

IMBIZO 2018

About 48 Leaders, mostly from the Eastern Cape in South Africa, Mozambique and Lesotho gathered together at a very peaceful venue, Umgazana River Lodge in Codesa, Port Saint Johns from **11 – 15 June**. IMBIZO means ‘gathering’ in the Xhosa language.

Paul Simpson spoke on being an apostolic people group and **Clement Faris** (from the USA) spoke on the prophetic, bringing clarity to the relationship of apostles and prophets working together.

Our days started with intimate, powerful worship times and devotions. It was also a time where the Holy Spirit did a deep work in healing our hearts.

Powerful testimonies were shared, including those of Zakhile & Cindy Somtsora from King Williams Town, in Eastern Cape in South Africa. Zakhile has been involved in church planting and teaching in Bible college after his own personal powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit!



We also had the opportunity to hear the story of Calmito & Benita from Maputo, Mozambique, whose testimony of God’s faithfulness through civil war and devastating floods was compelling. Calmito has spent time working with Heidi Baker and Iris Ministries before being introduced to Regions Beyond through meeting Paul Simpson. Paul has planned a few trips to Mozambique, so he can help Calmito & Benita in their church plants.

Niroshini Jayawardena



Regions beyond UK Interns 2018



At the London Hub gathering on Thursday 12th July, the six young interns who have been working in churches in the SE region of the UK gave feedback about their experiences.

Chantelle:
It has been a remarkable time, which has changed my life. It has been a privilege to serve young people. I will be working as Youth Pastor at Hope Church from September.

Beth:
This has been the best year of my life! I've received helpful prophetic words and seen God's faithfulness as we set up a youth group and made links with local families.

Joy:
I have been given space to grow, to step out, to try new things and to lead, working with different groups of people. I have learned a lot as people have poured in to me.

Dan:
I have been serving at Hope Church for 3 years whilst studying for my degree at Spurgeon's College, which I have just completed. I am looking forward to heading up the media team at Hope in the autumn.

Chloe:
Doing the Impact year has given me security within a church setting, where I have received great teaching and made new friends; I also learned to hear God speaking to me more clearly.

Somon:
This has been a great experience, full of theory, practice and fun! I have learned church planting skills which will be useful back in Tajikistan in areas such as study, youth work, admin, serving, preaching and leading worship.

