

HAAS STORYBOARD

Back To Africa

We are in awe of how God has been working during the three-month missions outreach our local church launched in May. Holly has been working on the details (e.g. budgets, transportation, training and housing) since late last year, but even the best planning can't guarantee good outcomes. The hassle of getting everyone's visa smells like supernatural opposition. But even that has been a cause for praise because every visa was granted, though many approvals took until the proverbial last minute.

Instead of departing together May 15, Andrew dropped off Holly at the airport. His passport still was at the Ghana embassy awaiting a visa for TWR MOTION business the week after our time in Mozambique. Holly joined up with Kathy from Boone, North Carolina. After two days of travel, they arrived in the city of Beira and met Tracy, one of Antioch Raleigh's career missionaries serving in Mozambique. The three women spent several days together exchanging money, getting cell phone SIM cards, finding grocery stores, and meeting the pastor who is our connection to local churches and translators. They also met the managers of the apartment complex who rented five units to house up to 20 people at one time.



Andrew arrived on his birthday (Sunday, May 22)

Antioch doesn't have full-time missionaries in Beira, so to take care of the short-termers, three sets of "base parents" with years of overseas experience are guiding the progress. We arrived first with a two-week head start, which allowed unknowns to be dealt with before the others arrived. Kathy was super helpful in many areas such as meal planning, shopping and creating a duty roster. Everyone took a turn helping cook evening meals, clean up and stay behind during the day to provide prayer cover for those pounding the pavement in face-to-face ministry.

In securing extra mattresses for those who would be sleeping on the floor, they realized that no stores sold sheets. Maybe the locals don't use them or make their own. Holly contacted Andrew, and he packed enough sheets to cover all the mattresses. His "delay" was exactly what was needed to finish preparing for the waves of visiting teams.



Kathy setting up all five apartments for breakfast

The Strategy

Four days after Andrew's arrival, six interns landed to serve for three months. Antioch sends ETN (Engage the Nations) teams around the world every year. The half-dozen from the Boone and Raleigh churches in North Carolina spent weeks in Texas receiving training with about 50 others now serving in locations worldwide. ETN training involves learning how to facilitate a Disciple Making Movement (DMM). What's a successful DMM? It's not counting salvations, baptisms and Bible studies. Yes, we rejoice in those things, but we look for disciples who obey the Holy Spirit to share what they learn with others. This way a person's spiritual growth isn't contingent on someone else's teaching, knowledge or education. Jesus' final command to his followers was to pass on what they learned. When Jesus' followers pass on what they learn, they demonstrate obedience-based discipleship, which is better than a knowledge-based approach.



Beira, Mozambique ETN 2022

The Bible study method we use is a reproducible model called DBS (Discovery Bible Study). A scripture is read out loud (e.g. the birth of the church in Acts 2) followed by three questions:

1. What does this tell us about God?
2. What does this tell us about people?
3. How must we respond?

Each person in the group gets to practice listening to the Holy Spirit and deciding what actions they need to take. Since it's not something "put on by others," accountability at the next DBS is natural as we merely ask if they did what **they** heard God calling them to do.

The Supporting Cast

Assisting the manpower of our ETN interns, several waves of two-week teams are serving in Mozambique. Two days after ETN arrived, 10 members of the Antioch Raleigh college ministry landed (plus one more a few days later).

The ministry schedule:

- Wake up, personal time with God
- 9:30 - 11:30am — team time (prayer, worship, teaching, and/or testimony and direction for the day)
- 12-5pm — Outreach (prayer walking, engaging people, salvations, baptisms, Bible studies)
- 6pm — Team dinner followed by testimonies of what we saw God do that day



Raleigh's Alpha Team in Beira

The local partner church is called Peniel (“Face of God”). This refers to Genesis 32, where Jacob wrestles with a man and demands a blessing. Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.” Peniel congregation is generous with their time. We requested three or four translators to assist on days our largest team worked, but every day six to eight showed up. They refused payment, and only a few accepted bus fare. They loved the chance to give their time and ministry as equal partners.



Pastors Mario and Dany, treated us and the ETN co-leaders to dinner

When the Raleigh team left the country and ETN went to another city for a week, many translators continued meeting people in Beira for DBS. Please continue to pray for ETN as they minister alongside the current base parents and other helpers from North Carolina.



The Raleigh short-term team’s final day with translators



Above & Below: Dunking new brothers and sisters in the ocean



Prayer for twin boys (one with hearing loss)

Sometimes being a “base parent” means teaching the art of neckties for church



TWR MOTION Makes Friends in Ghana

After our time in Beira ended, we met with some former TWR Africa coworkers and friends from our South Africa years. Holly worked on finance paperwork and fielded questions from the team in Mozambique. Meanwhile, Andrew took five days for a special assignment to visit Tamale, a city in northern Ghana, where TWR MOTION is developing a relationship with a Bible translation studio. The studio is interested in producing *Share the Story* (STS) in African English and local heart languages. Terry and Amy Ruff (a couple serving with Team Expansion the past 14 years) have been mentoring nationals at a Bible translation base called GILLBT (Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy & Bible Translation). The nationals were equipped and trained by Jesus Film to do multi-voice film dubbings, which is more difficult work than the single-voice storytelling of our short film series. Last year Andrew sent a hard drive and some instructions, but having several days together to break bread and answer each other's questions was very productive.



Andrew, Emmanuel, Amy, Moses & Terry

Andrew filmed interviews, which we plan to share when GILLBT finishes their first STS project. If you're not already subscribed to TWR MOTION updates, visit twrmotion.org to sign up today. Andrew's coworkers produce excellent updates and special behind-the-scenes updates on ministry projects.

Please pray for Terry's health as he and his wife spend the rest of this year serving their final months before moving permanently back to the USA.

We also ask for prayer for the national workers who face persecution. Some come from Muslim backgrounds, risking reprisals for sharing their testimonies and broadcasting Bible stories on local radio stations.



Andrew answering questions in the GILLBT studio

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