



# A Royal Welcome to a New Nation

## Opening the Way in Eswatini

Back in May 2022, Harvesters commenced pastoral training in Ingweni village, South Africa – just 2km from the border with Eswatini which was visible over the hills. Eswatini, formerly Swaziland, is a small, landlocked country in Southern Africa. It is an absolute monarchy, the last of its kind on the continent.

Approximately 35 Eswatini pastors attended the training in South Africa and discussed with us how to implement Harvesters' Hub Church model in their country. On the second day of meetings, we were invited to a special service which takes place once a quarter when all the denominations in the area come together.

In attendance was Prince Mngomezulu of the Royal Family of Eswatini, a very special guest who had come to

worship the King of kings. He stood and warmly welcomed Harvesters Ministries in his speech. "We asked if he was a Christian," said Beyers Brink, Regional Leader for Southern Africa. "Then we discovered he's a pastor."

Five months later, Harvesters travelled to Eswatini for the first time to present our curriculum and evangelism training at a Kick Off event. In fact, we held two Kick Offs in different parts of the country. God has certainly opened the way for Eswatini.

Praise the Lord for the wonderful reception to this beautiful kingdom! We join the local pastors in their excitement to start saturating the land with churches planted through evangelism. Thanks to your support all of this is happening. We're grateful for you. 🙏

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# From Prisoner to Church Planter

The testimony of Ps Maque Binda, Mozambique

Pastor Maque Binda is a tremendous man of God. Using Harvesters training, he has planted 15 churches in the busy, bustling city of Beira – a port city on the coast of central Mozambique.

Ps Maque grew up in a Christian home, but he was not a follower himself. He had a troubled youth and spent time in prison, but his mother never stopped praying for him. One day after a friend falsely accused him of stealing and had him arrested, Maque realised he had no real friends. He turned to God.

“About four months later, I felt something stirring in my heart,” he said. “I began to think that I needed to evangelise among my friends.” Ps Maque went on to plant a large church in Caia, where he was living at the time.

When his employer asked him to relocate to Beira – around 7 hours drive south – he was afraid because the language in Beira was different. But, following God’s lead,



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he agreed and was soon evangelising to his new colleagues. “Wherever I walked, wherever I worked, I preached the Gospel,” he said.

God called Maque to plant a new church. He felt called to find the most dangerous place in Beira and plant his church there. He went to Munhava, which was notorious for crime. “There were youths who were committing murders, even killing policemen,” he said.



When you partner with Harvesters you are helping pastors like Maque Binda to spread the Gospel and to plant churches in places that are often hard to reach.

Every day he would walk around Munhava and talk to people about Jesus. Many ignored him, but some would sit with him for a few moments. "By the power of God, two people were saved that first day," he shared.

He invited those two new believers to his home to teach and pray. "The very next day they both came with me to the markets in Munhava!"

People would warn Maque about the dangers of Munhava but he was determined. "I was praying and fasting to God for the criminals to leave Munhava," he said, and he saw many young people come to Christ.

"In 2014, I learned about Harvesters Ministries," he explained. "It helped me so much to evangelise. I began to share the Good News door to door."

So far, he has planted 15 churches around Beira. "People who were known as killers and criminals in Munhava are now believers and are preaching the Word of God," he shared. "God has really helped me."

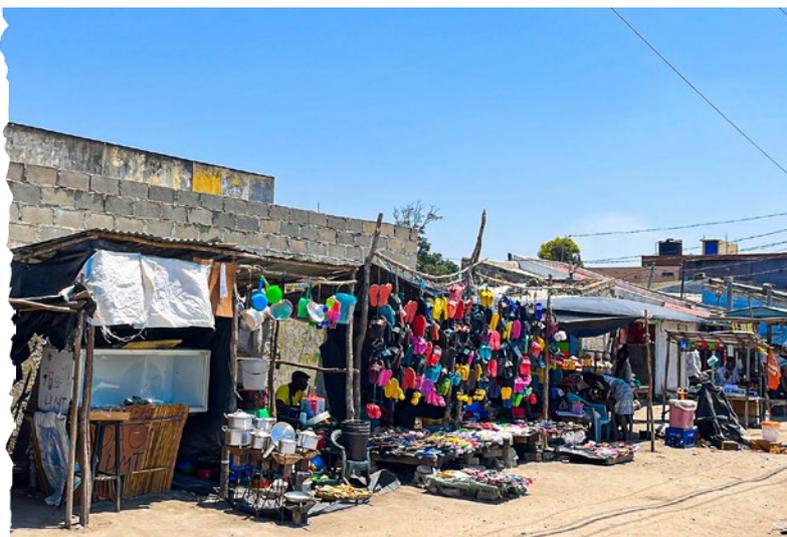
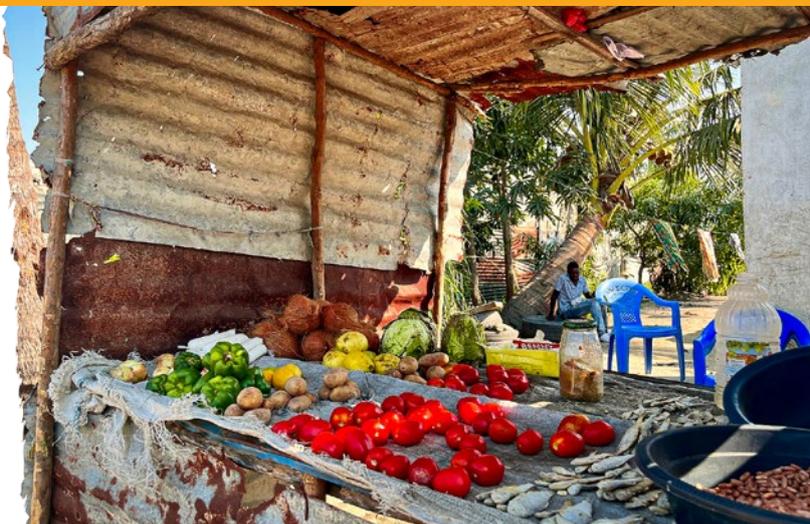
Recently, his employer asked him to relocate again, "but I wasn't finished evangelising in Beira," he explained. He asked to stay longer in Beira, but they said no. They told him to choose between working for them or preaching the Gospel. "I left my job that day," he said. "But even without that job my life is going well, and my ministry is going well."

Soon he plans to take his first church plant, which has grown to over 400 members, and split it into 7 smaller gatherings, so they can each evangelise out again and reach more people with the Gospel. Each will be under the care of new pastors trained by Harvesters.

And as for Pastor Maque, he feels called again to go where no one else is going. This time to the northern province of Cabo Delgado. It is a dangerous place with increasing and intensifying extreme Islamic activity. Militants use explosives, machetes and firearms to conduct lethal attacks, as well as burning vehicles and homes.

But he's not afraid. He explained that Cabo Delgado is full of lost and disenfranchised youths who are getting mixed up in all sorts of trouble and are hopelessly falling in and out of prison. "But they don't need more prisons or police," he declared. "They need more pastors to take care of them and show them the Truth and Life and freedom of Jesus Christ."

Pray with us for pastors just like Maque Binda, who are passionately reaching the lost and expanding the Kingdom. ✉





## Reaching the Hill Tribes

Harvesters recently returned to Vietnam and met with our partners and student pastors. Local pastor Minh\* shared his renewed vision to reach the Hmong people, who live in Vietnam's northern highlands, with the Gospel.

He is one of 300,000 believers out of the one million Hmong living in Vietnam. Many came to faith in the 1980s through a Hmong-language Christian radio program being broadcast from Manila. Sadly, because of this rapid growth, the Vietnamese authorities reacted to Hmong Christians by publishing anti-Christian propaganda and restricting religious freedom.

"Harvesters' church planting training is what every pastor needs. It gives us a clear strategy and method which will renew our efforts to reach the 700,000 unreached Hmong people." says pastor Minh as we concluded our 3 days of training in Hanoi with a time of worship.

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