



ROTE Newsletter

February 2024



Dear family and friends,



We are delighted to say that all our boys made a great start to the new academic year at the beginning of February. Thank you to everybody who supports the work of ROTE as it is during January that the majority of school supplies are purchased and it's such a blessing to be able to supply the boys with all the essentials they need including good quality maths sets that are less likely to break than the cheap ones! We have also been able to pay Tage and Yassine for all the work they put into taking the boys to the market to buy their equipment and making sure we have photos.



Prayer: please pray for the boys to settle into their new classes.

Already Eduardo and Chuale have been asked to study in the mornings instead of the afternoons which doesn't fit in well with Eduardo's football training or Chuale's work. Please also pray for Nelson to retain and improve on his literacy skills as he goes into Year 9. Ozzy, Chuale and Eduardo are in year 10 and Americo, year 11.

Sickness

the most common cause of death in Mozambique is malaria. Eduardo contracted malaria about two weeks before the start of term but made a miraculous recovery the day before school started and attended his first day. Francesca was able to speak to his mum on the phone who had not been able to work as Eduardo had needed 24hr care. It was a privilege to be able to pray for Eduardo and encourage him and his mum to pray for his recovery themselves.

Right now, Americo has malaria but was able to attend his first week of school. Please pray for his recovery. Francesca is checking in with him on a regular basis.

Prayer: please pray generally for all the children who seem so susceptible to this terrible illness during the rainy season (December to April).

Nelson's house

As the money that Bourne Christian Centre sent to Iris Global UK took so long to reach Iris Global Mozambique, we have decided to wait to build Nelson's house until the worst of the rain is over.

Prayer: please pray for Nelson's family as they struggle through this last rainy season in their very dilapidated house. This will not be an easy time for them.

Sanitary products for girls

Francesca has taken great delight in ordering reusable sanitary pads for the girls who join our education programme when we return to Mozambique. Back in 2019, we distributed both Mooncups and reusable sanitary pads to the teachers at the Iris Global school and to the mothers of the boys on our programme. The look on their faces when they received the reusable pads trumped their responses to receiving the Mooncups every time as did the feedback we received on the use of the two products. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this particular project which ROTE will continue once we are back in Mozambique.



Our visas

Many of you have asked us if there is any news on the paperwork to get our visas. We have been in regular contact with the pastor of the Assemblies of God church through whom we are obtaining our new visas. He is in contact with the Provincial Director in Maputo who has been checking on the progress of our documents. The pastor has been contacted several times over the past few weeks by Maputo to confirm certain details on our application documents. However, we are still waiting and we are always in hope.

Prayer: please pray our documents are returned to us at the perfect time and that we will continue to have patience in the waiting.



Saturday 16 March at Bourne Christian Centre
Kingswood, BS15 8BE
7:00pm Doors Open 6:30pm
Adult £8, Family £20
Child / Student / Benefits £4

Fundraising Concert

On Saturday 16th March at 7pm, we are putting on a fundraising concert for the work of ROTE at the Bourne Christian Centre. This concert will be your chance, to not only support the work of ROTE but also to support many young (and not-so-young!) local singers and musicians who will take to the stage to bring us all an evening of musical delights. Caves & Kingdoms will also be reuniting to bring back the very best of their debut album 'Running Wild'. If you would like to make a cake to help raise funds during the interval, please get in touch via email or WhatsApp. We'd love to see you there!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for all your support.

With love and blessings,
Francesca and Paul

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