a donation today by following this link: https://harvestersministries.com/en/donate/

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