

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR CENTRAL MOZAMBIQUE

I am certain you have each watched in horror, as I have, at the images emerging from Central Mozambique... its at times hard just to watch on the screen and I try to fathom what it would have been like to live through it. Our hearts cry out to God for the population that has lost so very much. This letter is a cry for raising up prayer for these people. Would you be willing to join us in praying?

As I write this my husband, Steve, is on the airplane headed into Beira, Mozambique. The past 10 days since Cyclone Idai hit central Mozambique have been unbelievable. With the stories now surfacing and the devastation settling in, AIM is asking how we can best support our brave team on the ground? The enormity of loss and destruction is overwhelming and we ache for Mozambique and cry out to God for mercy. An AIM Crisis Management Team is in place and Steve's flight tonight into Beira is the first step toward asking those big questions "how do we help?"

Steve's biggest concern right now is the hearts of the AIM team there. How we praise God for sparing each of their lives and for allowing them to be strategically positioned to reach out in love to neighbors. But we can only imagine how heavy their days are and how strained their hearts must be. **Would you pray for Steve as he seeks to meet with as many of the members as he can, hear their stories, prays with them and attempts to seek some answers to the question: "How do we support our team who have been through the ultimate trauma and are continuing to reach out in love and courage to their neighbors and community?"**

The second step in seeking to stand with our AIM team in Beira will happen on Wed. the 27th. AIM AIR has made the Caravan available to carry a load of supplies that the members of the crisis team have been working to purchase here in Kenya. **Would you please pray that the supplies can be found and purchased in time and that these items would be truly useful as well as bring a small sense of the concern and love of the body of Christ.**

Our hope is that you will pray with us as we send updates frequently through this next week to keep you up to date on how you can pray.

Thank you for standing in the gap for our team on the ground and for Central Mozambique.

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March 26th

Hello prayer warriors,

Just a quick request in hopes you will see this and pray now! Steve has been in the Beira, Mozambique Airport for several hours trying to get the clearance for the load of relief supplies our AIM AIR plane is bringing in tomorrow.

*** Would you pray that the clearance goes through, and that it might happen soon... as Steve is really hoping to get out to visit one of our AIM families an hour outside of Beira**

*** and please pray for safety in travel!**

*** Click on the links below to read about the family Steve is hoping to visit. The “white gentleman” in the one article is not peace corps... he is a servant of Jesus!

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Steve caught a ride on a tuk tuk! And hopes to get lots of pictures to help us understand more of what is happening now. (I haven't heard yet if he arrived safely)

Please pray for this family as they have given so much of their hearts and home to serve the community around them. Pray for Lamego, There is little food and the people in this village have lost their homes and crops.

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March 27th

Praise the Lord!

*Steve had a good visit with our colleagues last night, in Lamego. He was able to hear more of their stories and walk around their village and witness what he described as “heart wrenching” scenes. (see the picture attached)

*The AIM AIR plane landed safely in Beira today and all the relief supplies cleared customs!

Thank you for praying!

Since Steve has had time to visit many of our AIM team members and see the situations in each of their homes and communities; he has been able to make decisions on which relief supplies go where. For example, the roofs/buildings in Beira are badly damaged so the tarps and temporary roofing will go there while much of the food items will go to Lamego where the flooding is more severe. (see the picture attached of some Beira roofs)

Please pray for the team on the ground to have wisdom in how to best use their day tomorrow, there are more sites to visit, but they are not sure they will be able to as the plane needs permissions to fly to that air strip. But there are also many roofs needing covering. Their time is short... they fly back here to Kenya Friday morning.

Please pray for the churches and local pastors, many who have lost homes yet are working to reach out to others in need.

There are still so many people unaccounted for. Please pray for miracles!

Here are some updates from Mozambique News:

https://clubofmozambique.com/news/people-reinvent-houses-but-regret-that-no-food-has-come/?fbclid=IwAR2snxWBUiDqY4cwJguT_k6oFW4_fMOB1QdnEX1OCqdkNsMVqr8GXGeOm8

https://www.news24.com/Africa/News/watch-mozambique-cyclone-leaves-catastrophe-in-its-wake-20190324?fbclid=IwAR1B0rx80a3-7dkH0GRSXJx0XI0_UWa0s-VmGCYvNp8tsose91jciUuzbdU

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March 28th

Thank you for praying!

Today was a full, hot, day for the team: Steve, our AIM AIR pilot, Chris, and Mark, part of AIM's On Field Media team. The three of them worked all through the day; climbing on gaping roof tops draping plastic tarps as temporary covering, hooking up solar panels for and taking many pictures to document the hard realities of what Idai has done.

There is still one village that Steve and the team had wanted to visit but they ran into trouble with permissions to fly to an unofficial air strip. However, other aide workers are planning on heading out that direction soon so agreed to take some few supplies to our friends.

Tomorrow begins the journey back here to Kenya on AIM AIR and a debrief of the visit once they arrive. Pray for the team and for those they leave behind... there is much to sort through, and big decisions of what the next step looks like.

Though the situation looks so enormous; We know without doubt that

God is at work in Mozambique, He walks with the hurting, he comforts those who mourn, he restores the soul. Our God is the one who brings beauty from ashes!

Thank you for holding up the hurting in prayer.

Recent news stories:

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/inpictures/rescued-cyclone-victims-mozambique-fear-left-190326113310010.html>

https://news.yahoo.com/farmers-devastated-mozambique-counts-cost-deadly-cyclone-150729844.html;_ylt=AwrEeB0265xcgCMA37sPxQt.;_ylu=X3oDMTByMjB0aG5zBGNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzYw--

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