

Pemba, Mozambique
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Dear Friends and Partners in Ministry,

Iris held its second annual regional conference at Mizeze June 2-5. The event was timed for the beginning of the new Iris Harvest Mission School which has registered a record 270 students from all over the world. Thousands of Mozambicans attended the conference from Mizeze and from near-by villages; and at least 1,500 slept on the ground under the vast striped outreach tent or on the floor of the church building for all three nights.

Mountains of rice and beans were prepared in huge pots over open fires to feed the crowds of worshippers. Hundreds of children enjoyed games and worship under the big outreach tent. Missions School students filled a temporary enclosure with their pup tents and overflowed into the goat enclosure. There was a carnival atmosphere, as God released joy and celebration into Mozambicans and visitors alike.



Randy Clark, spark plug of the Toronto Blessing Renewal in the 90s, brought a message on healing on Friday evening. Before Randy spoke, there was an extended time of worship and waiting on the Lord. Many visions and testimonies were shared following that time and one young boy described a heavenly vision in which he saw countless numbers of people praising God, but the light was so dazzling he couldn't tell if they were men or women! Heidi then asked the boy to pray for Randy before he spoke and his Spirit-filled prayer electrified the whole church. During the ministry time that followed the message, there were



Heidi holding baby Albertina with her smiling mother beside her. God had just created beautiful brown pupils in Albertina's previously clear and sightless eyes and she could see for the first time!

countless testimonies of physical healing. Omar, a severely lame 4-year-old boy from Mizeze who had never walked, was healed and began running around. Albertina, an 8-month-old girl from the nearby village of Metuge, was born blind with no pupils in her eyes. People watched in awe as her milky eyes suddenly formed big brown pupils and she received full sight!

On Saturday night, there was a torrential downpour of rain just as the meeting was concluding. This was long after the end of

the normal rainy season...and the rain fell just on Mize. To Mozambicans, rain falling out of season is regarded as a sign of heavenly blessing. This only added to everyone's joy (in spite of the mud that was created everywhere!).



Mission School students' tents jammed together with striped outreach tent visible in background.

On Sunday morning 2,500 people lined up to receive the 1,500 buns we had on hand. Pastor Juma and his leaders prayed for God to meet the need...and every person received bread! Heidi brought a compelling message on Sunday morning after hours of fervent worship and dancing. The crowd numbered more than 3,500. They packed the church—including the huge platform—and



there were hundreds more listening from outside. There were many first-time commitments to the Lord, many more healings, deliverances, visions, and wonderful testimonies to the goodness of God.

Pictures can't begin to capture the numbers of people in the meetings or the fervency of their worship. Elizabeth has posted a few video clips which tell the story better—along with lots more pictures—on her Facebook. (Search for *Elizabeth Kantel*.)

We had spent a busy two months prior to the conference at Mize expanding the outside cooking area, building new shaded areas for large groups to eat, replacing soil and sand washed away during the heavy rains, and giving a fresh coat of paint to the children's centre.



We are also well along in the construction of a new learning centre where the resident children and some village children will receive supplementary tutoring to ensure that their learning progresses and opens doors for their academic future. And after many delays, a container full of playground components and equipment has just left Vancouver headed for Pemba. A team from Calgary will come in October to set it up in Mize. This will replace the playground created in 2006 by our home church in Summerside, PEI which began the whole Mize vision.

Immediately before the conference began was Children's Day in Mozambique (June 1). We spent a month filling about 85 individual gift bags with clothing, toys, and treats for our Mizee and Noviane children...



and we served 55 litres of ice cream to 275 children, including over 160 poor village kids at Mizee. We also transported over 200 Mizee kids to the Pemba Base for a chicken dinner and later took them to the beach before they returned to Mizee.



A few of the younger Mizee kids enjoying ice cream on Children's Day. Their colourful gift bags are arrayed in front of them.

Thank you for your prayers and for your personal and project support for the "Mizee Model" ministry described here. Our

funding is dependent on gifts specifically earmarked for these purposes; and it's our privilege to be your partners in seeing God's Kingdom coming to this part of Africa!

For more information on our Mizee and Noviane projects, please follow these links:

*"Mizee Model" for village transformation:

www.harvestinafrica.com

*For updates on adaptations of the Mizee Model, see www.irismin.ca/nmohsp

*For Mizee video clips and pictures, see *Elizabeth Kantel* on Facebook

*Also, <http://www.irismin.org/mizee-village>



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With love and appreciation,

Don and Elizabeth

We are the custodians of the present; but these children are the hope of the future.