

# Good News For Africa

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**Eph 4:1-7** I urge you, then---I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together. There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all. Each one of us has received a special gift in proportion to what Christ has given.

### Very Special Trip to Zimbabwe



*Jaynie teaching about Moringa at an area Ministers meeting in Gweru*

We were invited to teach in Zimbabwe at the Mbizo Church in Kwekwe, Zimbabwe. About thirty years ago, Donald and Margaret Mossman left their estate to the Grape Grove Church in Ohio. The Church then gave \$5,000 to help the Mbizo Church complete their roof and floor on their new building. This body of believers is strong and growing. They have also started several other sister churches in the surrounding area.

Jaynie remembers when the funds were given to help this church, never even dreaming that she would one day be visiting and teaching in this very building. Jacob preached and Jaynie was asked to teach about the value of Moringa.

Our guests from Zimbabwe, who visited us in March, reported that Mrs. Chinyoka doesn't have a problem with her white blood cells and her husband doesn't have prostate cancer after taking Moringa.

Truly the Church in Zimbabwe is maturing and carrying out the Lord's Great Commission of reaching the lost.

### Marriage for Dionisio and Maria

**Approximately** a month after Dionisio was divorced; the local Chief told us that Dionisio must take another wife! He wasn't permitted to work or preach in this area without a wife, due to cultural customs.

Dionisio informed the church, they insisted on arranging a wife for him. A younger sister of one of the women in our church family was selected. Jacob and Jaynie, the church family, and the future wife's family approved of the choice, after much prayer, interviews conducted by the church leaders and church family, and medical exams. Maria, a 25 year old widow with a six month old daughter named Regetta, agreed to the pre-arranged marriage. May 13, 2013 was the big day. Jaynie helped with wedding preparations, baked a cake, and supplied the bride with a gown.

Maria's mother was able to travel from Chimoio to attend the ceremony, but her father wasn't able to come. A member of the church family presided over the ceremony, Jaynie shared about the importance of placing God as the head of the marriage and Jacob gave a blessing and prayers. She has been welcomed and embraced by the community. She is helping Jaynie with the children's classes on Sunday mornings.



*Dionisio & Maria Bulão*

## The Middle of Our Winter

Yes, it is winter in Mozambique. No icy roads and snow, but still, it is winter. The days are partly sunny, partly cloudy with a rare rain shower. The nights are chilly, at least to us, with temps in the lower 50's and feels cooler when the wind blows across the open grass lands.

### “Coins for Coverings”

Those living in our area, Mombedzi Um (one), suffer from the cold weather much more than we do! They don't have wind/cold proof shelter with windows and doors that they can close or comfy beds. Jaynie prayed for a solution to this problem when a couple of ladies from our church body were talking about this issue, thus “Coins for Coverings” was birthed. Jaynie's prayer was to have enough to satisfy the needs of our local church family, and to give praise and glory to our Heavenly Father.

We wrote to you, our supporting churches and individuals, to ask if you could help with this project. The response was amazingly generous and extremely quick! In record time, we received enough to purchase \$3,150 worth of blankets. The outpouring of your love was beyond anything that Jaynie had prayed to achieve. We definitely had enough to “cover” Mombedzi Um, not only with blankets, coats, and hoodies, but with the love of God demonstrated

through His wonderful children. Thank you so much for your selfless donations. We purchased bundles of used blankets that weigh about 90 lbs. each. We distributed hoodies, adult winter coats, children's winter coats, and blankets to our local church fellowship and then to eight other churches in the area. We provided



*Manuel and Luisa's precious girls. Now they are warm!*

blankets for the local government officials, police department, area clinic, and another clinic farther north, as well as six areas with orphans. We asked the Chief to provide a list of families in our area under his jurisdiction, which consisted of 156 names. We thought we would have enough to distribute blankets according to family size, but the chief said only one blanket per family so we wouldn't create confusion. Our chief, the local secretary, two other chiefs, and three local police were present during distribution for crowd control. We praise God for their help, the chief's insight, and our local policemen. The list was grossly under estimated. We had over 380 families in our area! Crowd control was needed and distribution stopped for a short period of time until a more complete list was being compiled. Night was upon us and the chief called for cessation, but a few had not received blankets. I asked for mercies to be given and the remaining 6 received their blankets before leaving for the night. We were instructed to not distribute any more blankets without an approved list from the chief. We were swamped with people at our gate several days later, but we sent them to the chief. He controlled the list of recipients and transported blankets from here to there in the cover of the night. It was quite the ordeal, but we are so pleased to have been God's servants and you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, made it possible.

Your gifts purchased 828 double blankets, 240 single blankets, 11 baby blankets, 50 adult winter jackets, 43 small children winter jackets and 139 hooded shirts, and a host of unexpected “goodies” in the bundles of blankets! That means that we have been able to cover, more than 2,000 men, women, and children. Praise to God Almighty! That number is probably higher, but we can't be exact. For example, one double blanket may cover three or four children of one family. Some infants may sleep with their parents. They stay warmer that way. We're also not able to clarify how many individuals we have helped. Three families have a total of 36 members, just parents and children. Another family had 20 children. Only God knows specifically how many have been “covered” by and through His love, regardless, it is a huge blessing. What a wonderful way to show God's love and evangelize Mombedzi Um. Many here thank God for you!



*Enjoying their new (used) blankets!*



*Our Local Zionist Church*

## Our Visit to Cuamba and Lichinga

It has been a number of years since we last visited the churches in Cuamba and Lichinga. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, we left for Gurué. It was a 12 hour trip. Dionisio went with us to visit stay overnight with his family in Gurué. We stayed at the Catholic Mission. We left early the following morning for Cuamba and arrived in the afternoon. We travelled to a rural area, tented overnight and held an all-day seminar the next day. Twenty Churches were represented and were greatly blessed. Saturday night we stayed at the SIM guesthouse.



*In Cuamba, Jacob teaching, Rosario translating.*

On the Lord's Day we worshipped in Cuamba. In the past, we helped purchase roofing material and they were recipients of a cattle project. Jaynie was asked to share about the importance of Moringa. They want to start a Moringa project. Our friend with SIM is willing to help them. Praise His Name.

We left for Lichinga the following morning and stayed with Steve and Julie Henderson, Good News For Africa colleagues, who live just outside of Lichinga. We introduced them to the three churches in Lichinga, all of which, speak the Lomwe language. The majority of people in Lichinga speak Yao. Steve and Julie have a tremendous job ahead of them to try and mobilize the churches to evangelize their neighbors who speak a different language.

The President of Mozambique was in Lichinga, so our teaching time was minimized. We saw him pass by during a vehicle possession. We met with the minister of religious affairs and we were welcomed to Lichinga with open arms.

It took us two very dusty days to return home and we were greeted by our very happy dogs.



*Steve and Julie Henderson*

## Our Intern Jordan Bullard

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May we retrieved Jordan Bullard in Johannesburg, South Africa He's from Rushville, Indiana and a senior at Cincinnati Christian University. He will be staying with us for three months to learn about the Lord's Church here in Mozambique. We will let him tell you about what he has been experiencing here in Africa.



*Rosario, Jordan and Jacob= Lomwe, English and Portuguese*

*"What all I have learned here in Africa, there are countless pages to be written, but to summarize it will be difficult.*

*First is, if you're going to experience and understand Africa, you need to give yourself at least a month to a lifetime. Every day, I learn new things about the culture, missionary life, and I'm learning quite a bit about myself as well. Secondly, Africa is a beautiful place and is in many ways misunderstood, their culture works for them, and ours works for us.*

*Missionaries like Jacob and Jaynie are doing marvelous work here with not giving people too many physical materials, but spiritual materials to better understand scripture as well as train and lead their own churches. Thanks to all for the prayers and support, even if I don't know you, but*

*we will know each other when we live in Glory."*



*Jordan found a piece of America here in Africa!*

## The Church is Growing!

The Church in Mombedzi Um (one) is growing! Praise the Lord! In the past month we have had 12 people baptized into our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, totaling approximately 36 to date. This is a direct result of the teaching which was sparked from the problems that we experienced earlier this year. People saw

how firmly our church body stood while in the midst of adversity and attack by the evil one. God prevailed! “Greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world.”

We praise God for His presence in Mombedzi Um and our physical presence. Thankful to be where he wants us at this given time. Because of that, we were able to save one of our trusted workers from going to prison and perhaps ultimately dying. He didn't know that having a military explosive in your possession was against the law. He was arrested and within hours of being sent to prison, Dionisio intervened on his behalf and beg for mercy. He was issued a steep fine which he wouldn't be able to pay. Jacob and Jaynie were able to pay the fine and Manuel will work off the debt. We praise God for his provision. Manuel has 7 children and a wife. It's told that he would be fed cement and then placed in prison to work relentlessly long days, and eventually die a painful death. Rejoice with us over the salvation of his life, but most importantly, he understands the ultimate debt that Jesus paid for him, accepted this gift and was baptized into newness of life. He has true salvation and will live forever more!!



*Dionisio baptizing a new sister into Christ.*

## Prayer

1. For strength against the spiritual attacks on us and the people that we love in Mozambique.
2. For our health, when we get malaria, diarrhea, and various other diseases here in Africa.
3. For our support, that it will be enough to continue the work here in Mozambique.
4. That others will come to help us and have the same vision to equip the leadership of the churches to carry on with the Lord's work.

## Praises

1. For each who has sacrificially given to bless us so abundantly with the generous gifts totaling \$3,150 that we received for “Coins for Coverings”. God has been glorified, honored, and praised.
2. For the spiritual blessings received because of those making decisions to live for Jesus.
3. For our Intern, Jordan Bullard. He is a joy to do life together and his willing spirit to serve others is contagious.
4. The healthy growth of our Moringa trees that are ready to be harvested, as well as the other trees previously planted. The Neem, Cashew, Olive and Litchi trees are growing, too.
5. Praise for the faithfulness of our children and grandchildren that are serving our Lord in other parts of the world, Ohio, Maryland, Tennessee and Spain.

**In His Amazing Love.**

*Jacob and Jaynie Michael*