

Good News For Africa

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**“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”
Proverbs 3:5**

“Jesus Is always the Reason for any Season”

Welcome to 2009 in the name above every name, Jesus. Ambiguity describes life in Mozambique, only God is constant. Here are the highlights since returning to Mozambique end of Aug.

- Arrived in Johannesburg with eight trunks. Ron Free, a friend from Mozambique, met us at the airport, we stayed with his family a couple days, and then they drove us to Nelspruit to stay with our teammates Shawn and Sarah Gardner.
- Picked up our LandRover that Mike Hawke had delivered to Nelspruit prior to our arrival, so we could have some minor repairs completed.
- Traveled to Chimoio to see the new farm we now call “Eden”. It is over 400 acres of mostly tillable land, located 16 miles from town, but takes about an hour to drive from Chimoio. We will help the Mozambicans develop “Eden,” but continue to search for land for constructing our home and planting our medical plants and trees.



• We drove to Nampula to collect our belongings, we loaded our LandRover to the max and made the return trip to and return to Chimoio. The remainder of our household goods were put in a container and will be shipped to Chimoio as soon as we have property secured.



Road to Eden

- We diligently searched for property that was within a 10 mile radius of Chimoio, but were unable to find just the right property for one reason or another. This took months of our precious time, nothing moves quickly in Moz! Finally, Dionisio, our evangelist, mentioned a property that was 10 miles from town that didn't have electricity, but had a well.
- Negotiations with the proposed owners ensued and after many weeks, we agreed upon a price and terms of sale. Then we discovered that the farm had been abandoned for 10 years and these people don't really own the land, the government reclaimed ownership. The local leader was consulted, a very heated discussion with local people followed, they didn't want to loose their free land, they are squatters. The local leader tried to appease the villagers and offered us a portion of the land that we asked for and additional land behind it which would be about 200 acres. This would include the homestead (Picture #1) and a functioning well. We have accepted the chief's offer, but now have been informed by his boss that the original land offer should be given to us as a whole! Ambiguity prevails, but God is in control! We shall wait upon our Lord!



Picture #1 Our New Home

- The Lord has a plan for our lives and he holds our future in his hands. He is teaching us patience. Hopefully we will have this sorted out by next newsletter.
- We had made arrangements for our absentee ballots to be sent to Nelspruit, S.A., but Jaynie's work permit was delayed in the mail and arrived after the election. We went to South Africa anyway to purchase supplies. We had a major breakdown and had to have our LandRover repaired....again!



- We praise the Lord for teammates Shawn and Sarah Gardner whom we stayed with for two weeks while purchasing our supplies and waiting and waiting and waiting for our LandRover to be repaired. They along with their three children were gracious host. Thanks so much!

- At the end of October we needed to find new housing since the missionary family we were renting from was returning from furlough. The Lord provided a five bedroom house at a price we could afford in a secure neighborhood. It needs lots of TLC, but it has been such a huge blessing for us and our guests that we had during the month of December. Especially our future teammates Al and Velma Corson, who are studying the Portuguese Languges in Portugal. They hope to join us in January 2010, Lord willing.



NOT Indian Neem!

Jaynie will be using tropical plants as medicine. We were given 196 Indian Neem seeds from Echo and sad to say none of them germinated. We thought that we had one plant but it turned out to be an African been plant that is something like poison ivy. YIKES! She will persevere!

New kids on the block are called Brané and Gidget. They are from South Africa and the joy of our lives. They definitely will be Jaynie's body guards, companions, and prayerfully great snake killing dogs. Gidget is on the left and Brané on the right.



Prayer praise and requests:

1. That we obtain the farm that God wants us to have.
2. The rains have come to Mozambique and everyone is planting the crops.
3. Jaynie can get all the seeds that she needs which will become trees that will help so many.
4. Jacob's "Train and Multiply" ministry will continue to equip and strengthen God's leaders.
5. Spiritual, physical, and mental strength to accomplish all that lies before us.
6. Pray for Al and Velma Corson as they study and learn the Portuguese Languge.

*All Our Love,
Jacob and Jaynie*

