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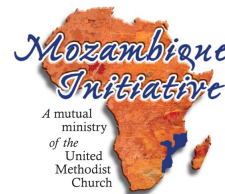
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One of us began to sing Amazing Grace. The whole throng joined in, harmonizing in Portuguese, Shona, Xitswa, English, and perhaps other tongues. The pronunciation of the words did not matter. "How sweet the sound" was never sweeter, as European and African modes of singing perfectly blended in praise. We experienced directly a bit of Pentecost that day.

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Please pray at this time of Pentecost, that the people of God have "place".

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