

Good News For Africa

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Merry Christmas

After a life of suffering, he will again have joy; he will know that he did not suffer in vain. My devoted servant, with whom I am pleased, will bear the punishment of many and for his sake I will forgive them.

Isa 53:11

Our year in Review



Jaynie continues her ministry of quilting for all the many babies that are born into our church family. We are also expecting four more babies being born into our Good News for Africa Team this year. God is so good!

In February we made trip to South Africa where we were able to make major repairs on our LandRover. It is almost running like new. PTL. We were also able to

buy a want a be German Shepard puppy, Eshom, and three other puppies for missionary friends. We were traveling for a **month** due to the distance and waiting for major repairs. What an experience!



In March, Jacob started the Train and Multiply Ministry. This is where Jacob will visit a few leading pastors and train them in teaching. The material he is using is very clear and understandable and the emphasis is on teaching leaders to think instead of just memorizing facts and events. The important thing is to put into practice the principles of Scripture. Jacob has started over eight different areas where this training is being used. The men lean in small groups and hold each other accountable to what they have decided to do.

In April we attended our GNFA annual Team meeting in Malawi. This is when all the missionaries get together to learn what each one is doing and just share with each other our lives. We welcomed new teammates Dennis and Linda Messimer to our team. They will be teaching at our Bible School in Maputo. We now have 13 families units working in Mozambique. Three month families are preparing to join us next year, 2008.



While in Malawi, Jaynie was able to visit her favorite place in all the world to buy pottery, Dedza Pottery. Our home is full of remembrances of this lovely place. Jacob was also able to have much needed repair done on his teeth. The Seventh Day Adventist have a clinic in Lilongwe, Malawi and give missionaries a special price.

We must continue to remind you, our special readers, that we are living in a different country where good roads few and far between. It is a bridge on our National Highway that we use to use, but we won't any more.



May is Birthday month for us both. We take time off to celebrate our special days with friends and Teammates. What a blessing they are and such wonderful encouragers!

The Mozambique Hub is a Christian Organization out of South Africa that is dedicated to help missionaries in Mozambique in whatever way they can. In May they sponsored a seminar in Nampula and also sent a veterinarian, optometrist and computer expert to help in many different areas that missionaries need. On the left is the veterinarian neutering a cat on our living room table.



Jaynie continues to use her talent in making ladies lovely by giving haircuts, perms and whatever is needed to get the job done.

In June we were part of our local celebration put on by the Chefe. Our barrio is now two years old. There was special speeches, singing, dancing and food for all.



In July we traveled to Kenya to attend the All Africa Missionary Conference. This occurs very two years where missionaries from Christian Church/Church of Christ from all over Africa get together and encourage each other. We had time to visit the Muriuki Family (Pictured) and Judy Neimeyer (not pictured) from Nairobi. What a blessing they are to us and to our Lord!

Whenever I visit the rural areas I meet many children and adults. I show the Jesus Film in their language and have many positive responses. Every church that I visit has a program to help the widows and orphans. We are now helping these churches by starting "Cattle Project" in their areas. One area of 24 churches was taking care of the needs of over 400 widows and orphans. We are now working together with them to help themselves meet this tremendous need.



In 2008 we will be moving to Chimoio, which is located in the center of the country, just 120 miles west of Beira. We will be starting a new team of GNFA. We have already recruited Al and Velma Corson to help us in this tremendous task. We are looking for two more couples to help us. Jaynie will be working in the area of Natural Medicines as well as helping Mozambicans start schools for children. Jacob will continue with the Train and Multiply Ministry. His desire is to working in many new areas that he has not been able to reach living in Nampula.

"Prayer Request"

1. Much needed support since last year when we lost 25% of our established support.
2. Two more families to join us in the new work in Chimoio. In the area of teaching and literacy.
3. Wisdom to continue to work with established churches and leaders to help them depend upon Father.