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Raising testimony, posted to the Harvest School 24 closed Facebook site by our friend Michal Risa:

Dear wonderful friends,

Holy Spirit has put on my heart to share with you the full testimony of the boy being raised from the dead during the first outreach. I believe He wants to increase our expectations. If raising the dead is what He decided to start our school with, what is He going to do to finish it?!? We have three weeks of the school left and it's easy to feel like we've seen enough; enough transformation, enough grace, enough miracles. But guys! God raised a dead boy from the dead during the first outreach... I think He really is making a point. If it is true that we are going from glory to glory, then we better get excited and very hungry and expectant because God is not finished yet. No one can describe what He can do in three weeks if He can raise a boy from the dead in 5 minutes. And so I pray that God would open our eyes to see all the purposes and intentions He still has for this school. And I also pray that you would keep this testimony in your hearts for the rest of your lives to remind you what a great God we serve and what an incredible honor and privilege it is to serve Him.

Finally, please, don't forget to rejoice. When one member of the body celebrates, it's the reason to celebrate for the whole family. So please join us in celebration of God's incredible goodness with us as you read this story. This is the story of the resurrection of a 5 year old boy Amade on June 10, 2016 in the village of Nanduli in Ancuabe, Mozambique during a three day bush outreach at HS24.

In the afternoon of June 10th, we were sent out to visit houses and pray for the sick. In my group there were 5 Harvest School students along with 2 interpreters and several Mozambican Bible school students.

The Preface

On the morning of June 10th, Amade was still a lively boy showing no signs of the approaching sickness. In fact, he was chasing the trucks that were taking new believers to be baptized. When he returned home, his body started showing symptoms of falciparum malaria (basically a very aggressive type of malaria that can kill within hours of the first signs of symptoms when infecting a child). Also, due to malnutrition, Amade's body wasn't able to support the parasite and his body started to shut down very quickly. At the time of the child's death the boy's father was away and urgently summoned back.

The story

14:00-15:00 The estimated lapse of time of death

15:20 Walking down a path we meet a woman wailing uncontrollably. She was yelling and ripping off her clothes. It was a heartbreaking cry, probably a ritual wailing to mourn a death. We asked her what happened and she kept saying: "My son is dead. My son is dead." Upon hearing that, we got excited because we all felt the Holy Spirit leap within us and we said "Jesus can raise the dead!" So, we continued walking quickly in the direction that she had come from and soon we recognized her hut, because of the villagers who were gathering in front of it to see what was happening. There were also other women wailing. As we walked closer, we saw an older man entering the house who, as we later found out, was the senior chief of the village coming in to confirm that the child was dead. It is a local custom for the village chief to be called upon a death of someone in the village, so the fact that he was in the hut shows that the family was extremely confident about the death of their son. At the same time it meant that the death occurred quite some time before we came. Through an interpreter we asked the mom if we could pray for her child, and in the midst of her wailing, she gave us a permission to enter as soon as the chief exited the house so that she would have confirmation that the child is dead.

15:25 The chief left the house and we went in united as one team. None of us knew what to do or what to say, but we decided to follow Holy Spirit step by step. We entered right into a spiritual battle as the grandmother of the boy was a witch doctor and wanted to sacrifice him and do some kind of ritual with him. However, we were allowed to enter and we found the body wrapped tightly in a fixed position in a burial cloth. The aunt was

sitting on a bed holding the child. The child was motionless, not breathing, and rigor mortis already started to settle in as the body was completely stiff. We laid hands on the boy and start praying, binding the spirit of death, commanding it to leave and commanding life to return into the body.

15:27 Very soon after we start praying we see first movements as the child's lips and left hand started moving very slightly.

15:30 A few moments later, the boy starts to breath, but a very heavy, raucous and obviously difficult breathing. We prayed a little longer and the breathing got much easier.

15:33 The boy's hand was very hot at first and it was obvious that when he died, he had a really high fever. Once he started to breath and it was apparent that he was alive, Michal, a guy on the team was holding the hand and commanding the fever to leave the body. He then let go of his hand, and 30 seconds later took the hand back and it felt like a normal hand. It was a really powerful and encouraging moment for the team as it was an obvious miracle. However, the fever didn't leave the whole body at the same time. The hands became cold first, then the legs, then the torso and head (about 30 minutes after we started to pray).

15:35 As the fever started to leave Amade's body, he started to cry. At first quietly, but as the strength returned to his body, he started to cry with a strong healthy voice.

15:40 One HS student from our group went and got our friend with medical training, also a HS student. He checked the pulse which was roughly 80 bpm. They child's eyes were rolling to the back of the head and heat was coming off from the body.

15:43 The boy's father came home and immediately took the boy into his arms, continuing to let us pray for both him and his son.

15:45 Someone brought a pill from the hospital, but the boy's father decided that he wanted to rely on our prayers instead of the pill since he could see the obvious progress in his son and the fact that the child was now alive.

15:50 The student with medical training checked the boy's pulse for a second time, and confirmed that it was normal (120bpm). However, the boy's head was still hot, so he asked for water to cool the child's body and head and then he joins us in praying.

15:55 This was a really powerful moment as the Holy Spirit told all three girls in our group at the same time to ask the boy's father to pray for his son in Jesus' name alongside us. We asked him to pray, but we also noticed the Muslim cap on his head. Through an interpreter we ask the father if he wanted to give his life to Jesus and give up his Muslim religion and he did praise God!!! And he took off his traditional Muslim hat. We baptised the father in the Holy Spirit and he started to tangibly shake. He later told the translator that he felt a difference in his body.

16:05 The father reminded us of the fixated and irresponsive eyes that meant that the boy could still die and asked us to pray for his eyes and brain to be healed, as well. Then, without anyone telling him, he took authority and commanded everyone who wished and was praying for his son to die to leave the house. The grandmother and several other members of the family left the house. Their leaving allowed for us to cleanse the house of all demonic opposition and fill it with the presence of God, claiming it for the Kingdom of Heaven, and standing against any attempts on the life of the child. The father then gives his son half of a pill, most likely a pain killer. We kept praying as the boy comes out of a resting state and begins crying. Holy Spirit continues to lead us in prayer, and tell us whether to pray or worship, what spirits to cast out, what curses to break, what things from the past to cut off and what things to speak into his life. Holy Spirit also gave us several prophecies to declare over the boy and we are completely united in faith speaking his future into existence. One of the girls in our group really felt like we needed to unified in worship and asked another girl to lead some worship. We sang a song named Holy Spirit and felt His presence further increase.

16:10 The boy's father joined us and prayed to Jesus for his son to be completely healed.

16:15 We are then joined by several Mozambican pastors while our outreach leader, Andrea, prayed for our protection outside the house with a few of the Bible school students, and another outreach leader, Elias, prayed with us in the hut. The pastors started commanding more life to enter the boy's body and kept rebuking the spirit of death that was still holding his brain and nervous system captive. The eyes were still fixed and irresponsive. They also physically began to move the boy's hands because they were still extremely stiff.

16:25 We started to see the eyes moving for the first time as the boy started to look at his father.

16:30 The father decided to take the boy to a hospital, but while he was getting ready, we keep praying for him outside the hut. The boy was still crying and after the pastors and Connor helped him to move his limbs, he

was finally able to move more freely on his own.

16:40 The father left to go to the hospital while we kept praying for his protection and we also began to cleanse ourselves from any demonic influence that would try to stick to us.

The morning of 11th June 2016

We went to visit the family and immediately saw a big difference on the father's face. The day before, he was in deep distress, and that morning he was happy and had a lot more peace. He invited us into the house where we found the boy sleeping, and still recovering from the malaria. We prayed for him and his parents, and also blessed them with some money to cover the treatment and transport. Both Holy Spirit and the doctor at the hospital confirmed that the boy would recover. We prophesied over him some more, said farewells to the family, and returned to the base praying and glorifying God.

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