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"The righteous will live by faith and this is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith".
Rm 1:17 and 1 Jo 5:4

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men".
1 Co 15:19

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May the grace, peace and the love of Jesus Christ be with all brothers and sisters.

Since August, date of our last newsletter, we have been through struggles, challenges and achievements. I thank God that has sustain us in everything and, with His Holy Spirit, has guided us. We also thank the brothers and sisters for the prayers, e-mails, letters and demonstration of care and support. The Love of God bound us together.

In the months of August to September I had been written two projects of biosafety for the Chicucue Rural Hospital. Among the proposal activities are the accomplishment of lectures about biosafety for all Chicucue Rural Hospital workers, acquisition of individual protection equipment, refectory construction, conclusion of Center Of Hope building and others.



Drama allusive to HIV/AIDS fighting

In October 23 I was appointed as the Focal-Point of HIV/AIDS of Chicucue Rural Hospital consequently, now I am responsible for the elaboration and improvement of projects in this area.

Due to this new role I had the privilege to know and work with the SAAJ (Friend Services of Adolescents and Youth - portuguese acronym) activists. At this place, youth advice another youth concerning several matters as, for example, HIV/AIDS, family

planning and contraceptives, sexuality and etc. There is also a nurse that does the pre-natal consultations, IST (Infections of Sexual Transmission) treatment and HIV testing. This place attends youths concerning ages from 10 to 24. Together with this activists I conducted lectures about public health issues at the hospital radio station, educative drama at the streets, parade, lectures in schools and etc.

In October I also distributed mosquito treated nets to the moms and they newborn babies at the hospital. Before the distribution it was performed a conversation about how to use the nets, malaria prevention, family planning and importance of vaccination.

There are necessities in several areas, but I think that there is a greater need in the educational one, mainly concerning the education for health. Therefore, I thank God for the opportunity to work in this area. It has been a living up experience that leads me to learn a lot.

What comes next?

For the next year there is a lot to do. Sometimes I wish to be more dynamic, more intelligent, even though twice instead of only one. Maybe that is the reason for why I have to listen again and again: "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed". Luke 10:41.

This way, my main goal to 2009 is to search this one thing so necessary: the presence of God, the wisdom of Scripture, the anointment of the Holy Spirit. Because it is "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty" (Zc 4:6) and "When God acts, who can reverse it?" (Is 43:13).

May the hope that the Christmas message bring may abound in your life. Jesus Christ born, died and will come again!! Alleluia!!! Let us hurry our Lord return making known the Good News of the Gospel to all creature in all places! There is Hope!

Thank you very much for being in mission with us! Blessings.



Parade in Maxixe's town referring to the World's AIDS/HIV Day December 1st

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Donations and gifts at the site: www.gbgm-umc.org, Advance number 3019574.

Give to Center Of Hope by the number 15031A

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The Church in Mozambique

Like the country, the United Methodist Church is passing through a restructuring and challenge time. In the Last Annual Conference bishop Machado has officially retired and the new bishop, Joaquina Nhanala, assumed the post. Although with many members and full temples, the methodist people needs the living of the Holy Spirit to be salt and light in Mozambique.

In Chicucue, the Sunday School must receive more attention, the preaching of the Holy Scripture must be priority and the discipleship must be structured. Now I am the District Vice Director of Sunday School. May God bless me so that I may be useful in the expansion of His work.

In spite of this necessities, the people love the Lord, participate of the services with joy and are eager to be touched and changed by Jesus word and love.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

Romans 1:16

Eduardo's News



Traditional Medicine

One of the greatest health issues in Mozambique are the traditional doctors which uses herbs, "spirits" and other non-conventional ways to healing.

In Mozambique, as well in all Sub-Saharan Africa, the traditional medicine still has a great population approval. All over the country is common to find advertizing plates. As the conventional health system reaches only about 30% of the population, a great amount of people count only with the witch doctors and the midwives. The government is trying to do some measures to solve this issue. For example, they are training the midwives in hospital environment, so they can do a better job in the community.

Although, there are some of them that refuse to receive training. And there is part of the population that insists to be treated first by the healer, and sometimes, they come to the hospital in a final stage of the disease.

So, it is our job to educate the communities about the traditional medicine and it's dangerous. And finally gain their confidence.



CHICUQUE HOSPITAL STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE

With a huge patient influx the past months, there is a lack of basic materials and capable professionals to attend the sick people.

After almost 8 months in Mozambican lands, I could face several challenges and situations that I'd never imagine. Thanks God, who is providing me all sort of blessings, I am overcoming which one of them.

Unfortunately, there are several issues to be solved. First of all, the Chicuque Rural Hospital, as the whole world, is passing through a financial crisis. Even with the Government help, the volum of patients that looks for our institution is increasing day by day. Besides, the number of complex diseases is increasing as well, but the equipment used is still from the last millennium.

With a reduced number of employers, each worker has to unfold to do a lot of different functions. This brings dissatisfaction to both the population that sometimes is

hospital. I believe that on this first year I had the chance to know the place, the people and the culture. I hope that on this second year I could start to implement some of my ideas. Pray God to have mercy on me and give me wisdom to do that.

After all, pray God to use Cláudia's life in her complementary hospital work. As a surgeon, my job is almost all curative. But the definitive solution for those problems is outside the hospital. What she is doing is educating, preventing and promoting health. This job is being left behind and demands a lot of help.

Thus, I thank every brother and sister for your support in this ending year. I wish everyone that 2009 would be a year full of Jesus Christ blessings.



Women and children waiting for consultation

not attended as they deserve and to the employers that don't receive any extra-time wages.

With nurseries always overcrowded, we are facing lack of many basic materials as surgical supplies, oxygen, serums, blood, several medications and even electrical light!

It is not easy to see people dying because of the lack of basic resources. In Africa those resources are almost all constituted by donations. Africa depends on foreign help for almost everything. Health care is very expensive everywhere, so it is very important to keep providing money and basic stuff to these undeveloped countries. So please keep donating to the hospital through the advance (see below) or contact me to see other ways to help.

Pray God that His endless grace fall over this land. As the rain irrigates the soil and brings life, may God brings a storm of transformations in everyone minds, so His mission be fruitful for His honor and glory.

I still have a lot of dreams and plans for my work at the

How to Contribute:

- pray for Chicuque's work
- send a message to:
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- give through the site: www.gbgm-umc.org
advance # 3019573
- give to the hospital through the same site
advance # 09734A

Thank You Very Much!

May God re-tribute to all that cooperate in his mission work!