

Dear friends and supporters of Trätrol!

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Three weeks in Mozambique have flown by! On Tuesday, I received another wonderful farewell gift from God: That morning, Joao and I spent nearly three hours searching the streets of Maputo for **Alex**, who had disappeared again after our

meeting in April. We found him at the last minute—this time, he was even relatively drug-free and ready to start detox at a **rehab clinic** in Maputo as soon as possible, and then to

training and become part of the new family there. We were all incredibly happy, but we also made sure he understood the seriousness of these new steps

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Less than two hours later, I ran into **Taylor** (from the U.S.) on the plane—someone I'd a large team of 26 Bible students from Iris Ministries two weeks earlier at AVA. She's been considering doing a longer-term mission with AVA ever since, and Alex's story has encouraged her even more, because drug addicts are very close to her heart. So we exchanged many insights, ideas, and dreams and prayed together. A Catholic nun, a missionary in Senegal, was sitting next to us; we all prayed for one another. A special prayer gathering high up in the sky 🍌🍌🍌



The team of Bible students greatly enriched our **youth conference** two weeks ago, which had over 400 participants. (Theme: **Victory on Your Knees**, or Winning Battles in Prayer) Together we visited neighbors, prayed for them, and invited them to church. One team was even able to pray for some witches. Taylor also told me that she had a very clear **vision of AVA** during prayer, where she heaven opened and the Kingdom of God came—completely free from witchcraft.



Thank you so much for all the donations toward Bongani and Dercio's hospital treatment!

They came to our new clinic (almost) every day to have their bandages changed, and their thumbs have healed well. Dercio's wound is almost closed; Bongani's will likely take another week. Their mother will not have to go to prison after all for her attempt to use fire to discourage her sons from thumb-sucking. However, she is under observation. During the conference, she asked everyone for forgiveness during the worship service (several members of the congregation wanted to drive her out of the area). I asked her to also ask her sons for forgiveness, and we hope that the two of them will slowly learn to trust their mom again. 🍌

Unfortunately, on my last day, I had to forbid them from playing at AVA because they had l...🍌..... yes, there's still a lot to learn.....

we've decided to build a two-room brick house for this family of eight to also improve their sanitary conditions. All able-bodied family members must help. Next week, the first handmade bricks will be laid. We trust that God will provide us with everything

we need, just as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 8:9—*that we will always have enough in every way and will even have an abundance for every good work!*



I taught Priscilla and Promise how to make **mattresses and seat cushions** filled with **fabric scraps** (offcuts from our tailor shop), as well as patchwork quilts, since many people don't have a blanket for the cold nights right now. Distributing the first items felt like Christmas.

Our staff were also so grateful and full of joy!



Our first fish tank is under construction; in about a week, the first 300 fish are scheduled to be introduced, and their wastewater will be used to irrigate our AVA vegetables fertilize. Jorge, our trained expert, will accompany us until we sell the fish. We're also praying for his **appointment as a teacher of agriculture and fish farming in a new course.** 🏡

Maria, a widow, has already expressed her gratitude twice during church services for the house that our AVA Church built for her. (Pictured next to her dilapidated hut; the window is still missing.) The second time, she brought an envelope containing her donation. Later I learned that there were 50 metical in it (about 70 cents). Jesus surely praised her small offering just as He did in the biblical story!



Our clinic was well-attended every day; everyone is happy to receive free medication and Artemisia and Moringa tea to fight infections and strengthen the immune system. In the photo, Promise is learning how to treat wounds under hygienic conditions. Last Saturday, we also had help from two unemployed female doctors and one pharmacist.

A **dentist** is also urgently needed. Many children already have decayed teeth because they enjoy chewing on sugarcane so much. We hope to recruit a male or female volunteer

. During my next stay, I plan to give a

presentation on health education, including toothbrushing. I plan to use the **children's church** in a playful way, just as I did during my last visit two weeks ago. Afterward, I treated about 50 children's wounds that would otherwise have to heal in the dirt without any protection. The families have neither the supplies nor the knowledge for wound care. We are so grateful for all the donated supplies!





For some widows, like Felizarda, the trip to get their blood pressure checked is too much of a hassle; they're very happy when we visit. We dream of building a **residence for widows in need on the AVA grounds**. Because for some, it's really hard to take care of themselves. I can also imagine combining it with a preschool... and maybe even care facilities for people with disabilities.....If God provides us with the resources, we'll get to work 🌱🌿🏠

Four of our five orphans from Angonia have been in a relationship for quite some time, and I invited them and other **couples** over for dinner to talk about their future and warn them against rushing into **starting a family**, which could ruin everything for them. They were very understanding, but I

hope that they truly follow God's principles. I've learned that many here are already having as a pastime or to earn money. Abortions are correspondingly common, and the consequences are underestimated. We need a great deal of grace and wisdom to change this culture and to write on their hearts—not as a law, but as God's wise plan for the happiness of His children. 🏠

Yousma, 18 years old and already pregnant, is a current example among them of how it's nearly impossible to escape the cycle of poverty. So we hope to be able to give these couples a helping hand to get a job, build their little house, and get married before their first child arrives. 🏠



My dear husband **Heinz** got through the three weeks without me just fine, spending the last one at Schärding Hospital with **another case of blood poisoning** due to an infected leg wound. We thank God for his swift recovery! I was able to pick him up from the hospital yesterday right after I arrived. He's mobile again and feeling well.

We're praying for further healing of his leg wounds so that we can travel to Mozambique together at the end of August.

By then, we're also expecting the **arrival of the recycling plant from China**, which has cost the entire EMCA team a great deal of effort, money, and patience over the past two years.

May the Lord bless all these efforts and guide the construction and operation of the plant—to be a blessing to many!

Thank you so much for all your support through prayer and giving!

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with everything you need!

Sabine, Heinz, and the team