

# Casa Reom

## Prayer News - 7th July 2019

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It is almost 4 months since the cyclone hit Beira and the staff at Casa Reom have been reflecting on all that has happened since that time. In a recent communication they say *"We praise the Lord for protecting all of us."*

### Beira continues to rebuild

With the many relief agencies now gone, it is up to the people of Beira to rebuild their homes and their lives after such a devastating event. Many people from Buzi, which was the worst affected area, are still living in tent camps. Food is a challenge for many people with prices still very high. YWAM and the staff at Casa Reom continue to help local people with food and building materials. Getting the school operational again has been a major priority and this has involved assisting the teachers and their families in rebuilding their homes.



Oliveira says: *"Beira district was really affected, 3 months have passed but it feels like it was a dream, because in one day people had lost many things that they built in many years."*

Please pray for:

- The many people of Beira whose homes are still damaged or destroyed as they try to find ways to rebuild.

- The international YWAM team seeking to help the people of Beira.
  - Relationships with local people, especially the families of the children who attend Escola Reom.
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## Boys

It has been a difficult time for the boys too. A visiting YWAM team brought some encouragement and a chance for emotional and spiritual input to their lives.



With many of their possessions damaged by the cyclone, Tabitha was able to take the boys out shopping for new clothes - certainly a good way to get to know the boys better!



Pedro (Wilson), one of the older boys, has in the last month started the final stage of his medical training by attending a practical course in a Gorongosa hospital, several hours away from Beira. Pedro will then graduate in September when he hopes to begin a career as a medical worker in a Mozambique hospital.



Please pray for:

- The boys as they continue to recover from the trauma of the cyclone.
- Pedro completing his medical practical in Gorongosa.
- Tabitha and Nelio as they get to know the boys.
- Luis and Frank, previous Casa Reom boys, who have been in trouble with the police after being influenced by the wrong people after leaving Casa Reom.

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## Repairs at Casa Reom

If you have been following progress on Casa Reom Trust's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/casareomtrust](http://www.facebook.com/casareomtrust)) you will have seen some of the progress in repairing the damage at Casa Reom after the cyclone.

They describe the situation: *"YWAM Beira and its ministry was affected but we praise the Lord because none of us was hurt. The roofs of our buildings at Inhamizua were damaged but have now been repaired. The roof of the building in town was totally destroyed and we haven't started to rebuild it yet as the architecture is still working on plans."*



After helping the teachers with emergency aid, and once the boys' dormitory had been repaired, getting the school back up and running was the next priority. This has allowed local children to achieve some normality of life as well as ensuring their education continues. The existing two classrooms have been repaired and renovated and the newer third classroom is also in use, all thanks to generous donations to the Cyclone Appeal.



*"We want to say thank you for your intervention after the cyclone when we didn't have any idea how and where to start. We appreciate your kindness and continual support, so far we have managed to rebuild about 95% of what was damaged."*

Give thanks for:

- The generosity of those who gave to the Cyclone Appeal.
- Funds from the appeal reaching Casa Reom so quickly so that repair work could begin straight away.
- The school being up and running again and that the teachers have been able to support their own families to recover from the cyclone.

Please pray for:

- Completion of the new Kitchen and Dining Room block which was nearly complete but then damaged by the cyclone.
- A team from USA who are looking to come to help finish the repairs.

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## **Staff**

Many of the Casa Reom staff team were due to complete their term of work during 2019 and the cyclone caused those with young families to return back to their home areas earlier than expected. New staff members, Nelio and Tabitha, recently arrived at Casa Reom with their family. In fact, Nelio came early to help with the clear-up work after the cyclone. Nelio previously worked for the cell phone company, Movitel, in Quelimane. Tabitha has worked in healthcare and a counselling

project and looks forward to using her skills at Casa Reom. They have two daughters (Nelsia and Hirondina) and a son (Melquisedeque).



An important aspect of the next building phase at Casa Reom will be the completion of a staff accommodation block at the Inhamizua site. One of the trustees, Iain Slater, will be visiting Casa Reom in August and it is hoped that plans can then be finalised so that the accommodation block can be used by Nelio and Tabitha and their family.

Please pray for:

- Nelio and Tabitha and their family as they settle into life at Casa Reom.
  - Nelio and Tabitha to be able to raise the financial support they need to work at Casa Reom.
  - Planning of the new staff accommodation block.
  - Iain's visit to Casa Reom and discussions on future work.
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## Escola Reom

We didn't get a chance to send out an update about the Casa Reom school which we received just before the cyclone. During February, Escola Reom began the new school year with an official opening day attended by parents and teachers. With the new classroom just opened, the school had increased its capacity to around 600 boys and girls, even despite a shortage of desks.



Only some of the boys attend primary education at Escola Reom with the older boys travelling to various secondary schools or vocation training centres that cater for their more advanced needs.

Give thanks for:

- The growth of Escola Reom, providing government funded education to some of the poorest families, with a Christian ethos.

Please pray for:

- The staff and teachers of the school as they support many children who were traumatised by the cyclone.
- Ten of the older Casa Reom boys attending vocational training courses at the Young Africa centre this year.