

Good News For Africa

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Church Building Dedication in Zimbabwe

About 25 years ago, a faithful couple, Donald and Margaret Mossman, entrusted the majority of their worldly possessions to the Grape Grove Church of Christ near Jamestown, Ohio. In their quest to be good stewards and to act on behalf of Donald and Margaret, Grape Grove approved a \$5,000 gift to bless the Mbizo Church of Christ in Kwekwe, Zimbabwe for their building fund. The money was used to erect a steel



Jacob with the Mbizo Church Leaders

frame building surrounded with concrete block, with a tin roof and cement floors. The thirty plus people were left to complete the construction.



Mbizo Church of Christ

Almost 25 years later Jaynie and Jacob were invited to the dedication of the completed building. A surprise awaited us! They had built a house for the preacher and completed an addition onto the original building. The current congregation of 500 plus members had also started four more sister congregations in the surrounding area. They honored Jacob and Dan McArthur by asking them to conduct the dedication ceremony and preach God's Word on this very special day. Jaynie also spoke on behalf of the Grape Grove family, since she attended there when the gift was given to Mbizo. What a huge blessing this gift has been to many, many people in Zimbabwe.

The Building of our Home

It has been over a year since we started building our house in the bush. It has been a definite challenge, but we are very close to completion. Jaynie has been the forewoman of the project and has earned the respect of the Mozambican workers. We lack some floors, the glass and screens in the window frames and our five wooden doors need hung. Jacob continued to work in Jaynie's absence.



Al Corson's cracked left foot

He hauled 13 loads of sand, hung the veranda ceiling, and finished the suspended ceiling in the great room.



Our kitchen sink and tile covered cabinets.

Al Corson, our team mate, was a big help as well. Due to an accident Al fractured a bone in his small left toe. Thanks "Al" for all your help!

It has been a very difficult job trying to finish the ceiling, but finally the job is completed.



False ceiling which surrounds the house



Jacob had lots of good help and it looks very nice!



Our inside bath tub and shower.



Building the tops for our septic system



The Neighbors wonder what kind of a house are we building

The whole idea of building a “cob” house is to demonstrate to the local people and government that one can build a permanent house out of the local materials. To bring honor and glory to our Heavenly Father.

Prayer Request and Praises

- 1. Thank God for our protection. Al cracked his left toe and Jacob cracked his right rib falling off a step ladder. Everything is healing nicely. Jaynie is unscathed!**
- 2. Thank Father for all the financial support received in these difficult times.**
- 3. Velma Corson, Al's wife and our new teammate, arrived on August 19.**
- 4. Thank the Lord for faithful workers in His vineyard and we pray for more to come and help with His work.**
- 5. Thank the Lord for the many good years of ministry and many more to come! We are in His Hands! Jacob 35 years and Jaynie 10 ½ years!**
- 6. We are presently in the States and will be here until the 11th of January 2011. We want to present what is happening in Kingdom work in Mozambique. Schedule a time of sharing.**
- 7. Thanks also for your special prayers when Jaynie's sister died suddenly in June. Jaynie was able to spend some precious time with her family.**
- 8. Please pray for the National Missionary Convention in Lexington, KY November 18-21. Hope to see you there.**

His Amazing Love. Jacob and Jaynie Michael