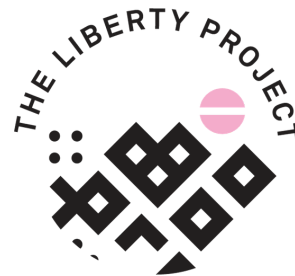


LIBERTY NEWS

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It's been an exciting month at The Liberty Project. (I know I always say that, but it really has!)

I had the joy of a visit from Mum and Dad, along with some close family friends. It was special to share my heart and life here at the Liberty Women's Centre, as well as my vision for the Island of Mozambique (the historical Portuguese capital, and the birthplace of Islam in Mozambique). I'm praying and dreaming about opening a small women's centre and café there one day in the near future.

This month has been full as we reached the final week of our Freedom Program. I've been teaching hospitality skills in the kitchen—pasta making, cookies, cakes, and the heart of customer service with excellence. Ima has been learning basket embroidery with Cathy, while also teaching artisanal development (sewing basics) and continuing to run the design studio with Maria and Neyma. We're a small team, but involved across many areas of the ministry and businesses.

I always wait until the girls have completed the Creation to Christ Bible storytelling so they can understand who Jesus is and what He has done, without encouraging premature decisions, but allowing true understanding of following Him. (We teach the gospel in storytelling format as many of our woman are illiterate.)

In our final week, I normally share my testimony—how Jesus stepped into my life, restored me, and called me to Mozambique to establish The Liberty Project based on Isaiah 61: bringing freedom to the captive.

The week before this, I had to travel urgently to Pemba, as my guard had a serious stroke and was no longer able to work, and I had to step in to replace him at short notice. During that time, Ima was in the project alone and was nearing the completion of Creation to Christ with the girls. She shared on the death and resurrection of Jesus and asked if any would like to respond to this good news—and one young woman responded to Jesus. Beautiful Inácia led the way in surrendering her life, even amidst discussion with others about faith. Three of the girls, with strong Islamic faith backgrounds, stated that we serve the same God, and Inácia was the one to boldly correct them. It was a powerful moment of conviction and a real encouragement to us after months of prayer and many hours of focused discipleship together.



When it came time for me to share my testimony the following week, I went into the week unsure of what the Lord would do, and a little nervous—knowing we aren't here just to teach skills, it's about Him... it's Jesus or bust. He reminded me again that it is not by my strength, but by His Spirit. And three more girls chose to follow Jesus! We saw the Holy Spirit move again—softening hearts and drawing them to surrender to Christ as Saviour and Lord. Ima and I had the privilege of praying with each of them, and we are now launching our first Freedom group to walk closely with these new believers as they grow in faith and identity in Jesus.

On Thursday we celebrated the graduation of 11 women from this year's Freedom Program. It is always a special moment. Many of them tear up receiving their certificates—what may seem small elsewhere represents something deeply significant here: a real achievement they never thought possible. We celebrated with cake, pink punch, dancing, and joy, as a team marking the end of a full and intense season.



OLINDA



TANIA



ANA



RAQUEL



ZAINATE



NEW INTERNS!

We are now preparing to welcome four new interns into the Liberty family! Zainate in the Design Studio with Ima; Raquel and Inácia in the kitchen at The Liberty Café; and Olinda in front of house.

This is a step of faith for us as we trust for provision to cover a stipend for transport and basic support over the next six months. If they complete their internship, they will step into paid roles in the business. If you feel led to sponsor one of these girls, we are praying for \$100 NZD per girl per month.

Thank you to everyone who partners with me in this work. You are truly part of it. Your support helps us continue building The Liberty Project and our social enterprise across so many areas, bringing hope, dignity, and new life to these young women.

Blessings,
Laura

