

Good News For Africa

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Good News and Bad News!

We arrived back in Mozambique running at full speed! Time has passed in warp speed and we apologize for being lax in sending out a newsletter. Please forgive us.

Jaynie was speaking at First Christian in Springfield, Ohio, the day of our departure for Moz, when we were informed that Jaynie's Grandmother died the night before. We had visited her that evening, not knowing that it would be our last. She was 105 years old and had been ready to leave this earth for a long time and finally she was rewarded for her faithfulness. She is now rejoicing with the angles in Heaven. That's good news....the same good news we share with Mozambicans.



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This year we also have shed tears of sorrow at the lost our niece, Rachel Pleasant, due to childbirth complications, Jaynie's other Grandmother, Rhodema Jacobs, and our cousin, Susan Shower, whom has visited us in Mozambique twice. We praise God for the lives of our loved ones and for His great love and comfort that passes all understanding.



Velma Corson

Our teammate, Velma Corson, has been fighting for her life in the Mill Park Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa. She and her husband, Al and their coworker Jason Nicholes were traveling to conduct an Insight Safari Seminar in Vaal Water when Velma became severely ill. In the Lord's timing, they were in Johannesburg and rushed her to the hospital. She was diagnosed with Cerebral Malaria. She has been resuscitated four times. We praise the Lord for her miraculous healing, but she still has many months of hospital care. They are planning to relocate to South Africa during this time, but still conduct their ministry in Mozambique. Please join us and pray for Velma's complete recovery.

We moved into our new home on the Eden Farm in March! Initially we were without inside toilets, lights, interior doors, curtains, stove, few dishes unpacked, no cabinet space. We camped in our home with dirt floors, a rigged shower, and total upheaval, but how marvelous. We make improvements daily praising Him for flush toilets, tiled floors, interior doors and more. We don't have electrical power but we do have a generator that meets all our needs, but have also experienced what it's like when it stopped working. We have been entertaining a constant stream of exuberant residents, African style, with high tea and scones (cookies). What a joy to be loved and accepted with such anticipation of our beneficial presence here in our area, Mombedzi Um.



Our Living Room



Adam and Jenny

More Good News: Our son, Adam Sharpe, will be wed to Jennifer Melvin on August 13, 2011. Jacob was asked to preside over the ceremony. We will be stateside from from July27-August 30 . We thank the Lord for the special gift from the Celebration Christian Church in Marion, Ohio that has made this trip possible. My how you shower us with your sacrificial giving!

What we are doing NOW

BUILDING: Relationships and more buildings. We continue work on our home, setting doors, painting, installing door knobs, screens, laying baseboard installing drop ceilings and etc. Preparing for our guests' arrivals.

Construction started on a Jacob's workshop. God provided many big rocks on Eden, therefore it will be a stone building. A guard house will be started later this month, also built of stone.

Human relationships are of utmost importance in Mozambique. We have been blessed with developing relationships with our government officials through a labor dispute filed by some disgruntled employees fueled by misperceptions and Satan's greed. This process has brought us to our knees before the throne of God and the truth has set us free. The matter was settled with the help of the Labor Administration in Matsinho and Chimoio. We were not found in error and the officials were supporting us, realizing that the workers had been untruthful and called them little snakes. We paid them severance pay according to the law, and terminatd their employment. The sadden workers were hoping to receive enough money to buy each of them a motorcycle. Later that day, two workers were spotted drunk and passed out along the roadside. Please pray that they will be receptive to the Good News and come to Christ, patterning their lives after Him.

Jacob continues to teach and share the word with our local congregation every Sunday that we are here. Te new church plant is growing in number and spiritual depth.

Jaynie speaks as often as she can about God's provitions through plants. People are so eager to find ways to alleviate disease and hunger, Jaynie has the oportunity to tell them about God.



Mustard Seed Members husking corn

We also help the leaders of the Mustard Seed association of Manica Province. They are farming some of Eden Farm and using these procedes to develop a Christ centered community meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the populus.

TRAVELING: The trip to Malawi in February went well. It had a three fold purpose. We puchased ceramic wall tile which couldn't be found in Chimoio or Beira, stayed with long time friends in Zomba, Mark and Era Thiesen, bringing encouragement as they face a difficult time in their ministry, and stayed with dear friends in Tete while gathering Neem Seeds and saplings for the plant ministry here. The seeds are only viable for 2-4 weeks each year. The approximately 250 saplings are growing well and will be transplanted in the near future.

We travelled to Pemba to attend the annual Good News For Africa mission retreat in April. We stayed in Nampula with our colleagues, Dan and Robin Been, going and returning, stopping along the way to encourage our Mozambican brothers and sisters there.

We stayed in Montepuez one night to see the Kingdom work there and also observe, encourage, and give vice on bilding construction in progress. One family is planning on using cobb for their home as well.

Jaynie was invited to speak at the Zimbabwe National Ladies Conference in Gweru, Zimbabwe the end of April. Jacob was also asked to



Part of the Ladies of Church of Christ in Zimbabwe

preach during the Sunday worship time. We were hosted by Dan and Theresa McArthur. Over 4,000 ladies attended the conference and Jaynie shared about our amazing God, His wonderful creation, and His special provisions through the medicinal plants, which can prevent diseases, cure them, and restore our body to good health.

Our Plans for the Future

RECIEVING GUESTS : We are anticipatin the aival of Marianne and Alfina. Marianne in currently residing in Angola, but travelled to Moz to hold several Anamed seminars. (Anamed is an organization that Jaynie trained under) Alfina is an associate of Anamed who lives in Gorongosa, Mozambique. Jaynie is the Anamed coordinator for the Chimoio area.

JW and Johnie Ragesdale from Colorado, arrive on May 19. JW is to conduct a marriage seminar, travel with Jacob to visit the churches, meet leaders of the Mustard Seed Manica Province , and share life with us for ten days.

We also are in prayer that our friends Dale and Huey Mason will be able to come and help us this year teaching, preaching, and sharing God's lve with Mozambicans.

Jacob will be making contact with the many churches of Christ to see what their spiritual needs are so we can best teach them in the near future.

We will be traveling to Malindi, Kenya for the All-Africa Missionary Conference the middle of July. This trip was also make possible by the Celebration Church in Marion, Ohio. PTL!!!

Prayer Request and Praises

1. **The complete healing of our teammate, Velma, from the dreaded disease cerebral malaria.**
2. **Thanks to the Lord that our home in the bush is almost finished, that it will be a blessing to those who enter in, that they may find wam hospitality, and that many will come.**
3. **Thank Father for the special gift from our faithful supports that allow us to return home for our son's wedding.**
4. **Thank the Lord for faithful workers in His vineyard and we praise the Lord for the visitors that we will have this year.**
5. **Safe travel to Kenya and the USA during the month of July and August.**
6. **Praise the Lord for opportunities to minister in Zimbabwe and Mozambique and faithful teammates to work along side.**

With all our Love and His Amazing Grace,

Jacob and Jaynie



Many of our Teammates working in Mozambique