

Some final thoughts

You may recall the Roman quotation, “Veni Vidi Vici,” which translated means, “I came, I saw, I conquered.” The appropriate phrase for The Outreach Foundation’s Mozambique team is “We came, We saw, We were changed.”

This has been a wonderful opportunity to learn from our African Christian brothers and sisters and we have soaked up this experience like sponges long dry. Their amazing faith and strong witness has been an inspiration to us, which will have a lasting effect on our faith.

We have much to ponder and process, but at this early stage it is quite clear to us the Holy Spirit has been at work during this entire visit. Through our observations of sacrificial giving we emerge from Tete Province with a better understanding of our own stewardship. The way the faith community in each village cares not only for its own, but for their neighbors is, for us, a shining example of evangelism.

The Holistic Evangelism Project in Tete Province highlights the benefits of a deliberate and complete approach to ministry: mind, body, and spirit. Coming alongside local pastors and congregations we have witnessed the value of proclaiming scripture in word and deed (James 2:18). It has been our privilege to assist local congregations in their efforts to provide churches, deep water wells, schools, clinics, health education, and disease prevention for their villages.

Most especially, we count it as sheer joy to have journeyed with Nedson and Sebber this week. The amazing ministry taking place in Tete Province would not be possible without these special and faithful servant leaders. Their commitment and passion for this Spirit-led ministry is an inspiring example to each of us.

As we journey home tomorrow, we ask the home team not only to hold *us* in prayer. but also those whom we leave behind. There will be many more details and stories to share with you in the near future, but for now we want to leave you with a few final observations.

From Becky Bros

An awareness of what TOF has done, but more importantly an awareness of what our Lord is telling us to do.

From Tom Boone

Each time I come to Africa, the Spirit lays something on my heart. This time, I come away with an awareness of how much more I am able to give to the Kingdom of God with my service and resources. I’ve also learned frisbees are terrific cross-cultural tools!

From Tom McDow

I see how deeply respected Nedson and Sebber are in these villages and how effective their ministry is. Their good stewardship and our support through TOF is a living testimony of the scripture, “Paul planted, Apollos watered.”

From Becca Phillips

To quote the General Secretary of Blantyre Synod, “I am because we are.” I have been really moved by the symbiotic nature of this ministry.

From Elizabeth Long

I have been blessed by each member of this team, just as I have been blessed by my brothers and sisters in Tete Province.

From Betsy Hunt

I have been inspired and humbled by the generosity and hospitality of the people we have met. Giving is a faith journey; whether giving a birthing kit or a well, a gift makes a life changing difference.



Pictured left to right: Betsy, Tom, Becky, Nedson, Sarah, Becca, Sebber, Tom McDow, Berry, and Elizabeth