

Master's Heart Ministries

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... wanting to make Jesus famous around the World... *Habakkuk 2:14*



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Recent Events:

Through God's provision, we have been able to continue supporting partner ministries in Southern Africa. It has been wonderful to see blessing and relief received in the name of Jesus.

Some examples are:

A Master's Heart team travelled to central Mozambique in July and worked with the Rubatano ministry. The team was involved in two main activities. Firstly spending quite a bit of time training and encouraging the 88 volunteers who reach out daily

to mainly widows and orphans in the surrounding villages. Secondly holding orphan days in various areas. This was a time to feed, play with and share Jesus with about 500 orphans on each occasion.

Since the team's return God's faithfulness has been remarkable: A significant amount of on going support for Rubatano has been given. This will make a life or death difference for many vulnerable people. And also a check was received to pay for Portuguese Bibles for every Rubatano volunteer. Many of these folk were serving and teaching about Jesus faithfully and yet had no Bibles of their own. What a difference their own Bibles will make.

A Master's Heart team also travelled during September to the Sodwana area of Northern Natal in South Africa. This is also a very poor area and the team performed a medical and eye glass outreach and also shared the Gospel many times. One area that the team ministered to is on a nearby island that has no road access. The team waded, with supplies, each day through a hippo lagoon.

A highlight of the trip was the dedication of a water well that was donated by friends of Master's Heart. Good water is scarce in the Sodwana area and having a well close by is a huge blessing. It saves already hurting people

Our continued desire is to be sensitive to the **Heart of the Master** and to reach out to desperate people on His behalf.



Hundreds of orphans line up for food at the orphans days



All the Rubatano volunteers received Fargo Marathon backpacks to use for their long bush travels.



A little orphan girl loves to be held.

Pictures from
Rubatano
Mozambique





A local lady samples water from the new water well.



Dan and Dr Bj test for reading glasses



School children pray during the team outreach

from walking miles to get water which is dangerous as the young girls sometimes get molested on the way.

Praise God that many folk received Christ as savior during the ministry in Sodwana.

Planned projects:

MH has provided the funds to allow for the completion of a church at Filabusi-B, Matabeleland, Zimbabwe. The roof is now on!! We carried out a Medical Crusade and Kid's outreach at this location last December. The walls of the church were complete and a roof was needed. The body of believers will soon be able to meet in this new building. This is a very rural setting and this work of God will greatly bless and strengthen the local communities.

By God's grace, MH has sent funds to South Africa to allow for an engine and security cage to be put on a well on the island where the team ministered in September. This will be a tremendous blessing for all the island

dwellers who currently have a major problem finding clean water. As a consequence most are continuously dehydrated.

Future Plans:

We are planning 1 more trip during 2011. This will be towards the end of November (see website for details) in the Cape Town area of South Africa. Medical and children's outreaches will be held in areas with great hardship and poverty. HIV/AIDS is very prevalent here.

More trips are planned for 2012, one of which is to Eastern Kenya to bring relief and the Gospel to refugees from Somalia who live in horrific conditions with little hope for the poor.

Please pray about the following:

Praise our faithful Father for His amazing provision which has enabled MH to support ministries which are really making a difference among the poorest of the poor.

Pray for **Jesus Christ to be honored** in all that Master's Heart Ministries undertakes.

Pray for **church partnerships to be established in 2011/2012** – for churches in the US to link up through MH with those without hope overseas.

Pray for God's leading as we continue to pursue **'micro financing' projects** in needy areas.

Please inquire of our Lord as to whether He wants you to financially support Master's Heart.

Pray about your involvement in one of the upcoming MH overseas trips to serve in needy area.

Please pray for wisdom for the current MH leadership: Dan & Kari Sikkink, Justin & Sarah Moline, Sara Wisthoff and Rich & Ruth Irish

Mozambique/Rubatano Trip Report

July-Aug 2011

When asked how our trip to Mozambique went, my first response is "God was faithful"! It is a joy for Master's Heart to continue our partnership with Rubatano and to come alongside their ministry for 2 weeks. Within this report, I hope to give you a brief background of Rubatano, describe the activity of our trip and close with the current needs and challenges of Rubatano.

If you are unaware, Rubatano is a local ministry founded by a Mozambique man named Carlos Guia. This man has a huge heart for God and his people and upon starting this ministry, he basically went from church to church recruiting volunteers to care for desperate in their community – those living and dying of AIDS and orphaned children. Rubatano currently has 88 men and women volunteers who care for almost 1500 orphaned children and 375 AIDS patients. The ministry stretches into 3 different communities within central Mozambique – Gondola, Amatomangas and Nhamatanda – these all fall along the "Beira Corridor" which is a busy trucking route that runs from coast to inland with a high prevalence of AIDS along it.

During our time with Rubatano we had 3 areas of focus – orphan fun days, volunteer workshops and home-based care. With God's provision we ran 2 orphan fun days and ministered to about 1,000 of Rubatano's orphans. We ran a short program on both days, which consisted of a mime, learning a Bible verse, being silly and sharing the Gospel. Many children responded to the Gospel, which is always the most important part of these days. Besides the program we played hard with the children whether it was jump rope, soccer, volleyball, blowing bubbles or painting nails – it was a joy to see the kids being kids as many of the older orphans are the head of their families as both parents have passed away. In addition to playing, the children received 2 meals – tea and bread and then a lunch consisting of meat and rice all prepared by the volunteers.

Another area of ministry was volunteer workshops in the 3 different communities where the volunteers live and minister. Over these 3

days, with God's help, we poured into the volunteers and encouraged them spiritually with teaching and then had fun with them and gave each of them a gift. Each of the workshops went really well and we trust that the volunteers were encouraged so that they can continue to pour into the patients and orphans they care for so well!

Lastly, home-based care was the third area of ministry for our team. This consisted of walking alongside the volunteers as they ministered to their patients and orphans within their own communities. This is always a favorite area of ministry for me as it brings me great joy to see the volunteers caring for their neighbors and sharing the love of Christ through the Gospel with them!

During our time with Carlos and the ministry of Rubatano, we became aware of many of their current needs and challenges. Rubatano recently went through a very challenging change, which resulted in the loss of some of their large funding. At this point they have 3 organizations involved with them – (1) World Food Program: a national org. that provides food for 310 of Rubatano's 1500 orphans. (2) AfriCare: an org that will be providing funding for 20 Rubatano volunteers to have training by the health dept. (3) Master's Heart: a US nonprofit, faith-based ministry that provides financial assistance on a quarterly basis including providing 3 essential services (food, access to education and health) for 20 of Rubatano's orphans.

There is SO much room for growth within Rubatano – even though they have limited funding at this point, God continues to use this ministry to show the love of Christ to the desperate. Areas of need for the ministry would be - (1) funding for income generating projects such as chicken coop, vegetable gardens and completion of their guest house which would provide income when hosting teams. (2) Financial support of a Rubatano orphan for \$20/month – this provides the 3 essential

services for a child as mentioned above. (3) Faithful prayer warriors to stand beside Rubatano and intercede on their behalf. (4) Your presence on the ground – we found that the ministry was so encouraged by our team being in Mozambique and ministering alongside them. (5) Your voice to continue to speak of Rubatano and the great need in this land!!



A very special part of serving in Mozy is working with the many orphans and showing them the love of Jesus.

Sodwana Trip Report

We have learned to expect that God will stretch us in different ways with each trip we take. This trip is no exception. We were able to experience some of the different cultures that are alive and thriving in South Africa. What a privilege it is to meet so many different people across the world and to see how God is working around the world!

First of all, we started out with a flight delay that caused us to miss our overseas flight. Consequently, we arrived in Durban 24 hours later than previously planned. Unfortunately, this meant that we had to cancel a day of clinic. We added a half day of clinic after the church service on Sunday. All this was in the city of Durban. Durban has a large population of people of Indian descent. In fact, it has the largest number of Indian people in any city outside of the country of India. The majority of the Indian population practices Hinduism, so there are many temples to the Hindu gods throughout the city. There are also some Muslims as well as Christians. We were able to work with Indian Christians who have a heart for reaching the lost in their community. It was nice to connect with them.

Then we traveled to the town of Sodwana in northern Kwa-zulu Natal which is a tourist destination for scuba

divers, fishermen, and explorers. The first two days there, we planned to do a medical clinic at the Nazarene church in Sodwana. However, we were unable to get the permission of the tribal leader, despite getting the permission of the governmental health officials. So, we had to switch focus and spent the time distributing reading glasses and doing children's programs. We were able to go into two schools and presented the Evangecube gospel message. The second evening at this church, we worked with a group from Durban who showed the "Jesus" film in Zulu. When we started, there was nobody waiting to see the film. We all prayed and Kari asked that God would bring at least 15 people to see the film. Well, 15 people were there at the beginning of the film, and 85 were there by the end! Many received Christ as their Savior. Kari realized that she had prayed that God would bring 15 people to the film, but she didn't really believe in her heart that God would come through. How many times have we limited God because we don't really believe that God will answer our prayers?!

The next day, we traveled all over the area visiting and dedicating wells that have been built for different communities and households. The wells have been sponsored by several different Christian organizations,

including one that was provided by friends of Master's Heart Ministries. Traveling all over the area with the soft, sandy soil makes us realize how fortunate we are to have paved roads and vehicles to drive in as well as clean water to drink. If we had to walk everywhere in this soil, we wouldn't get very far.

The last two days, we traveled to an isolated community on an island near the border with Mozambique. We had to cross a river, walk across the beach, then climb a steep slope to get to the community school. It is 1.5 km across soft, sandy soil. Us Americans certainly put in more physical effort than we usually do. We did medical clinics and reading glasses each day. We were also able to explore the island. These people live in very primitive conditions. They absolutely need some fresh water wells with engines to get the water to the people. Nobody that we saw drank more than 2 glasses of water a day. Water wells would certainly help with this. These people also have no electricity. There also is no sanitation. There are many opportunities to make a significant difference in the lives of this community. All of this is also being done in collaboration with an evangelical church on the island.



Kid's Program



Bj show the love Jesus through medicine



Kari sharing Evangecube