



# Community Bible Study International

*“Everyone in the world ... in the Word.”*

## Could YOU Know God Without a Bible?

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Dear Ministry Partner,

Imagine how hard it would be to get to know God if you had no Bible! Many Mozambicans hunger for God’s Word, but study materials and trained leaders are limited, and people’s life expectancy is just 41 years. Can we reach them in time? Our newly commissioned Mozambican National Director, Pires, and the National Coordinator, Maulidio, have a passion to bring CBSI to their countrymen. The Word of God is so needed!

“It was an overwhelming joy to me to learn that God has a powerful tool to help the world learn the Bible,” Maulidio says. “That tool is CBSI. Unfortunately, the church in Africa is spiritually shallow—a mile wide and an inch deep, as it is often said. One reason for this is that only one Christian in 10 owns a Bible, and those who own one likely do not read it. Spiritual spoon-feeding is a sad reality here. God says in His Word, *‘My people die for lack of wisdom.’* I believe the guidance our people truly need comes only by the reading and study of God’s Word.”



Nearly 1,000 people in Mozambique are engaged in CBSI study groups, and seven courses of study are available in Shona, their heart language. But Bibles are so scarce that often three or more people in CBSI classes must share one in doing their lessons. Our ministry structure is sound with Calebs, Gene and Francis Shackelford, providing encouragement to the National Leadership Team. Everything is in place for growth. Eighteen pastors, recently trained, are willing to create new classes in the Maputo area. Yet the task is huge—millions of people with pagan beliefs still need our Savior, Jesus.

We pray that everyone in Mozambique will soon have a Bible and an opportunity to learn from it through life-transforming CBSI studies. We need His continued provision and your help. Will you partner with us?

We thank and praise the Lord for you!

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