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## **Obrigado!**

**From all the children at House of Ants.  
Your donations are having direct and positive results.**

Dear sponsors and friends.

On behalf of the trustees of House of Ants, thank you to all those of you who responded to our appeal last year. This has put us in a much healthier situation and should enable us to maintain our monthly donations to the House of Ants, for the next few months without having to reduce them. Praise be to God, for laying it on the hearts of his people to respond in these sacrificial ways.

Towards the end of 2025, we are thrilled to inform all our sponsors of the way in which the Lord has facilitated a water bore hole at the premise of House of Ants. This has been a significant blessing, not only to both children and staff there but also to the whole community. Many nearby places have sought such bore holes nearby and only found bitter undrinkable water. Praise the Lord for such a wonderful blessing to House of Ants. May He provide rivers of living water through the one who call anyone who thirsts, to come unto Him, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Simione writes his latest update as follows:

*May the Grace and peace of Jesus be with you.*

*Please forgive me for the delayed response to this email. My uncle hasn't been well for some time and sadly passed away recently. It was my late mother's brother. His funeral was earlier this month.*

*We praise God for the provision of 2026. The Lord has wonderfully answered many prayers and honoured your committed desire to continue supporting the Lord's work amongst the children here. He Himself has been the provider, and encourages us to wait on Him. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness and commitment.*

*In January, it rained heavily in Mozambique. The southern region of Mozambique was affected by severe flooding, affecting homes, schools, and even some major roads. Because of this, in the nearby region of Matola, some schools are being used as shelters for flood victims. Even this year's school calendar has been compromised, and classes will be delayed.*

*We are thankful that Casa das Formigas (House of Ants), hasn't been affected. We haven't had any problems caused by the rains. Thankfully, the renovation work carried out in 2025 on the boys accommodation Was preserved from any damage during the storms. This was a great concern to us, but the Lord has been watching over this.*

*God has also been good to us in that, Casa das Formigas will receive a charitable donation from a paint company operating in Mozambique. This company will paint Casa das Formigas in March. It was supposed to have been in January, but the rainy season disturbed this project. However, the company contacted us again to set a new date for the painting to be done. This is significant for us because the building looks in poor condition, which does not honour our God. When the work is complete, we will share photos of this transformation.*

### **Children:**

*Allow me to share the testimony of some of the children taken in by Casa das Formigas in 2025. Many of the children that come to Casa das Formigas on a daily basis receive all their basic needs, food, education, medicine, and bible teaching. They return home each day to very poor conditions and broken homes. But some of the children are severe cases and have been referred to us by government agencies precisely to safeguard their best interests, and actually need to live here at Casa das Formigas.*

*It was in this context that we received two girls in May 2025. They are sisters, Carmen, aged 8, and Tereza, aged 7, abandoned by their mother, who emigrated to a neighbouring country, leaving them alone. The neighbours called the police and they were welcomed to live at Casa das Formigas. Carmen and Teresa are being cared for with love and affection and are already enrolled in the school here.*



*We also welcomed seven-year-old Albertina, whose parents are separated. Her mother is unable to provide for her daughter on her own, and when she leaves home to sell vegetables at the market, her daughter is left vulnerable and in need.*



### **General Prayer Requests:**

- *For the health of the children – there is a high risk of malaria and cholera.*
- *For the Neuce Company – who will donate paint in March.*
- *Brother Fernando and his family – he is our colleague on the board and friend; we serve God together at Casa das Formigas, and early this morning his car was stolen.*
- *Pray for the Church – that God will make it grow and have a positive impact on lives.*
- *Thank God for His provision for Casa das Formigas.*

*Pastor Simione Mate*

*Casa das Formigas Maputo - Moçambique*