

NEWSLETTER

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R4L Response to Cyclone Idai

Beira was directly hit by Cyclone Idai, then it headed inland causing extreme flooding in Sofala, Manica, and Zambezia Province. We have lost all the Wesleyan Churches in Beira area and only one still standing in Chimoio area. R4L will be working with the Wesleyan Church and Pastors to help rebuild this area once the water has receded. As we pray for the people of Mozambique, we ask that you also pray for the people in Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa who have also had severe flooding. Many have also lost their homes and farms. We pray for God’s grace for all during these difficult times.

Sparrows

We have 25 children now at the Child & Youth Care Center and 6 children at the Foster Home. School supplies were arranged with help from Unitas donors. Maintenance is needed on the Top House painting and roof repairs – this is planned for April (based on funding availability).

USA Bound!!

Israel and Selma have been granted a visitor’s visa to come to the USA, so we as a family will be visiting the USA from May til mid-July. I need to renew my driver’s license and after



conversations with the Unitas Board, it was decided that we should all visit as a family. We will be visiting family in Indiana and Florida, speaking at churches, and sharing our story and vision for Mozambique and South Africa.

With this trip comes the added cost of plane tickets. If you are interested in giving toward our travel costs, please write ministry travel in the memo in the donation to Unitas.

Unitas Board has also decided to assist us with a banquet in May. It will take place on the 18th of May in New Castle, IN. Mark your calendars and come prepared for an evening of fun, good food, and sharing together. Please see the inside leaflet for more information.





Family Life

The children started another year of school in January.

- Tristan is now in Grade 8. He is still enjoying archery. He is also now involved with the Worship Team at church. He is learning to play the drums as well as doing lyrics for worship time.
- Jocie is doing very well and has settled in well this year into Grade 2. She has made Honour Roll for the first term and worked very hard. She is in Explorers after school as well as Horse Back Riding.
- Logan and Selma – They are in Grade R (Kindergarten). Logan is becoming quite the little gentleman saying "Ladies first!" He is too cute. Selma is enjoying drawing pictures and practicing writing.
- Israel and Rachel continue to preach and teach together in Moz, as well as volunteer at the Sparrows Children's Home.

Medical Update

As you know we asked for assistance on the medical expenses from last year when Israel was hospitalised for 2 months. We are so grateful for all your assistance as well as the financial assistance we received from the insurance company. It did not cover all the expenses, but through your donations, the remaining amount was covered. We still have a medical account at Unitas as we are a family of 6 now and have increased costs for dental, eye and general medical. Thank you again for your support.



New Ministry Update

Before Israel and I were married, he had started a Christian PreSchool in Vladimir, just outside of Xai-Xai. Rhandzanani Christian School is still going well and this year has 30 children. At the banquet, Israel will be sharing his vision for the children of Vladimir and the story behind the school.

Sewing Classes

The ladies of Fidel Castro Wesleyan are continuing to work hard. At the banquet, we will be selling their goods to assist them to continue their project. They are now building their own sewing room next to the church.



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FUNDING NEEDS:

Personal Support	\$250 per month.
Vehicle Fund	\$6,000
Reach 4 Life	\$100 per month.
Sparrows Main.	\$10,500

