

Associação IMAGINE

“for that which is first imagined, later becomes”

Update Report March & April 2011

A New Home for Winter!

As winter draws in here in Mozambique, we have been reaching for our fleeces and scarves – it is actually still around 23°C but this certainly feels cold after such a hot and humid March! So, it was with extra great pleasure that we were able to hand over to its family, the reed house that IMAGINE built last month.

The two room house with separate latrine, located in the Guachane district of KaTembe, was given over in a ceremony on 15th April to a grandmother, her daughter, and two grandchildren, one a baby (pictured below outside the house, with Lorraine and Celio).

The family were also given gifts for themselves and their home, including sleeping mats, quilts and towels, some of which had been donated by Cardoso Hotel in Maputo City. The hand over ceremony was attended by representatives from the Dept. of Social Action, Education and the community of Guachene.

Next month we also hope to hand over the brick built house funded by multinational company ED&F Man. There are still a number of families in desperate need of new homes and IMAGINE would love to be able to provide brick built homes for every one of them. The brick houses with electricity and external latrine currently cost in the region of \$9,000 and so IMAGINE seek specific sponsorship to support these activities. For more information, contact Rebekah.

How to Save a Life!

In the last update report IMAGINE asked for help to buy Mosquito Nets for the families in KaTembe who are supported by the Family Assistance Programme.

It is with immense gratitude that I now write to thank The Rotary Club of Rainhill, Edith Bennison, Margrette Speers and Anne Burke for their generosity which will enable us to buy all of the required nets to distribute to our families during May.

The IMAGINE community coordinators will work with each family to ensure that they have the capacity to hang and use the nets effectively, so that this small act, can be truly life saving.

Photos will follow, but for now... just our gratitude!



Uniforms for School

Along with the normal food distribution activities taking place this month IMAGINE also had the pleasure of giving new school uniforms to the children registered for support.

A total of 86 children received a new uniform which comprised of a shirt and skirt or trousers. It was genuinely touching to see how thrilled the children were with their gift, I couldn't help but think that a child in the UK would not get the same pleasure from receiving school clothes.

The uniforms are made at a sewing centre in Guachene, KaTembe that IMAGINE set up in partnership with Dept. of Education / Social Action and in this way IMAGINE is supporting local business in KaTembe, and the previously unemployed women working at the centre.



IMAGINE Launch their New Website!

www.imaginemozambique.org

At the end of March IMAGINE contacted you all with the exciting news of their new site launch. Thanks to everyone who sent positive feedback, it has been lovely to read your kind words. The new website is more interactive and will be regularly updated with the latest news from KaTembe and overseas. The newsletters and any other publications will also be uploaded onto the website so that they can be accessed from there.

Since it's launch the "Where We Work" section has been completed to include 'google earth' maps showing the exact locations of the IMAGINE projects in KaTembe. If you have not yet seen them please take a look! And many thanks to our friends in USA for their hard work (Gabiella Carolini, Tim Shrek & Samantha Swerdloff).

Thanks also to Heather Tamplin and Ryan Speers for all their work on the behind the scenes technical stuff!! We really couldn't have got anywhere without you!

In addition, we all have new email addresses, as follows:

For Lorraine: lorraine.williams@imaginemozambique.org

For Rebekah, and for anything related to fundraising or a donation!
rebekah.speers@imaginemozambique.org

For Celio: celio.sineque@imaginemozambique.org

These email addresses are now active so please save them in place of the imagine@teledata.mz / imagineinfo@teledata.mz addresses you have been using to date.

And lastly, we are on Facebook! If you are a user, please look for our page (Imagine Mozambique), and don't forget to "Like" us!

In the Bank!

As often as possible I like to celebrate the activities and generosity of our supporters who help IMAGINE to keep strong! This month I want to give a long overdue acknowledgment to those making standing orders into our account each month. Your money is our bread and butter and we hope that you know it is received with the greatest appreciation!

Occasionally we receive donations which we cannot track, and we are saddened by our inability to thank these people. We understand that sometimes people wish to donate anonymously and we respect that choice, however, if you are not intending to be anonymous, can I ask that you always write your name in the "reference" category on the online accounting form?

In addition it would be much appreciated if you could email me on rebekah.speers@imaginemozambique.org to let me know of your deposit, and to give any relevant details regarding where it has come from, and to what project ,if any, it is specifically connected. Thank you for your support with this!



Keep on Running!!

I am absolutely thrilled to report that Mark Pownall completed the London Marathon on Sunday April 17th in aid of the Family Homes of Hope.

Mark had been struggling throughout his training with knee problems and had undertaken intense physio in the run up to the event. These problems meant that Mark had never run for more than 13 miles before arriving in London to take on the 26.2 of the marathon.

IMAGINE are in awe of Marks achievements, and also extremely grateful for his efforts and for all the sponsorship that he has received.



We are also lucky enough to have another two sporty supporters , Sarah McCormack and Liz Keogh, who are planning to run the 'Flora Women's Mini-Marathon' in Dublin on 6th June 2011. The sponsorship will be going towards desks for classrooms in KaTembe.

For those less inclined to run, Formby based IMAGINE supporter Suzannah Dykes has once again organised the 'Formby 5 Mile Walk' . The walk, along Formby coastline will take place on Sunday 26th June and Lorraine will also be in attendance as this coincides with her UK visit. Entry is £5 / person or £15 / family.

For more information on any of the above please contact me on info@imaginemozambique.org