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**"Providing Diagnostics for the Developing World"**  
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## Mozambique



**Iris Global serves in Pemba, Mozambique**

Typically, when the folks at Iris Global wish to order more tests from us, they send me an E-mail with their request. I then write back once I am within a week of finalizing their order. That way they can figure out who are the next groups that will be traveling to their clinic that might be able to bring the tests to them. Things started out as usual: Eric wrote and said he needed 300 malaria tests. BUT he stated that he had lost track of time – and he was almost out of the tests. This was right around Thanksgiving time. He was concerned that by the time we were able to fill his order it would be close to Christmas and nobody would be traveling to Mozambique until mid-January...leaving him without tests for a prolonged period of time.

I was very happy to write and let him know we had 360 malaria tests all assembled and in stock, so we could ship as soon as they got us an address. That is when Dennis jumped in. He lives in CA and helps to coordinate mission trips to Iris. He got me the address of some folks leaving VERY SOON and another group leaving the next week. Group 1 was willing to take some tests, but did not have room for all 300. Final plan: I shipped 150 tests to each group. The first group would arrive at the clinic in Pemba before they were completely

out of their current stock. No disruption of service.

Below is an E-mail I received from a missionary serving in Pemba, Mozambique:

"I am lying on my bed after a typical Pemba day thinking...I need to sleep...but quickly scan my emails...and I read these emails between all you guys and really I get emotional as to how amazing you all are...**how incredible the body of Christ is**...how each 'little' member does his little bit and then this gracious beautiful movement happens that serves people that would never even realize all this happened to bring them health or even in some cases literally might save their child's...their wife's or father's life.

I tonight want to say **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU** for everything...every email...every test packed...every volunteer that volunteers...every time you get in your car to go to work and sit down and do what you do.

It makes a **HUGE DIFFERENCE**...  
It blesses people...  
It literally saves some people's lives.

It means when someone calls and says: "Can I come in for a malaria test...I feel awful...not sure if it is malaria or not..."  
Or someone calls and says: "Can I bring my baby; she has a 39 degree [102 F] fever, for a test..."

We can say YES!!!

**And in saying YES, BRING THEM...we can bring reassurance and peace into an otherwise uncertain and scary situation...**

So THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU ♡☺ Annelie"

## Benin

We've "talked" before about some of the differences between cultures and some of the similarities. The traffic you are used to may look different from that encountered in many places in Africa:



**Traffic in Benin**

But I think I may have found another "common ground" for us...donuts!



**Fried Dough...mmmm**

I would not be surprised to learn if most cultures have their version of a donut 😊

## South Africa

Sometimes a nurse or doctor's first job is to help put their patient more at ease. Note the markers and bubble solution on the desk below.



**Pediatric patient**

## Quilt Show/Craft Fair/Luncheon

The Annual Quilt Show (9:30am to 3:30pm ) and Annual Craft Fair (9:30am to 2:30pm) will be held Saturday, April 7th at the Covenant Congregational Church, 204 Center St, North Easton, MA. Along with a beautiful display of old and new quilts upstairs in the sanctuary; a craft fair will be held downstairs in the multipurpose room. Many talented vendors will be selling unique items. There is no charge to attend the craft fair but tickets to the quilt show will be \$5. A delicious luncheon of homemade soup, chowder or stew; bread, salad, dessert and drink will be available for \$7.

Hope to see you there!

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