

The next steps

Plans for 2011 include

- A return visit by a small group of young people from Mozambique to our Synod
- A visit by one of our ministers to the annual synod meeting of the IPM, and help in establishing a regular English language service of worship in Maputo
- A four week visit to Xai-Xai in Gaza Province by one of our ministers, and a return four week visit here by the host minister, with an emphasis on developing English language skills

These plans and the general development of the Partnership are part of the agenda of the Synod World Church Group, convened by the Moderator.

Our Global Partnership co-ordinator is John Durell: for any further information contact him on 0191 384 1475, or contact Synod office.

Up to date information on the Partnership will be found on the synod website -

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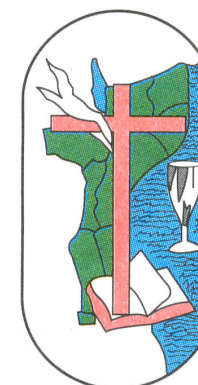
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THE MOZAMBIQUE FUND

Developing our Global Partnership in 2011 and beyond



THE STORY SO FAR

Our Global Partner Church, the Presbyterian Church of Mozambique (IPM), is part of the life of one of the world's poorest nations – but is a Church that is vibrant and growing, and aware of the joy and privilege of sharing in God's mission today.

Our links began in 2004 through reciprocal visits which touched the lives of many members of our Synod. The following year we set up *The Mozambique Fund*, in order to supporting the Church's project work and develop this Global Partnership.

By 2007, after determined fund-raising and many "miles for Mozambique" walked by synod members of all ages, we were able to finance a much-needed four wheel drive vehicle. This was intended to help the Church's mission and evangelism work, and other project work based in Maputo, to link up with the more remote parts of the country.



The Mozambique Fund has also helped some of the congregations acquire land rights that were under threat, following the chaos of the years of civil war. And in 2008 we were hoping to support a visit by a group of young people from Mozambique to our Synod, but unfortunately they were refused visas.

In 2010 we welcomed to our Synod two leading members of the IPM, Revds Ernesto Langa and José Tovela, who had been invited as guests of General Assembly. They



were able to see a good deal of the life of our churches and communities during the few days they were with us, before going on to Assembly in Loughborough.

A few weeks later our moderator led a group of under-30s from our churches in a visit to Mozambique which took in not only church life in the capital, Maputo, but also allowed



time in the province of Inhambane, where the Church is expanding its work. We hope that the success of this visit will help persuade the authorities this time to allow visas for a reciprocal visit of young people from Mozambique in 2011.

While they were in Maputo our group heard of plans being drawn up by the wives of a group of church leaders for a women's self-help sewing project. The aim of the project was to provide both work for women and finance for the Church's work in the north of the country. We agreed to support this Project, and accepted the challenge to raise £3200 to launch it, as "Sewing for Mozambique".

THE MOZAMBIQUE FUND

We set up the Mozambique Fund in 2005 to support the project work of the IPM and to develop our Global Partnership. Synod Trust has subsequently agreed to make funds available to develop the Partnership through visits and other ways; and in addition the URC's *Belonging to the World Church* programme underwrites some of the travel costs incurred.

However, our support of the Church's project work relies totally on individuals' gifts and the fund-raising that takes place in our churches: no other source of income can be used for this.

From time to time we will have particular Projects before us and target figures to achieve. Donations that are given in response to particular appeals, such as *Sewing for Mozambique*, will go to that Project in the first place. However, any extra money raised beyond the target figure that is no longer required for that project will be put to the general Mozambique Fund, and used to develop our Global Partnership.

GIVING TO THE FUND

Gifts should be made through the Synod Office, indicating that they are for the Mozambique Fund:

Cheques should be made payable to URC (Northern Province) Trust Ltd,

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