

Dear friends and supporters of Trätro!

Schärding, 1 January 2026

Since 4 December 2025 I have been in Austria, partly staying in the apartment of a dear friend in Ortenburg (Germany), but mostly surrounded by my family. I am learning to be grateful for everything God gives, even without having a home of my own, and not to lose joy while I am still waiting for the money from the sale of our house, which is already urgently needed in Mozambique.

Bureaucracy in Austria is not any easier than in Mozambique, so I hope that I will also receive my passport with permanent residency for Mozambique by 20 January (my planned return flight).

Heinz will come to Schärding on 14 January; he also has to renew his visa. Until then, he is taking care of the workers of the EMCA company and preparing the shipment of our depolymerization plant from China, which we are still expecting in January. As an additional challenge, on 26 December he moved out of our rented house and into our guest house at AVA (training center). We now plan to live there until our own small house is built on the EMCA premises.

Our moving container is currently at the port of Maputo for customs clearance.

Heinz celebrated Christmas with “our children” and the workers. On the left, the AVA Christmas church service and thanksgiving at the end of the year.



I could now write you a whole novel about the difficulties and challenges, especially with our plastic and tire recycling project, but I do not want to put all the negativity down on paper as well. It is enough that each day has its own trouble, as Jesus said. I prefer to focus on the fact that I have a God who even parts the sea. HE

always has a way! HE created the whole world by His word — He spoke, and it came to be! And HE has also placed great power in our words.

I notice how negative words and expectations pull me down completely, while words of hope and positive expectation encourage me. That is why I like to make God’s promises my own, because through Jesus’ victory on the cross they all belong to me — and to you as well, if we claim them in faith!

I am therefore also grateful to God for all the blessing that we are able to pass on through our AVA training center:



For example, through **prison ministry**: in mid-December our kitchen team cooked for 120 prisoners and brought food for body and soul, and with it hope and light into the darkness.



The **next training courses** will start on 20 January for electricians and tailoring.

- **English** classes are ongoing alongside everything else and could be used even more
- A **literacy course** that started in December 2025 is also attended by some of our workers
- Some young people are learning to **play the drums** from a 12-year-old student of João, who earns more with his instrument at weekend events than our employees

An **IT course** is also being planned for our electricians (we are still lacking several laptops for this), as well as cooking and baking courses, since these can be good business opportunities at weddings and other celebrations.

We are always considering which training programs truly serve the people and what is needed, and depending on our finances, we adapt our infrastructure to the requirements of the government (for example, a break room, a laboratory, and the completion of our protective wall are still required).



The wall around our 1.5-hectare property is growing; about one third is finished, and the bricks are produced by ourselves.

The need among many of our neighbors is increasing; due to the heat, many were once again unable to harvest their crops. Therefore, we repeatedly put together emergency aid packages and offer meals for children.

In the long term, we hope for adapted farming methods or aquaponics systems (combined agriculture with fish farming), which can also be operated by small farmers. For this, we are still looking for teachers and helpers.

In any case, we are very grateful for all your support through prayer, ideas, and giving — and we pray that our God will also richly supply your needs!

May HE bless you with the annual verse for 2026 **“Look, I renew everything!” says the Lord!**

- in all areas that need renewal,
and again and again give you hope and strength
for all challenges!

Warm greetings,

Sabine and Heinz with the team

