



Casa Reom

Prayer News - 30th March 2019

Quite a lot has been happening at Casa Reom since our last prayer update at the beginning of this week and we want you to be informed so that you can stand by the team in prayer.

Safe Arrivals

After travelling via South Africa, to buy items urgently needed in Beira using the money already donated, Shephen arrived at Beira airport on Thursday on board a Mercy Air flight. A long list of requested items were flown in including a generator, a gas stove, plates, cups, pots and a pressure cooker to replace items lost or damaged during the cyclone. The flight also carried food supplies (sugar, rice, beans, etc.) to replenish what was fast running out.



Our partner organisation, RescueNet, now have all of their team in Beira. They were requested by the UN relief co-ordinators to go to some unassessed parts in the Nhamatanda region. At times they had to travel on foot to reach cut-off communities and make situation assessments for the government as well as treat sick and injured people. They report:

" ... being able to know where the greatest needs are enables the response to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number in the shortest time. Food, medical supplies and medical workers are in short supply, so great assessments are crucial."



The team is planning more helicopter flights piloted by the South African Army to deliver food supplies and assist in local clinics.

Give thanks for:

- Stephen being able to source all the requested items in South Africa with help from partners Mercy Air.
- Quick progress through customs for the aid from South Africa.
- Safe arrival of the RescueNet team and their luggage.

- The RescueNet team being able to make a difference to people's lives straight away.
- Good co-operation with the UN, the South African Army and other relief organisations.

Please pray for:

- The YWAM team at Casa Reom along with partner organisations as they seek to bring God's love to suffering people in a very practical way.
- The aid to get through to those who need it and not be stolen or confiscated by those who seek financial or personal gain.
- The number of Cholera cases to stall and begin to drop. That vaccines make it swiftly to where they are needed.
- More helicopters and stronger coordination of the national relief work.
- Safety, for the survivors and the responders.

Repairing the Damage

Some of the Casa Reom staff with small children have returned to their home towns in other parts of Mozambique. Arcanjo and Rosa were due to complete their period of mission during March and a new staff member, Nelio, due to join staff with his wife and family in May arrived early to help out. Nelio, some local volunteers and the older Casa Reom boys, have begun almost completed clearing up the cyclone damage on the site. We also heard today that one of the pilots joined in the work which was an inspiration for the boys.





Oliveira says: *"After three days of hard job we manage to remove the palm tree that had fallen on the dormitory".*

The worse damage is to the centre of the main dormitory block where the tree fell during the storm. But there is also damage to the roof of the oldest classroom as well as the complete removal of the roof on the dining room still under construction.

The damage was assessed today by a local builder and there does not appear to be any structural damage. The decision to use a high standard of construction, when the site was first planned over 15 years ago, is now proving to be an important one. So many people in Beira lived in homes that did not survive the storm. We are now awaiting a quote from the builder who will also have to obtain the necessary materials. The shortage of building materials will be a major issue for the whole of Beira in the coming months.

It has been decided that, after a busy few weeks, tomorrow will be a day of rest at Casa Reom. There is much still to do and many people to help but they can't help if they are tired!

Give thanks for:

- None of the boys being injured during the cyclone.
- The story of how the trees fell but missed all of the boys is a miracle (we need to share it with you at some point!)
- The strength of the buildings at Inhamizua that have withstood the cyclone and still provide shelter.
- The encouragement that Stephen and the other YWAM volunteers have given to the tired team at Casa Reom.

Please pray for:

- Local people who have lost their homes and who are sleeping in tents or in the open air.
 - Recovery from trauma for so many people. The stories being told are of harrowing experiences when the cyclone struck.
 - The supply of materials needed to re-build the city of Beira. In some disaster situations the shipping in of foreign builders and materials can devastate the local economy.
 - The right technical people to assess the damage at Casa Reom and make repairs.
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Helping Local People

YWAM volunteers from other parts of Mozambique have joined the Casa Reom staff as they try to help local people after the cyclone. The teaching staff of Escola Reom (Casa Reom's 600 pupil school), were badly affected by the cyclone and many of them have lost everything. Ally & Leanna, have been visiting the teachers' families in their homes to provide emergency food.



Many parts of the city now have running water but electricity has only been restored to about 20% of the city. The Casa Reom site at Inhamizua still has no power so the generator will be a great help. The water storage and harvesting system installed a few years ago will help to maintain a reliable clean water supply that not only benefits Casa Reom but also the local children of Escola Reom and their families. As this system relies on a pump, the generator is a necessity!

Give thanks for:

- Restoration of water to many parts of Beira.
- The generator at Casa Reom!
- Some food supplies arriving to help the majority of people who have lost all of their crops and stored food supplies.

Please pray for:

- Aid agencies seeking to deliver food to almost 1.7 million people in Beira.
- The national electricity company as they try to restore power. They are restricted by the number of fallen power lines that are unsafe to re-energise.
- Casa Reom to best know how to help their neighbours.
- The teachers of Escola Reom who have lost everything.
- That those who seek to make personal gain at the expense of those most in need will be thwarted.

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