

Good News For Africa

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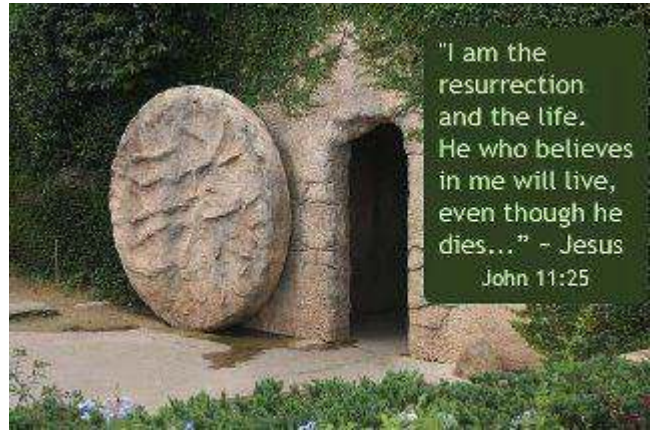
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Resurrection Day (Easter) 2012

If Christ is risen,
nothing else matters.
And if Christ is not risen—
nothing else matters. -

Jaroslav Pelikan



First good crop of Artemisia to help cure malaria



Beware Satan is like a roaring lion seeking to devour us. Thanks you for watching our backs!



In March we enjoyed our annual Good News for Africa Mission Retreat. This is a picture of most of our teammates.



Dionisio, our evangelist, teaching our workers the word of God.



Jaynie' s first literacy class. Rosa's very first time to write her name!!. One future student was sleeping!



Turning the dried Moringa leaves into powder.

How precious it is to serve the Lord in Mombebzi Um. (one). Many people come seeking medical help with their ailments such as anemia, ringworm, lactation needs, diarrhea, cuts, burns, malnutrition, epilepsy, high blood pressure, malaria, and many other problems. With Jaynie's training, she is able to address these issues with plants that our wonderful Creator has provided for us. Three amazing plants that are fundamental in her ministry are Azadirachta Indica, Moringa Oleifera and Artemisia Annu Anamed. The seeds of the moringa tree will purify turbid water, removing sediment, as well as bacteria. Thank You Lord!!

Not only does Jaynie assist the local populous, but also the missionary community and the local Non Government Officials with their needs. Living in a third world country is frequently a monumental challenge with the lack of available nutritious food and competent medical care. We must be informed and equip ourselves with natural ways to meet these challenges. Those with vitamin and nutritional deficiencies, a celiac patient, stressed liver ailment, a cancer patient, a missionary from another country who couldn't get their diarrhea stopped and others seek help. She doesn't diagnose, but shares information when the person tells her of the disease or ailment that they have.

Jacob has planted more Indian Neem trees, litchi trees, and we have 50 cashew trees brought from Nampula to plant. He assists in trimming the trees

so Jaynie can clean, dry, and then process the leaves of the medicinal plants, enabling her to make tinctures and salves for the various first aid needs .

Both are involved in the construction of the building for the grinding mill and husking machine. As well as the storage building. Jaynie drew up the plans, supervises the workers and works with them when needed. Jacob hauls water for mixing the cement and builds the rafters and puts on the roof. What a team effort. Looking forward to the day when building will be completed and visiting church families farther away can begin anew.

“ Cold Case Africa”

While digging a rubble trench to protect the foundation of our grinding mill building, our workers uncovered bones beneath a layer of plastic, covered by bricks and with various auto parts, including a piece of tail pipe, a spark plug. And a grill. They called for Jaynie to come see and she was hoping they were cow bones, but she was assured that they were not animal bones, but human remains! It has been quite an experience. The workers didn't think we needed to notify anyone, but Jaynie was quite dubious. Thankfully the local government official's son stop by the work site and then informed his father. Our chief came that afternoon and said that the bones needed to be exhumed.

The following day several officials came, had a small grave side service and oversaw the

exhumation. The workers used plastic bags to protect their hands, placed the bones in empty cement sacks, and then placed in a wheelbarrow to transport the remains to another site on our farm. To our sadness, it was discovered to be a mass grave. It is believed that these were Zimbabwean soldiers killed 30 years ago. Please pray for these soldiers and their families wherever they may be. This was another personal experience with the ravages of war.

...And the Cow jumped over the moon

Actually not over the moon, but she fell into our old abandon well about 10 feet down. It was a blessing that it was dry and thankfully no legs were broken. Jacob was summoned and he advised to have the pit filled, so soil was shoveled into the pit. As the bottom of the pit rose, and the top half diminished the young cow eventually was able to jump out and scramble up the side to safety. A happy ending to a potential travesty.

This is a good lesson for us a well. When problems come our way. To just shake them off and step on them and let them help set you free!

Praises

1. Praise the Lord for teaching opportunities. Jayne has begun English and Portuguese classes. Many men and women do not know how to read and write. Dionisio teaches Bible classes daily and Jaynie has one English class and two Portuguese classes weekly.
2. Praise for the continued faithfulness of our many supporters. May our Heavenly Father richly bless you this coming year.
3. Praise for the grinding mill project. Projected completion date is May1, 2012. Thanks to the youth group at Central Church of Christ, leaders, church family and community support in Kenton, Ohio for providing funds for the grinding mill. Funds still needed to complete the floors and roof , if anyone would like to donate to this project.
4. Praise that we began work to open the bore hole, but need commercial assistance to remove all the rock, packed clay, and pieces of tree trunks lodged in the casing. We are waiting for help from the government.
5. Praise for all the numerous opportunities that Jaynie has to serve the people in Mombedzi Um (one) by teaching about God's creation of wonderful plants. Pray for those with AIDS, malnutrition, malaria, worms, infections, cholera, and many other diseases.
6. Praise to all who sent cards, well wishes, or called Jaynie during the loss of her father.
7. Praise be to our Heavenly Father for His love and faithfulness. Praise God that Jacob recuperated quickly in March from his second encounter with malaria this year.

In His Amazing Love.

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