

Hello everyone!

This is João Rodrigues (JR), Tchuma Tchato Project Director, an ongoing endeavor located in Barberton/South Africa with outreach trips to Mozambique which started in the year 2000 when we first came to this part of the World.

In 2012 I met Pastor Samuel Jabu Mathunjwa, a young man originally from Swaziland who had come to Barberton to preach, make converts and plant a church. He told me he had started by going door to door, much like our strategy, witnessing, winning souls and gathering his future congregation.

The Lord saw fit to put us together on a journey, develop a friendship that has been growing and solidifying till today. When I met him he conducted church services in a wooden shack with dirt for floor and corrugated iron for a roof, where pretty much it felt like being inside an oven when the sun was shining, and when it rained the water would flow like a river under our feet.



The need for a more stable bigger place was obvious and in fact some other missionaries from a Korean Church had started to help him by setting up the foundation of the future building which would be 200m x 100m in dimension.

Then, at one point the works came to a halt, due to some differences, and the foundation had been standing idle at the mercy of the elements for 2 years. This is when the Tchuma Tchato Project came into the picture. We started fundraising to continue with the building and a major sponsor made it possible that we could start putting up the walls and roof for at least half of it.

The 24th day of January of 2013 the work started and so I got myself a 9 to 5 unpaid day job helping carry bricks and overseeing the work for over 2 months. I'm including links here to YouTube videos (sorry for poor quality) that show more of what happened; < https://youtu.be/OQ_PQSqg5mQ > < <https://youtu.be/quOUMsSzZqE> >.



On the 31st of March we completed what we had committed to build with the funds we had at our disposal, plus a generous donation of timber from a local business, and also community members who offered their time and expertise free of charge. Then we started



praying and working towards raising the funds for the second half.

That's when God intervened and the same missionaries who had started the foundations decided to go ahead and finish the building. God indeed works in mysterious ways... August 2016, there was a dedication ceremony to celebrate the completion of the church/community center.

So the whole building has been in use now for nearly 3 years, nearly 7 years since I first met this congregation. Again, God's delays are not denials!



But of course the work is not finished. This Church/Community Center also receives the children from those in the congregation and others who need a daycare and pre-school to leave their young while they go to work. In order to be fully compliant with Municipality ordinances we need to build a fence around the property to keep the children safe while they are outside during recess.

Again, after much asking around, we have secured discounts on the materials and the master builder who helped put up the main building has also agreed to help with this also, and again we'll be able to count on the community for extra hands. And recently the same sponsor who helped with the first half of the building came forth and offered to help again with half of the needed funds.

Only this time there is a condition we need to meet to be able to receive those funds which is, we need to first secure the full amount.

So, on this note, Tchuma Tchato Project,

in partnership with Kingdom Life Worship Church/Community Center, is coming to you in the hopes that, although times be skimp, out of the goodness of your heart a donation (any amount is better than nothing) can be given towards this endeavor.

We have setup a "gofundme" page where the donations can be sent to and the link is; < <https://www.gofundme.com/2jer2pm4> >.

Other ways to make your donation reach us are;

Europe/Portugal:
Caixa Geral de Depósitos
Tchuma Tchato Project
IBAN: PT50 0035 0328 00018651130 49
BIC SWIFT: CGDIPTPL
REF.: Fence



South Africa/Barberton:
ABSA Bank
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Branch code: 334152 (Barberton.)
REF: Fence

Thank you so much in advance and may God bless and multiply your giving, in ways more than just money, in faith, joy, love, health, all the good things anyone can aspire, to lead a good life! We promise we'll be in touch sending updates and reports to whoever wishes to receive them.

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