

# Good News For Africa

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Our goal of the 7x7 Cattle project, started in 2003, was to help churches develop real wealth. After petitioning, prayer, and careful selection, specific areas received six beef



*Sozinho Nacuaria, Director of the project on the left.*

heifers and one bull. When the herd had multiplied, the recipients of the donated cattle would give six heifers and one bull to another church or group of churches. Upon fulfilling their commitment, the original cattle would be theirs.

Sozinho Nacuaria, a well respected church leader, is the director of this project. He was active in the selection process, distribution of new herds, and dealt with any difficulties. His payment would be



*Leaders of the successful project in Chalaua*

two bulls after the second generation had been completed. There were thirteen original projects.

After seven years we would like to report that all thirteen projects have been successful, but this is not



*Good looking cattle at Nova Namburi*

the case. The 7X7 project has been discontinued in eight areas. All the cattle died in one area. In another, the cattle were eaten by the people. In the remaining areas the cattle were sold and the money used by the churches.

Various reasons have been given to the director for discontinuing the other projects. The number one reason was that the leaders were arguing. They would disagree with how to handle the project or what the shepherd was to be paid or who would pay for the medicine which was needed to control the diseases.

Five of the projects continue to grow and prosper. In fact, one area Nova Namburi, was visited by the **Governor of the Province** last August and commended by him for being such a good example for the people of Mozambique. Nova Namburi has not only completed our requirements and passed on seven head of cattle to another area, but has given out of their blessings and started two new projects on their own. One of these second



*Jacob was always asked to preach and teach.*

generation projects have multiplied and begun a third generation project. Four of the other project areas have multiplied and started second generation projects.



*A new area with great looking cattle*

The major problem seems to be leadership and a vision for the future. Our colleague, Al Corson will be meeting with all the churches that have and are participating in the 7X7 project in September, during the time of the Church of Christ National Conference.

# Main objectives of our 7x7 Cattle Project

1. The Mozambican Churches have the means to meet the financial demands for constructing church buildings.
2. To provide a source to augment their nutritional needs.
3. Funds generated from the sale of these cattle could be utilized to evangelize other areas.
4. Supply income to help the orphans and widows.
5. Have money to pay for better hospital treatment.
6. To train and utilize traction animals which would enable more acres to be farmed resulting in more crops, generating more wealth.
7. Increase the churches wealth, creating self-worth by owning cattle, and helping them to realize their joy and responsibility of tithing and offerings.

## Our New house is almost built



*Our side veranda*

We're building relationships as we build our home. The veranda, some false ceilings, the soffit work, varnishing and hanging doors, bathroom fixtures, kitchen cabinets, and... are lacking. Jaynie continues laying our special floors of cow dung, clay and sand.



*Jaynie, working on our special floors of cow dung, clay and sand.*



Al and Velma Corson will be moving into our rented house and will allow us to keep all our furniture in their home until we return from Home Assignment in January of 2011. On the left is the overview of our new home.

## Prayer Request and Praise

1. **Pray for our health and strength to be able to finish the building of our new house**
2. **Thank Father for all the financial support received in these difficult times.**
3. **The safe arrival of Velma Corson our new teammate who will arrive August 19, Lord willing.**
4. **We ask you to pray for our good friend Marilyn Cook who was in an accident in South Africa last month. Her husband, Stu Cook was killed in the same accident.**
5. **Thank the Lord for faithful workers in His vineyard and we pray for more to come and help with the work.**
6. **Thank the Lord for the many good years of ministry and many more to come! We are in His Hands!**
7. **We are Planning a visit to the States arriving August 25 and returning to Mozambique the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2011. Hope to see you!**



*Jacob on his 70th Birthday and Jaynie on her ??*

*In His Amazing Love. Jacob and Jaynie Michael*