

Good News For Africa

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Dear Friends, Loved Ones, and Faithful Supporters,

Thank you so much for partnering with us in the Kingdom work in Chimoio, Mozambique! Your sacrificial giving in difficult times attests to your love and faithfulness to our great God!

Here is an update on what has transpired in our lives and ministry in Mozambique this past year....can't believe it has been almost a year since we were last on American soil!



Jose'

Dionisio

This year has been jammed pack with much activity. It was a joy to join forces again with our very faithful and strong church leaders Jose and Dionisio who were working for the Lord and for us while we were stateside. They diligently searched for a "farm" for us and succeeded. Meeting with over 13 area government officials and local tribal leaders, presenting our future ministry plans.

Don't always go with your first impression, because ours wasn't very favorable then. We tried to locate a "better" area, one more suitable, but after a long five month search, we decided that

our original purchase was the place that God wanted us to be.

The people there fully accepted us when Jose and Dionisio presented our vision and they caught that same vision. It was a heart lifting experience when we met the local people for the first time. I, Jaynie, was filled with an emince joy and satisfying peace. I told Jacob that I had no reservations about living 27 KS from town in the middle of nowhere without electricity or land line.

They had watched over our property with such gusto, even testifying before a judge that we owned the land when another person tried to steal it from us while we were in the states. Within five minutes of arriving on our property the first time, Dionisio received several phone calls that white people were on our farm and maybe they would want to steal it, too! He had to reassure them that when they saw our "Good News For Africa" sign on our Landrover, that it was us, the true owners, and we were O.K.



This is where we will live and build our home!



People are everywhere wanting to Praise The Lord

I peered out over the horizon to the east and saw people watching us. I then looked to the south, and yes, more people, to the west I looked and was met by the same, and then I looked, north, people everywhere were watching the new comers! It struck me as comical, but then.... It spoke volumes of their love, acceptance, and protection. If they cared so much to watch over our property....how much more would they protect me. I would venture to say that they would lay down their lives for me.

They call me their mother. I take care of them, for their physical needs, spiritual needs, and medical needs. Tropical Plants as Medicines has opened up numerous opportunities to speak of God, His wonderful creation, and His great provisions. I teach almost everyday, when somebody has a question about an illness, why I strongly dislike fires, or about the method of our house construction, always able to bring God into the center of each conversation.

So many people have worms. I am able to tell them about garlic to rid their bodies of these parasites or they can use ground papaya seeds. Several workers and their children have been successfully treated

for parasites. Another worker had a toothache. He chewed on an onion for three minutes...voila, no more toothache. Onion kills the bacteria. Which causes the toothache. We have garlic and onion in our garden that they can pick to treat these problems. Another had hemorrhoids and went to the doctor. After a round of medicine, he wasn't healed. I told him about cayenne pepper to be taken orally and the use of Aloe Vera topically. He hasn't complained since. We have both of those plants on our farm as well.

As you know, I am not a nurse or doctor. I do not diagnose. I only give information which has been noted as healing, helping, or curing certain illnesses or diseases.

I also have had the opportunity to teach in our area about artemisia tea. It is the plant that was discovered in China many centuries ago, but was made known to the world after World war II. A German Doctor developed a hybrid of this plant that would grow in sub tropical and tropical climates. I will be growing this on the farm as well.

While in South Africa in June to pick up our guests, I met fellow kingdom workers at Mercy Air. Through their connections, I was able to receive 450 pre-packaged artemisia treatments for curing malaria. What a huge blessing!!! I now am the Chimoio contact person networking with workers around Cape Town, South Africa, White River, South Africa, and England. What a joy to have divine appointments to meet people just in His perfect timing.



People are asking so many questions



Jaynie giving Artemisia Tea to the President of the District

Marianne in England sent me some teaching material, fertilizer discs, and the precious artemisia seeds which are more costly per ounce than gold!!! These were all a love offering. God is Great!

We have had a total of 21 visitors this year for an extended period of time and have had numerous overnight guests. Our rented home has been a blessing to many. We have periodically hosted the bimonthly missionary worship service as well as the ladies bible study. I also meet weekly for prayer time and plan activities throughout the year, such as, two men's breakfast, kiddies club, ladies' teas held quarterly, a family day, and a yearly ladies retreat.

Jacob continues to preach most Sundays as we visit area church families. We have two new church plants around the outskirts of Chimoio. We have also taken a bush trip when our Florida team was here. Just like church camp....only more rustic than anyone could imagine!!!!

In between time....we work on the farm, building our home. We have also planted many trees and plants gearing up for my ministry. Trees include: Moringa , Coconut, Palm, Orange, Tangerine, Lemon, Avocado, and 1300 Eucalyptus. We



Planting corn using God's Way teaching

also have lemon grass, marigolds, mulberries, Aloe Vera, 1000 pineapple and capsicum frutescens. Soon to have Neem and artemisia!

We are teaching "Farming God's Way" and have had our first corn harvest. A cannery is to be built in Chimoio and our pineapple is in anticipation of it's arrival. I have been able to incorporate natural insecticides and pesticides...(soap and marigolds.)

Our desire is to form a Mozambican governed association which



Florida Team and Dale Mason waiting on the train to cross the river

will utilize the farm to generate funds for payroll, provide cottage industries, and generate revenue to be self supporting with surplus to assist church families with their needs, such as, building materials for their church buildings, orphans and widows programs, famine relief, and etc.

I have been approached by a Zimbabwean Doctor, who trained in Canada with her degree in herbal medicine, to network with her and make medicines for both of our benefits. She will train me. She works directly with the Director of all the hospitals and clinics in Manica province and has all her paperwork in order. We hope to open a clinic in our area on the farm. We shall see how God provides for us in this matter.

We have guests and dear friends, Paul & Melonie Fudge arriving in October, prayerfully future team mates. They will be blessing us for a month.

Also, a German co-partner with Anamed, (the natural medicine organization) will be coming in November and we are scheduling several area seminars, partnering with Tear Fund, to teach about the natural plants as medicines. Exponentially, this can reach thousands of individuals, I am very excited about this opportunity to share God's "medicine chest" with others.



Jaynie, Paul, Melonie Fudge & Jacob playing tennis last year



Progress so far on our new home

Through it all, Jacob and I have been very, make that extremely busy building relationships and also our home. It is progressing very nicely and we are happy with future home. The floors are ready for the floors to be poured, plumbing is in, windows have been set, except for two, half the door frames have been set, one door has been carved, lumber for trusses has been ordered, electric will begin this week, cob finish has been started, and I have been able to accomplished some artistic touches on our home with clay sculpting.

We were blessed to meet the Governor of our province on Saturday. This was history in the making. The governor had never visited Matsinho before! We were given a place of honor with the real dignitaries. They are so kind to hold us in such high esteem. Relationships are so very, very important to the Mozambicans. We provided grass from the farm for many temporary buildings to house the guests and also 40 kilos of sugar for their cornmeal drink.



The Governor's visit to Mastinho

Thank you once again for your support financially, prayerfully, and by communication through face book and e-mail. We can not be here without your continued love, support, and encouragement.

In His Service, *Jacob and Jaynie Michael*

Prayer Request:

1. Money needed for the purchase of a used vehicle around \$10,000 by end of September 2009
2. Praise for a new grand baby and that he/she will be healthy, due the 1st of February, who's parents are Dustin and Emily Sharpe in Jamestown, Ohio

3. The new Neen Trees we have planted to grow and mature.
4. Health for us and energy to complete the tasks set before us.
5. Pray for new opportunities to teach God's Word and open hearts and minds to receive His Word.
6. Prayer as we revisit Zimbabwe to encourage the churches and friends that we know from long ago.
7. Special Thank you to Denise Shaneyfeld for all the hard work she does for us and our Precious Lord



*Jaynie & Jacob planting
Neem Tree cuttings*