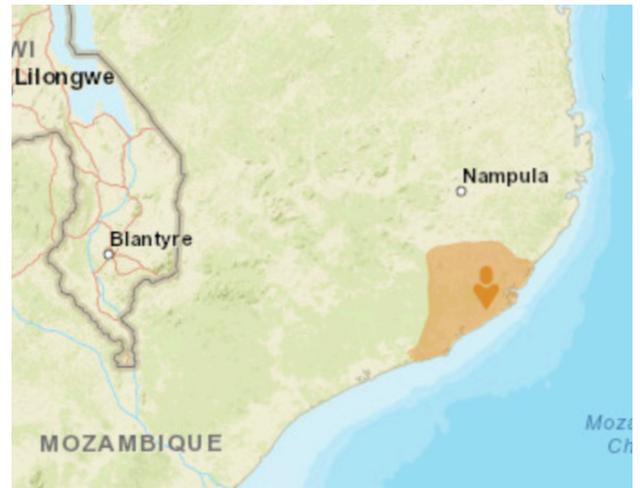


# PRAY FOR THE MAKHUWA MARREVONE OF MOZAMBIQUE



Have you ever helped your mom or dad plant a garden in the spring? If you have, then you already know that there are several steps that you have to take for success, right? First you have to wait until the weather is right. It does no good planting seeds in frozen ground. Then you need to prepare the soil. This might mean removing grass or old plants and tilling or mixing up the soil until it's soft. This is the part where you hopefully discover lots of earth worms in your garden. The more the better! Then you might should add some compost and other nutrient rich matter to your soil and mix that all up. I like to do this with my bare hands so I can feel it (I was a make-mud-pies-in-the-rain kind of kid). Now, you're ready to sow some seeds! Then you water, weed, and wait.



In the coastal country of Mozambique, there is an unreached people group that has recently been engaged with the gospel! They are known as the Makhuwa Marrevone. The Makhuwa Marrevone are one of the majority Muslim people groups in Mozambique. They were introduced to Islam over 1,000 years ago by Arab traders. In the last twenty years, missionaries from various groups, including the IMB, have been sharing the gospel and planting churches in their area. It is believed that there are over 2,000 baptized believers among the Makhuwa Marrevone!

There is indeed reason to give thanks to God that this people group now has access to the gospel and some have responded favorably. But most Makhuwa Marrevone still follow Islam, and there is still a huge need for assistance in establishing healthy churches that will grow and flourish, especially given the hostility due to radical Islam in their area. Like your garden planted in the spring, there's a lot of work that goes into sowing the seed of the gospel and planting churches. You can toil, sow, and even water the seeds but only God provides the growth. Pray now that those who have professed to believe in Christ alone will not only grow to be healthy, fruitful Christians but will also sow new seeds as well. Pray also that this new growth of a new church will be protected against the Enemy, who wants to destroy the seeds of the gospel that have been sown.



Don't forget to pray for the Makhuwa Marrevone children, too! Christ is the Hope of ALL NATIONS! God is the Lord of the harvest. What He causes to grow will never be choked by weeds, or dried by drought, or scorched by the sun. It will grow. It will flourish. It will bear fruit. All those who truly belong to Christ will be kept safe in His garden forever.