

# Good News For Africa

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**“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.” Proverbs 15:22**

## Time to Retire

Thank you so much for partnering with us in the kingdom work in Mozambique. It would be impossible to live and work in a foreign country without faithful, generous, and cheerful givers who love the Lord with all their mind, body, and soul. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of the love you shower upon us through financial means, prayers, fellowship, tasty meals, and encouraging e-mails. We are humbled by your example.

After several years of soul searching and months of prayer, we have decided to retire from the foreign mission field. Jacob has spent 39 years on the field and Jaynie 14 years. This **hasn't** been a very easy decision, and our departure will be with a great mix of emotions, although we feel the Lord's guiding in our decision.

Jacob wants to spend more time with family and get to know his 14 grand children. Jaynie is happy leaving her plant ministry in the hands of the Mozambicans. They will continually need encouragement and help from time to time. She is pleased to join Jacob in his grandparent endeavors.

We will be arriving in Ohio the 7th of August and begin visiting our supporting churches in September. We are asking you, our faithful supporters, to continue your financial support for us until the end of December 2014, so that we may present our final report in person.

We will be settling near Cedarville, Ohio and plan to transition for at least six months and seeking Father's will for our future.

Thanks again for blessing us so richly for so many years, God has blessed us and so many others through you.



## Trip to Zimbabwe

We have been very busy this year traveling to another country and various areas bringing the Good News, encouraging our brothers and sisters in each area, and Jaynie teaching about Moringa.

In February we traveled to Zimbabwe, visiting many friends and ministering to the people there. Jacob once again preached at the same church family where he preached 38 years earlier. The believers there were talking of the health benefits which they were experiencing since our last visit. We shared much about the benefits of Moringa and were able to find some Moringa trees, harvest leaves, and planted Moringa branches for future benefit. What a joy to teach about God's great provisions, both through his creation and his word.

Our dear missionary friend, Marcia Kay, in Zimbabwe had cancer, but due to info received from Jaynie, as well as further reasearch, change of diet, and Moringa, she is cancer free! Praise God with us for His healing!

## Visit to Tete

**In Feruary**, Tim Brumfield, who works with Sunset International Bible Institute visited Mozambique. He taught a course in the city of Tete, Jacob printed a thousand colored copies of the first lesson. In South Africa we purchased a continuous ink system printer for this purpose. Dionisio and Jacob traveled to Tete to deliver these much needed lessons. There were 40 students in attendence and seven people were baptised into Christ.

## **Trip To Nampula**

In March, we made two trips up north. One for a teaching seminar in Nampula, where we lived prior to moving to Chimoio. Sharing God's word and about God's gift of Moringa, as well. We met another brother, Kenny Marrs from California who was making his first trip to Mozambique. We were able to fellowship together for several days and share ministry experiences and valuable insight.

## **Our Last Mission Retreat**

Two weeks after our first two day trip to Nampula, we left our farm around 8am for our three day trip to the northern part of Mozambique to fellowship with our co-workers and teammates of Good News for Africa. It was originally scheduled for Malawi, but various hurdles prompted us to enjoy the hospitality of



our teammates in the small town of Montepuez, Mozambique. What a glorious time we had, encouraging each other, praising God in song and reading His word as a collective body, playing games, consuming great meals, and preparing for final exits. Three families will be leaving Good News For Africa this year, for other areas of Kingdom work. Please pray for them as well as those remaining to carry on the work here in Mozambique. Six families, two short term interns, as well as a delightful guest, Amy, from Texas who came to shower us with Christ's love and American "goodies", attended.

## **Jesus Arose, but our Landrover was buried**

Resurrection Day was a wonderful day for us to remember that God rose Jesus from the grave to bless all the world! We were anticipating a glorious Resurrection Day Service, and we weren't disappointed! At around 7am the east side gable brick wall came tumbling down with a crash on top of our 1999 Landrover!!



We had discovered earlier, that we sustained structural damage to this wall and the columns from a near cyclone which hit our place in December when both of us were out of the country. Plans had been arranged to begin major repair the next day, but.....Our plans fell short! (Pun intended )We praise the Lord that no one or no dogs were injured. Many of our neighbors who live outside of our

97 hectar farm heard the huge noise! Several came to give us support, as well as our local chief and secretary of our zone. The chief's chief visited us on Monday morning. He heard of our difficulties. How blessed we are to live and serve God in an area where others support, assist, and demonstrate their love for us.

## **The Church in the Bush, Antigwe**

Last year we were able to purchase 30 solar powered audio Bibles. The father of one of our members of the church in Mombedzi Um, visited his home area about 13 miles away. He shared the Word with many of the people and a church plant was initiated in December. This is the first time that any church has ever been in their area. We are talking about an extremely remote area. Jacob visited this area in January. It was the first time many had ever seen a white man. In February as well, Jacob, Jaynie, and Dionisio visited Antigwe, which was the first time they had seen a white woman. Several leaders talked about this fact and that they were not to be afraid of us! Now they would be able to dispell the lies about white people and we were friends.



*Church in the Bush*

Priviously, the leaders had solicited Dionisio's assistance. They wanted a school. They had **never**, ever had a school of any kind! Can you imagine in the year 2014, that they had never, ever had a school...generations of people who have never had the opportunity to learn how to read or write!! Dioniso went to the Department of Education on their behalf. The government had no knowledge that this group of approximately 500+ people even EXISTED! Dionisio believes that they



*Children enjoying their new cups*

are an indigenous group and labels them as a lost people group!! The government agreed to give 110 math books as well as 110 Portuguese reading books, albeit third grade level, and pay the salaries for two teachers. They not only have their first school, but it is also a biblically based education where they are being taught the bible. Dio teaches in their area every Wednesday. In the last two weeks, 26 have become Christ's followers. Jaynie will go and teach about Moringa. The school meets in the extremely modest bamboo church building, which has no roof, but a few tattered pieces of plastic which the body in Mombedzi Um donated, no grass sides or roof, no reed mats, no tree benches, or any wooden benches. This area is more poverty stricken than Mombedzi Um, and we didn't think that was even possible. What a unique privilege and blessing it is to be a part of this huge transformation.

We donated a black board, pencils and cups for drinking water and have plans to purchase blankets, mats, and plastic to provide shelter from the elements and provide protection for their very coveted school books.

### Visitors

We continue to open our home to man and beast.....come and we will give you rest!! We had the great privilege of hosting a couple of great gals who were working on an agricultural demonstration farm In South Africa whom we met on Jaynie's return trip from the states. They were very interested in the plant ministry and our farm. We extracted Moringa oil and made artemisia tea and lip balm. Kristelle climbed one of our mountains. May God bless them as they seek his will in their lives!

We also baby sat the Jack Russell of a missionary family that lives in town. They needed to take their daughter there to complete her S.A.T. tests. Piglet was very happy to see her family upon their return.

### Praises

1. Thanking God that you have been touched and provided funds to purchase more audio Bibles, so that people can hear and obey God's Word. We are waiting for more to arrive.
2. Thanks for our two visitors from Pennsylvania, Kristelle Esterhuizen and Melissa Miller, who are looking for Father's will in their lives and hoping to work in the agricultural field somewhere.
3. Praise the Lord for the wonderful rains this growing season and for the harvest that is being collected.
4. Thankful for God's protection during the "fall" and for His faithfulness to protect during reconstruction.
5. Financial gifts from [International Disaster Emergency Service](#), Central Church in Kenton, Ohio, and individuals for the funds to drill a community well, waiting until we receive the final deed to our property before commencing. We have been waiting 6 years on the deed!

### Prayer Requests

1. Fervently pray that we receive the final deed to our property. Much is pending on the receipt of this document.
2. That we have plenty of stamina and time to complete that which is set before us. We will be traveling a lot, ministering in Mombedzi Um as well as the new church plant, drilling the well, hosting guests, finalizing life as we know it, harvesting Moringa, and sometime.....preparing for departure...such a short period of time!

**In His Amazing Love,**

*Jacob and Jaynie Michael*