



## Quarterly Report for Mozambique

Fiscal Year 2016 | Quarter 3 | April – June 2016

Beloved,

I was led to meditate on a passage of Scripture found in 2nd Kings 4:1-17. It begins as a story of sadness and desperation as a widow who finds herself in a rather desperate situation. Her husband had just died and left the family in debt that they could not pay back, the threat of slavery for her two sons was real and the creditor was on his way to collect. The widow was in great poverty. It's evident that this was a matter of urgency and she was ready to fight this by seeking out Elisha the Prophet to come to her aid.

When confronted with this situation, Elisha has two profound questions, "What shall I do for you?" which could be interpreted as "How can I serve you?" and secondly, "What do you have in the house?"

We are experiencing one of the worst droughts, affecting millions. The economy continues to spiral out of control, war between government and a well-armed rebel force remains a challenge amidst extreme poverty suffered by most rural and urban families, and public debt is over 70% of the GDP. It feels like a story of desperation similar to that of the widow in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:1-17 and yet through mobilizing the local church and community discipleship groups we are seeing evidence of transformation within the body of Christ. The questions are being asked, "How can we serve the needs within the community?" and people are asking themselves what resources they have to achieve this.

We have seen membership in the savings groups increase this quarter, alleviating financial stress experienced by families that lost their livelihoods. Those who thought they could not afford to save are now saying we cannot afford *not* to save.

Prayer has been answered through the promise of a winter harvest and farmers who are still able to generate a profit and have enough food for their families. They have evidently realized that by asking the profound question "What do we have in our house?" God can use the little and multiply it to change their lives and those of the surrounding communities.

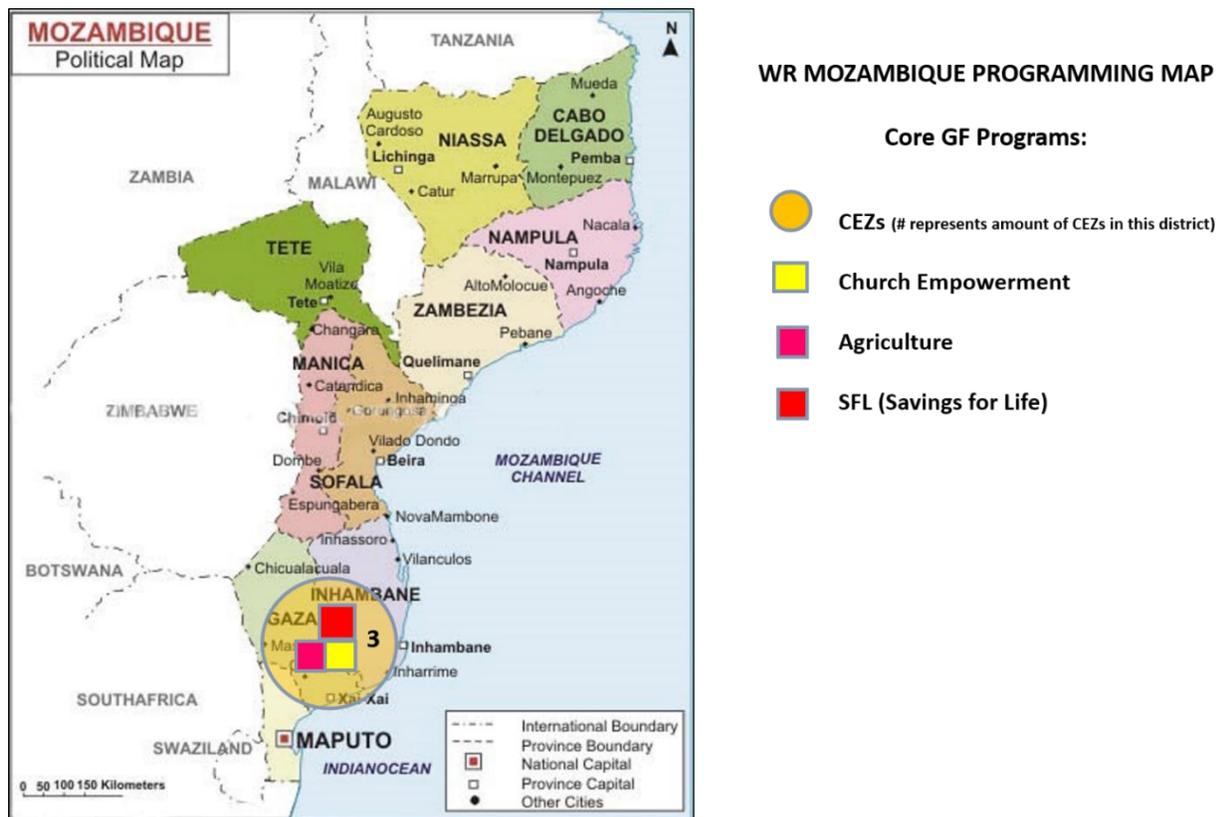
Brethren, God is at work in Gaza Province and we are thankful for the Lord allowing us to be a part of this amazing journey.

In His Grace,



Jamene Sangalakula  
Country Director  
World Relief Mozambique

## Mabalane Church Empowerment Zone Update



### Quarterly Highlights:

- Chinhequete finished harvesting their summer tomato crop. As this was their first experience with tomatoes and drip irrigation everything was new and exciting. They did really well taking into account how far they are from the main markets. They only had to take their produce to the market once. The rest of the time their crop was sold from the farm gate by hawkers who bought from them rather than driving all the way down to Maputo.

All of the members were able to pay back the input costs for the crop and made some profit. The income for the association was 1,421, 566 MT (\$23,000 USD) and their total profit was 396,447 MT. A number of the female farmers who never had cattle invested in buying cattle for themselves as the prices are low now due to the drought.

- As a result of the expansion to Mabalane, the agriculture association members in Chinhequete are now part of the savings program. Two groups with 20 members each were formed by the Ag Association.

Indicator	Q3
Training sessions (this period)	61
People who attended training sessions (this period)	190
People trained in the Integral Curriculum	44
Active local church partnership networks	2
Active churches in all local church partnership networks	18
People served	72
Church-owned efforts	1
Church Network Committees (CNCs)	2
Church leaders participating in Church Network Committees (CNCs)	15
Number of Community Discipleship Groups	5
Community Discipleship Group participants	146

- Three savings groups in Mabalane were set up in June. They have great expectations and are happy to save their money as they believe it will help their families and the community as well.

**Please lift up these prayer requests and praises with us:**

- The groups in Mabalane hope to see their families, their churches and their communities developed and healthy.
- We thank God for the many people who are coming to faith in Mabalane. We pray that they will have a strong foundation and begin discipling others.
- We are thankful for a good crop and God’s provision during the drought. Pray for continued unity among the members of the association.

## Transformational Story

Filete’s life was filled with darkness but praise the Lord because she has come to know the light! Filete’s story began when she was suffering severe teeth and body pains and was “diagnosed” by local witchdoctors as having demons. They said that the only permanent treatment was to become a witchdoctor herself by attending a training school for witches. Her husband agreed and sent her for training.

While she was there she had to exchange her clothes for the witch clothes and was not allowed to wash herself. The pain she felt continued. One day she found herself in her house, not knowing how she got there. The next day she was lost in the bush without knowing how she got there.

Then her husband told her to go to the Bible study meetings in the village facilitated by Clara, the WR trainer. On that day that she attended the group discussed the eternal future of those that refused to repent and believe. They read from the book of Ezequiel how God will punish the diviners and witches. She was cut to the heart and told her husband what she heard. He took a knife and cut off all her cords and fetishes. Soon after that he wanted to see and read the Ezekiel passage himself.



Early one morning she knocked at Clara’s door to tell her the whole story and thank her. She said that Clara was responsible for freeing her from the bondage she was in by sharing God’s word with her. She told Clara that she felt so free since she cut off all her cords and has not felt any tooth or body aches since then.

Filete shows an eagerness to grow spiritually and wants to learn more about God and the Bible. She and

Clara, the WR trainer, teaching Filete from the Journey of Life Curriculum used in the discipleship groups

her husband decided to look for a church to attend in Chinhequete.