

weekly focus: mozambique update

By Denny Bergakker

Jesus had compassion for the people of Chinhangane, Mozambique because they were like sheep without a shepherd. God showed me the people of Chinhangne. They were poor, hungry, uneducated and in need of spiritual teaching. I asked God to give them food, to give them a way to support their families, to give them good spiritual leaders and to give them hope and to help them. Most of all to show them that God loves them, cares for them and wants a personal relationship with them.

God said **YOU** give them these things. "How can I do that?" I ask God, "The problems are so great and I have so little to offer." "What do you have?" God asked. "Do you have a few weeks' time? Do you have friends and family who can pray for you and support you financially? Do you have the ability to memorize a few stories from the Bible, tell them to the people of Chinhangne and help them to explore what they mean? Do you have it in your heart to come alongside a missionary family who have dedicated their lives to helping these people and encourage them? Can you play games with children? Can you fix things or show others how to maintain them?"

I responded, "Yes, I can do those things." So God called a few others who felt like I do and he took our meager talents and he poured out His Holy Spirit on us and blessed us. He brought us to Chinhangane and had us live among the people for a week (our Short-Term Mission trip). He had us tell them that God loves them and cares for them. He had us demonstrate His love by being with the people and encouraging them. He had us comfort Lucky and Sonnet who had an extremely difficult year. When we left we could see a few glimpses of hope in the village, but I wondered if we had really accomplished anything. I asked God why he hadn't multiplied our efforts the way he multiplied the five loaves and two fish. Why didn't more people accept Jesus as their Savior? God said, "I did. You are forgetting that what you are doing is not just for today but for eternity and you cannot see eternity, today. If you could, you would see the people who are in heaven for eternity because of the seeds you planted, the people who are in heaven because of what you did to encourage Lucky and Sonnet to keep on ministering to the people when they felt they couldn't go on any longer. You would see people in heaven who live to be adults rather than dying as children because they had food to eat. What you saw was just a glimpse of what I did through your time in the village."

TAKE
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step»

Thank you God for using my meager gifts and talents and multiplying them for your glory and for your purpose! Take a minute to come to the Connection Point today and hear more about our trip and the ongoing relationship we have with missionaries Lucky & Sonnet and the people of Chinhangane!

congregational care

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 956-9377.

Meijer Heart: Percy Vandersilk

Butterworth: Jerry Rose

Metro: Nancy Greenley

Mary Free Bed: David Bowman

PRAYER CHAIN: If you need prayer, contact Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) at 956-9377, ext. 5997.

THANK YOU

We want to thank our Calvary family for all the prayers, cards and kind words during the time of my mom's cancer and eternal homegoing on June 27.

Ken & Sherri Meines and family

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers. I could feel the love and God's strength with each glance at both the funeral and here at home.

Julie Brewbaker

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to friends and family of Christopher Hinton at his homegoing on July 14; and also to Dan and Roxanne Challa at the homegoing of Dan's mother, Marian Peterson, on July 17.

grace beyond update

Total Project Cost: \$ 28,596,919

Total Committed: \$ 26,866,935

Remaining Need: \$ 1,729,984

Updated 6/30/18

FOR THE RECORD

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 128,461	\$ 107,802	(\$ 20,659)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - July 15	\$ 6,885,376	\$ 6,735,953	(\$149,423)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 236,195	

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9:00 & 10:45am

The Last Things

Mark 13

Tom Olsson, *Lead Pastor*

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welcome

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many groups, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine, visit us online at calvarygr.org, or stop by the Connection Point (located in the Gathering Place across from the main Sanctuary entrance). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

this morning

Boiler Room Prayer

8:50-11:50am | Room 222

Pray over every aspect of the service as the Holy Spirit leads, assisted by a request sheet composed by staff.

Language Translation Details

During the 9:00 service, the songs and sermon are interpreted into Farsi. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Pick up a receiver at the Welcome Center.



When: September 8 and 9

Where: Ah-Nab-Awen Park | 303 Pearl Street, Grand Rapids

CityFest is a two-day, high-energy festival joining together 400 churches across West Michigan. Our goal is to see God bring revival and awakening in our community. Throughout the summer we are loving our city and serving our neighbors through projects like our affordable housing initiative with *Partners in Housing*.

CityFest is an opportunity to share hope with our city and to help our friends and neighbors experience Jesus in a fresh way. Begin praying now for the five friends you'd like to see come to Christ. At our CityFest station (just outside the Connection Point) you can pick up tickets for inviting your friends, prayer cards for reminding you to pray and lawn signs for advertising the festival. Further questions? Contact Emily Franklund (efranklund@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5022.

coming events & announcements

Middle School 78: Donuts & Devotions Wednesdays Through August 1

10:30am-12:00pm | Gathering Place
We will explore tools and tips for spending time in God's Word, will take time to put what we learn into practice, and will gather together to pray and discuss what we experience along the way.

High School: Camping with Tom

This coming weekend, 22 high schoolers will head up north for a time of community-building and spiritual formation. Pray for the students, High School Pastoral Staff Josh Karhan and Lead Pastor Tom Olsson as they seek the Lord together.

Hymn Sing

July 29 | 7:30-8:30pm | Chapel

Come lift your voices as we rejoice together with the timeless hymns you know and love. Maury Lehmann will lead us in singing with special music by David DeVries. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Pray With the Elders

August 7 | 6:15-7:15pm | Room 211

The elders meet for prayer with the congregation on the first Tuesday of the month. If you would like the elders to pray for you, please stop by. You are welcome to come unannounced, but if possible it would be helpful if you could contact Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) in advance so she can put you on the schedule.

Young Adults: Indoor Drive-In

August 10 | 7:00-11:00pm

Room 208 (Entrance D) | \$5

Wind down your week with us as we enjoy snacks and a movie, drive-in style! Bring your own lawn chair, blankets, or other comfy items for movie watching. Relax as we watch a movie in Room 208 and snack on some throwback foods. Admission is \$5 to cover snacks and intermission activities. Register at mycalvarygr.org. Questions? Contact Kirstin (kherbruck@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5504.

sunday night service

6:00pm | Gathering Place

Sunday night services at Calvary Church are an opportunity to worship God in a unique, discussion-oriented setting. Join us!

this week at calvary

1 Middle School 56: Waffles & The Word July 25 | 10:30am-12:00pm | Room 108

Come join your fellow fifth and sixth graders for a fun time enjoying waffles and digging into God's Word! Just show up with your Bible, a notebook and pen.

2 Kids Camp: Water Games July 25 | 9:30am-12:00pm | Cornerstone University

Kids that have completed kindergarten through fourth grade come and join us as we play water games - prepare to get soaked. Kids can cool off from the summer heat as they learn that they are Gifted with a Purpose. Don't pass on the event; it is sure to be a splash!

Register at mycalvarygr.org by tomorrow, July 23. All kids must be preregistered, no on-site registrations.

3 Middle School 78: Glow-In-The-Dark Movie Night July 26 | 6:30-9:00pm | Room 208

Invite a friend and join us for the movie *The Greatest Showman* and endless popcorn, candy, and glow sticks! No need to register.

serving opportunity

Affordable Housing Initiative: Calvary is coming alongside *Partners in Housing*, a local nonprofit who buys manufactured homes and refurbishes them for a homeless family to own. We need help with demo, renovation, furnishing, and even stocking the pantry of this new home. **Interested in getting involved?** Fill out the form below and turn in your bulletin to the Connection Point following the service. Questions? Contact Natalie (nuecker@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5181.

I want to get involved!

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Interested in (see list above): _____

Days Available to Volunteer: Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa