

Mozambique: Literacy for Life

Overview

Mission Educate are running a Bible based literacy development project designed to teach people to read the Bible and provide basic literacy, numeracy and life skills. It targets those living in impoverished city areas and rural communities who have little access to education and works with churches who have very few literate people amongst their communities.

The Need

Mozambique is considered to be one of the world's poorest nations, with more than 50% of the population living below the poverty line. It is ranked 181 out of 188 nations in the Human Project Development Ranking. According to the UNESCO report of 2015, 44% of the Sofala province and 32% of the population of the Inhambane province are illiterate.

Mozambique has a broad expression of religious beliefs, with a significant portion of the population Christian. However, the literacy level in many congregations means that the Bible is not easily read or understood, even by pastors.



Project Goals

The literacy project targets disadvantaged individuals and families within the Sofala and Inhambane provinces.

Literacy classes are held in community settings, with the immediate objective to provide 800 individuals (both men and women) with literacy skills. This will be done by conducting the Literacy project in 24 groups across three provinces and eight districts.

The success of the project will be measured by an exit assessment of the

individual's literacy competency for each module of the program. Curriculum has been developed and facilitators trained and supported as they teach participants.

In 2022, the project will continue to work towards seeing Mozambicans provided with the skills to read and write, and fulfil the plan God has for their lives. All participants will be presented with their own Bible at the completion of Module One.

Impact

Last year, classes were established in 26 villages across 5 provinces with 544 students completing the literary program. These students achieved a Grade 3 literacy standard.

The project developed an effective pedagogic methodology for the development of literacy, basic numeracy, health and fundamental agricultural skills.

The Literacy for Life Project will transform individuals, families and communities. Church congregations are expected to be transformed with an increase in literate members who can read the Bible and engage in meaningful Bible discussions, encouraging the formation of personal faith.

Testimonies

"All my life I have wanted to read. I have seen the power that it gives people. I have lived my whole life in poverty. My husband has no job and I spend a lot of time just finding food for my family. I love learning at the Literacy class. I am learning to read in Sena, my mother tongue and some Portuguese words as well. I want to learn as much as I can so that I can start my own business or get a job to support my family."
- Rabeca

Prayer Needs

- Pray for the students and their families, that they will learn to read and love God's word.
- Please pray that opportunities will come for graduates to continue education or training or gain employment.
- Pray for a positive relationship with churches and governments.