



Song : Women of the Gospel by Anns James, cms

Maria de Coppi: Who Served Mozambique with Love and Courage

Once upon a time, in Mozambique, there lived a woman named Sr. Maria De Coppi. She was known as the "Woman of Solidarity" for her selfless service to the people of Mozambique. She had lived there for 59 years and had even taken Mozambican citizenship.

Mozambique was a country with great potential, with vast gas reserves that could make it the third-largest producer in Africa. The gas attracted investors from all over the world, but it also brought with it many challenges for the people of Mozambique.

Sr. Maria De Coppi was a woman of the people, and she knew the struggles they faced. She listened to their stories, spent time with them, and entered their hearts and situations. She was a "Woman of Listening," and her service to the people intensified as she grew older and her health declined.

Despite the challenges, Sr. Maria De Coppi remained a beacon of hope for the people of Mozambique. She inspired them to keep fighting for a better future, to never give up on their dreams, and to always have faith in themselves.

Her legacy lives on, and her story continues to inspire people all over the world. Sr. Maria De Coppi was a true "Woman of the Word," and her words and actions will always be remembered. Sr. Maria was killed on Sept 7, 2022 in Mozambique.



This land has given me many good and beautiful things. I have experienced very strong and difficult moments: I remember an ambush I suffered; 17 people died that day. I remember crying out to the Lord to save me, not to let me die there. And the Lord answered me through the attention of a soldier who asked me if I was wounded. Then He dragged me behind a termite mound but continued to keep an eye on me until the guerrillas left.

(Maria De Coppi)

From the Bible

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

(Matthew 25:40)

Moment of Reflection

- What was Sister Maria De Coppi's role in Mozambique, and how did she serve the people there?
- What challenges did the people of Mozambique face due to the gas reserves in the country, and how did Sister Maria De Coppi help them?
- What was the impact of Sister Maria De Coppi's legacy on the people of Mozambique, and how did it inspire them to keep fighting for a better future?