

Resilience in face of ^{H.} MNR terror ^{14/9/88}

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A CANADIAN pastor and his wife who have just returned from a tour of the Nampula province of Mozambique say they were struck by the degree of resilience and perseverance of the locals in the face of immense suffering brought about by the South African-sponsored bandit war.

Rev Bruce Miles, who is the moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and his wife Marni, told The Herald recently in Harare the story of destruction of property and human life in Mozambique.

He said he had identified a number of projects, mainly in the health and educational sectors, to help reduce the level of suffering of the locals. The projects which will mainly involve repairs to damaged buildings and water pipes will be sponsored by a number of non-governmental organisations from Canada and will cost \$9,5 million.

The Presbyterian World Service and Development Organisation has also sponsored a number of projects in Zimbabwe which Rev Miles will be touring. These include the Mbare Presbyterian Training Centre which has received over \$35 000 since 1984, the Mhondoro Presbyterian Secondary School with its vegetable-growing project which received an initial grant of \$23 000 and a low-cost pre-school for 60 children at the Hatfield Presbyterian Church which received over \$5 000.

Rev Miles who was also in South Africa at the same time the South Africa Council of Churches headquarters was bombed said he was appalled by the viciousness of apartheid.

He said contrary to the argument that sanctions against the Pretoria regime would hurt blacks more, the blacks themselves said they were ready for sanctions. In fact, the limited sanctions that had been applied so far were already having their toll on the apartheid economy, he said.