



# GoMatos

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## Reflections

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I never thought in my life that I'd see myself in another country. In my teenage years I was broken with no hope. My school years hardened me to fight and be strong or else the weak would find themselves bullied. The town I grew up in was a small town with nothing much to do. To fight boredom I found myself meeting friends who smoke, drank, and did drugs.

Going to church was an afterthought, the only reason I probably went is because my mother forced me, but after growing stronger and more independent I stopped going to church all together. Yet one thing stood in my way, my conscious, I needed my guilt to be set aside so my idea and belief turned to atheism. It was the only way to accept life as being dark and cold, while not being afraid. It was until one day after being introduce to cocaine that my life would change dramatically. As though I had no worth or anything to live for, I felt as though my friends abandoned me. Finally, the thoughts of suicide blanketed my worldview, I've rolled the dice of chance so many times that I wasted my whole life.

It is now I realized the power of restoration. In order for God to use a person for His purpose, we don't need a pedigree of pastoral lineage.

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# Here's How We Did!

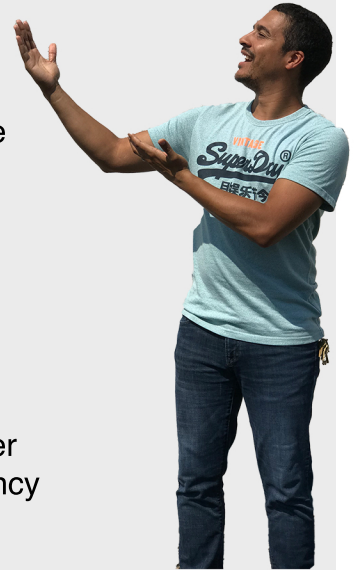
We are currently raising funds for our cash budget and our monthly commitments.

We have reached 95% of our cash budget.  
(This ensures we have our visas, car, immunizations, plane tickets, and etc.)

Our monthly contribution is at 40%  
(Your monthly support sustains our two year service in Mozambique.)

## We Need You!

If we have only 20 partners commit for two years of \$100 per month or 40 partners of \$50, our budget would reach sufficiency in serving the people of Africa!



Our  
**Vision**  
in **4**  
minutes  
and **24**  
seconds.

## Reflection

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Challenges of faith happens so often and I'm glad it happened in the early stages of my life rather than later. Currently my wife and I are embarking on a journey towards Mozambique, Africa, and our mission is composed simply to this statement, "Finding any platform to relay the story of Jesus Christ."

*To The Ends of the World*