

Our Mozambique Adventure

December 2023



Kihavo Ministries - kihavo.org
Formerly known as The Widow's Might

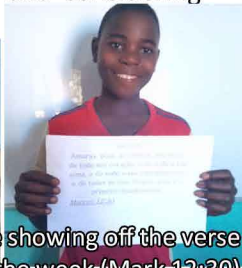
Faith-based Tutoring

The tutoring program continues to thrive—this year we enrolled 99 students from pre-school to 12th grade in the Kihavo tutoring ministry! We've maxed out our two classrooms with tutoring classes and still have to turn students away. We also tutored 12th graders for the first time. They just completed their final exams, and we will shortly hear if they graduate. While we are beyond thrilled by this accomplishment, it has been slightly soured as we learned that one of these young ladies who dreamed of going to Medical School is now pregnant. The other young lady hopes to attend nursing school. We are looking into the cost of programs and considering ways in which we could help.

Anastacia tutoring 1st graders



Chale showing off the verse of the week (Mark 12:30)



This year we had Sponsors for 37 of 38 students who received school supplies, uniforms, other school needs and holistic commitment to the student. We visit sponsored students' homes, make inquiries at school, make additional home visits if attendance drops, obtain ID cards, and help in any way we can. An additional 61 students were tutored and did not get as much support. Students in tutoring are watched to see how serious they are about education; our goal is to sponsor students that are the most dedicated to education. Attendance and classroom engagement are the main things the tutors are watching for. **Our goal for 2024 is to Sponsor 8 - 10 more students.** Cost to sponsor one student is \$35 a month or \$420 a year.



Nelson mentoring our young men.



Seniors: Sifa & Natalia

Internally Displaced People (IDP)

The IDP need continues to grow, as tutors went around enrolling students in tutoring. They learned of 21 additional families in need of monthly food support, bringing us up to 28 families. However, since our budget has not increased, the tutors help them on a rotation basis. **Our goal is to involve some of these women in our Women's Ministry when we can relaunch it.** The Women's Ministry teaches marketable skills so that women can support themselves and their families.



Adult Bible Study

While our tutoring staff has always had weekly meetings in which they pray and share scripture, we asked them to hold an additional Bible Study and invite the support staff, such as guards. As Kihavo staff interacted with the community, word spread and neighbors started showing up. One neighbor was curious and thought it might be interesting to learn about God, so he came. He shared with Anuarite that he learned that God is good and that he needs to recognize God's existence, giving him direction in life.



Tutoring Staff: Nelson, Anastacia, Anuarite & Erica



Kihavo Campus

We are planning for some much-needed expansion. We have dreamed up a long-term campus plan and hope to begin construction upon our return to Moz, Lord willing, mid to late 2024. We are breaking the project into phases, to be completed as needed and as funding is available. **Phase 1** would consist of a fence (preferably block wall), 1 Classroom building, 1 Bathroom building and 1 Guard building. For more information on the Kihavo Campus, check out the enclosed flyer or visit www.kihavo.org/campus.



Drawing Key
A: Guards
B: Basketball Court
C: Offices
D: Computer Lab/ Library
E: Classrooms
F: Bathrooms
G: Kitchens (Indoor & Outdoor)
H: Worship



Immigration

Nunu had an interview for citizenship this week and his citizenship application was approved!! It's almost been exactly 5 years to the date that we started filling out the initial Immigration petition. In the next 30 days, he should get word of when his Oath Ceremony will be scheduled, likely around February. After that, he can apply for a US passport and we can switch gears to start working on Tristan and my Mozambican citizenship. This should not be a long process, as much of this will need to be completed once we are in Moz.

Our Return to Mozambique

It's time! Even though we are still at least 7 months out from our return to Moz, I can feel it in the air. Most Christmas presents are being purchased only if they pass the "would we take this to Moz" test. Keep an eye on e-newsletters for updates as we finalize our plans.



Miles for Mozambique

This year we started a campaign encouraging people to participate in Charity Races that we call Miles for Mozambique. Charity races are a way to raise support and awareness for non-profits such as Kihavo Ministries. People signed up for races in their area and then talked to friends and family about their race goals – telling them about Kihavo Ministries and asking for support.



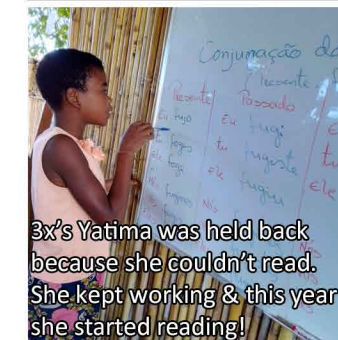
In 2023, we had 18 participants complete 76.6 Miles for Mozambique and they raised \$2,658 towards the Kihavo Campus! This year everyone walked, jogged, or ran anywhere from 1 mile up to a half-marathon (13.1 miles), and our participants ages ranged from 3 – 75!

We had people asking if they had to sign up for a race or if they could accomplish miles on their own. Some examples of this would be how many miles can I bike in a week, setting a goal to swim 5 miles on a certain day, or having a group of people combine to cover 100 miles in one month. I hope you get the point that we are open to ideas... so long as it gets you moving and sharing about Kihavo Ministries. Visit www.kihavo.org/miles-for-moz for more information to sign up for Miles for Mozambique in 2024!

www.etsy.com/shop/MoxieByKihavo

15% Off Code: NEWSLETTER2023 (12/1-12/31)

Check out the Etsy items that Nema & other ladies have made.



3x's Yatima was held back because she couldn't read. She kept working & this year she started reading!



Seminary

The final stretch!!! We are finally here folks. Nunu just completed his final exam for Greek 2 and will start Greek 3 in January. If all goes well, that will be his last typical class! I say typical, because he has one more "class," Mission of the Apostle, which is a 10-day tour of Greece and Turkey at the end of June. He should have gone on this trip last year but we didn't feel peace about a few things, so he will actually graduate two weeks before the trip on June 8th!

What comes next...

We are officially in prepping to go to Mozambique sometime between July and September 2024. The biggest things we need now are a US passport for Nunu, start the visa/Moz citizenship process for Tristan & Amanda, grow our Board of Directors and speaking to churches & groups.

We really need your help! We would love to add 1–2 more churches to our circle of support. This doesn't mean that a church needs to financially support Kihavo but rather give us an opportunity to share from the pulpit, at a Bible Study or anywhere in between. **Could you ask at your church** if there are any such opportunities for missionaries to share?

Join us in praying for our return to Mozambique!!

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Years! From Kihavo Ministries

Grieve with Us

This has been a tough year for the ministry and us personally. In May we got word that Zeus, our best guard dog (T's favorite), was sick and passed away a few weeks later. In July, we were shocked to get a phone call that Anastacio, a former guard (we had hoped to rehire upon our return) had passed. I can't say enough about how great Anastacio was with T and TJ. He was always happy to make mud pies, and he let them help him dig holes. I'll never forget how much fun he had flying kites with us.



Anastacio on our first day back last summer



Tome tutoring Natalia & Sifa

In 2020, just after I came to the US, we had some staff turnover. We didn't know just when Nunu would travel to the US and we were down to two female tutors. We needed someone bright, energetic and trustworthy. Nunu had just the guy, his youngest brother Tome, from Maputo. Tome got the ministry through a unique season, COVID restrictions and an influx of refugees. After a year and a half, we all agreed that it was a good time for Tome to return home. We were beyond shocked to learn on November 2nd that Tome passed away.

A little over a year ago my dad, David Nichols, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. His decline was faster than any of us could have anticipated and on November 10th (T's 6th birthday), he passed. I can't put into words just how important my dad was not just to me, but to our ministry in Mozambique. His belief and guidance gave us the confidence to start The Widow's Might (now Kihavo). He was a pastor, but I would often describe him as a non-profit guru. He was often our first call when situations would arise, and he helped us with everything from ministry vision, planning, newsletters and fundraising.



Dad with Tristan at Camp Lake Louise.

Our family would love to build first new classroom building on the Kihavo Campus in his honor, while we haven't finalized the name yet, we're calling it the David Nichols Tutoring Building. We estimate that the cost of this four-room building to be \$25,000. Would you be willing to make our dream The David a reality? If so please make a note in the memo of checks or comment area of online donations. Visit www.kihavo.org/campus for more information.

Visit www.kihavo.org/campus for more information.

Tegan (T) and Tristan (TJ)

The kids are doing well in school and enjoying life in SW Michigan, but both talk about Moz all the time. TJ has started making up jokes and stories about things that "happen" there – T often talks about the dogs (especially Zeus) and her friends. T's love for Acro (gymnastics based dance) has spread to TJ. They also participate in AWANA. We are looking into a hybrid sort of homeschooling for kids when we return to Moz, with the help of a tutor. If you are a homeschool parent and have any resources or guidance, please reach out!



We appreciate your prayers & support over this past year and couldn't keep the ministry without you!

Love, Amanda, Nunu, Tegan and Tristan