

GOOD NEWS FOR AFRICA

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We have been back in the States for six (6) months and will be returning to Mozambique the 26th of August, Lord willing. We have been visiting our supporting churches and enjoying every minute of it. We have four (4) more months to go. This is our **PAST SCHEDULE**:

- January 6 Preached at Hickory Lane Church of Christ, Washington Court House, Ohio
- January 11-13 Preached and presented our work at the Douglasville Church of Christ, Georgia
- January 14-18 Jaynie worked and studied at ECHO near Fort Myers, Florida
- January 20 We presented our work at the Metro Church of Christ, Longwood, Florida
- February 10 Sunday School and preached at Trenton Church of Christ, Ohio
- February 14 Jacob officiated the wedding of Jaynie's father, age 84 and widowed for over 35 years
- February 17 Sunday School and Jacob preached, Jaynie sang at Blanchard River Church of Christ, Ohio
- February 21 We presented our work to the 3rd grade class of Clinton Massie Grade School. Mrs. Harris
- February 23-24 Sunday School and Jacob preached and Jaynie sang at Donnelscreek Church of the Brethren, North Hampton, Oh
- February 27-29 Visited supporters in Illinois, Karen and Larry Stayton & Carol and Dan Mullis.
- March 3 Sunday School and preached at Washington Christian Church, Illinois
- March 9 Sunday School and Jacob preached, Jaynie sang at Wilkinson Church of Christ, Indiana
- March 15 We attended the funeral of Ted Pollock in New York. He was the father our good friends Dave and Leah Perston, our neighbors in Mozambique.
- March 16 We presented our work at the Willowbrook Christian Church, Victor, New York
- March 19 "A Taste of Missions", 1st Christian Church, Springfield, Ohio
- March 21 Jacob spoke at the Men's Saturday Prayer Breakfast, 1st Christian Church, Springfield, Ohio
- March 23 Jacob and Jaynie sang in a Cantata, "He Arose!" at the Grape Grove Church of Christ. Jamestown, Ohio
- March 30 Jacob and Jaynie shared with Christ's Church at Tiffin, Ohio
- April 3 -7 Clarion Church of Christ, Iowa. Jacob preached and Jaynie sang. Presenting our work at many functions, including a Men's breakfast, a Ladies brunch, youth groups and over tea. Visited Clear Lake Christian Church who was very interested in the Lord's Work.
- April 12 Jaynie spoke and Jacob served at the Mother/Daughter Banquet- Kirkpatrick Church of Christ, Ohio
- April 13 Sunday School, Jacob preached & Jaynie sang at Kirkpatrick Church of Christ, Ohio

What Jaynie learned at ECHO in Florida!

In January we left cold Ohio for the sunny State of Florida. Jacob's brother and sister-in-love, Phyllis hosted us for three weeks. They even drove us to Fort Myers where the Echo Farm is located. The welcome was very friendly and we toured the property. Much needed research in agriculture and third world technology is taking place here, including a seed bank.



Jaynie spent a week at Echo and was housed by Ellen and Bob Hargrave, the resident missionary family. Surprise! They were friends of our neighbors in Mozambique, Paul and Mary Ann Slayton.

Jaynie spent every possible moment gleaning information from Echo's wonderful library, knowledgeable staff, and practical experience. Echo also presented me with valuable books which will be very useful in my new ministry, using tropical plants as medicine.

Time ran short, but I am much better educated and equipped.

Our Farm in Africa!

We submitted our proposal about using tropical plants as medicine to the Mozambique government. Our evangelist and friend, Dionisio Bulão, has labored diligently to secure a suitable place for us to live and property to develop. The government has embraced our plans and has given us a 440 acre farm about 14 miles north of the city of Chimoio. We praise the Lord for answered prayers and His wonderful provision! We have not seen this property in person or in print, but have been told that



we have a river for water, but no electricity. Work, work, and work awaits us! Our first project is to build our cob home, which is a medium consisting of sand, clay and straw. This is more economical and currently, cement is costly in Mozambique.

These are our two main reasons for us owning a farm:

1. We want to bring honor and glory to our Heavenly Father by assisting with the spiritual and physical needs of our Mozambican family while creating dependency on the Lord.
 2. We want to use methods and technology which can be duplicated and sustained in the Mozambican culture, which will also provide income through cottage industries and improve quality of life and longevity. Educating them to utilize the resources that they have, for example, traction animals, making carts, raising plants for medicines, purifying water, soap making, preserving food with basic solar ovens, providing land for our cattle project and also cash crops.
- Jacob will continue with his ministry of training national leaders, as well as, providing and printing teaching material. He will help Jaynie as much as he can with the operation of the farm.
 - New Co-workers, **Al and Velma Corson**, are preparing to leave for Portugal in August and Lord willing, arrive in Mozambique in January of 2009. (pictured on the right)



This is our Remaining Schedule:

- April 26-27 Sunday School, Jacob preach and Jaynie sing at McComb Ch of Christ, Ohio
- May 3-9 Arkansas to visit prospective supporting churches north of Little Rock, AR
- May 11 Our Guardianship son, Nathan Preston, will graduates from College in Clarkston, NY
- May 13 Return to Christ’s Church in Tiffin, Ohio to share with the Mission Team.
- May 16-17 Jaynie at Butler Springs Christian Assembly for a women’s retreat, Hillsboro, Ohio
- May 18 Sunday School, Jacob preach and Jaynie sing at Bowersville Church of Christ “Faith Promise”
- May 19 Leave for Ecuador, SA for a month, praise the Lord for inheritance monies which bought our tickets! Chris and Nicia will be taking a survey trip to Spain during this time and needed trusted and loving babysitters. Lord willing they will be moving to Spain in early 2009,
- June 21 Wedding of our great niece Molly Michael, Urbana, Oh and Jacob’s 50th class reunion.
- June 22 Class of 1958 picnic at St. Paris, Ohio
- June 29 Sunday School and preach at Grape Grove Church of Christ near Jamestown, Ohio
- July 1-4 North American Christian Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio
- July 6 Sunday School, Jacob preach & Jaynie sing at Jeffersonville Church of Christ. Ohio
- July 12 Jaynie to share with the Methodist Ladies at St. Paris, Ohio
- July 13 Sunday School, Jacob preach & Jaynie sing at Central Church of Christ, Kenton, Ohio
- July 13-18 VBS at Cornerstone Christian Church, Alliance, Ohio
- July 19 Wedding of great niece Megan Michael, Urbana, Ohio
- July 20-26 Lake James School of Missions, Lake James, Indiana
- July 27 Jaynie to sing at the Grape Grove Church of Christ with three other sisters-in-Christ
- August 3 Sunday School, Jacob preach & Jaynie sing at Cornerstone Christian Church, Alliance, Ohio
- August 9 Jaynie to speak at women’s picnic at 1st Christian Church, Springfield, Ohio
- August 10 Sunday School, Jacob preach & Jaynie sing at Celebration Church of Christ, Marion, Ohio
- August 15-17 Jaynie to speak at Mountain View Christian Camp Ladies Retreat. Jacob to wash dishes.
- August 26 Leave for Mozambique at 10:00 am from Dayton, Ohio Airport, arrive Johannesburg August 27, Lord willing



Good Friends Karen and Jim Weld from Clarion, Iowa

All Our Love,
Jacob and Jaynie