

Good News For Africa

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We are back in the United States of America

Psa 37:25 I was young, and now I am old, but I have never seen good people left with no one to help them; I have never seen their children begging for food.



Our dog Brané meeting us at the airport when we arrived.

Retread and not Retired

On August the 6th we arrived in Dayton, Ohio for our last planned time of returning from Africa. It was with deep emotion that we left our beloved Mozambique. Our lives and hearts are so entwined with the people of Africa, serving the last 22 years in Mozambique. We will be visiting our supporters during the next several months. We are looking forward to connecting with our children and grandchildren. We will be praying about and seeking Father's will for the next phase of serving. Our desire is to serve where He leads and calls us to serve.

The Fatal Accident

On the 5th of July **as** we were beginning our journey to the country of Malawi, a tragedy occurred. Shortly after we passed through a police check point, a motorcyclist drove perpendicularly into our path. Jacob slowed down, pressed on the brakes and kept veering to the left of the road, but impact was inevitable. The motorist was killed instantly. Because we were so close to the police check point, they were on the scene very quickly, as well as military assistance. We praise God for His provision! Several other motorists had stopped to protect us from oncoming traffic. They police insisted that we leave the scene of the crime because the crowd was becoming hostile. We were to report to the local police station in the city of Tete, but we knew not the location. One of the kind Samaritans offered to show us. Our car started, but quit shortly after we left the scene. This same man towed us the 10 miles to Tete's police station.



Our Toyota Surf after the accident

Our experience at the police station was unprecedented. We were treated with great respect and professionalism, unlike others who have been in similar situations. We were dismissed after a very short 1 ½ hours, but requested to return in the morning. We called fellow missionaries in the area and prayer began immediately. We also contacted a local minister in the area whom we have worked together in building the kingdom. He spoke on our behalf, assuring them that we only want good for the people in Mozambique.

In the morning Jacob(a woman's testimony means nothing) met with the family and offered our deepest sympathy. The family asked for a large amount of money at this time, but the police chief chastised them, stating that this was not a time to extort money. The police interceding on our behalf was highly unusual! He said out of the goodness of our hearts, we would give a love offering to help off set the funeral expenses. Jacob was released and would be called at a later date. The entire process was covered by God's almighty hand and unfolded in a most atypical fashion, according to other's horrific experiences.

The following week the Police Investigator called, requesting Jacob's presence in Tete, a five hour drive, for another statement. Dionisio, our evangelist, went with Jacob. Dionisio shared with the Investigator how we were in the country for over 22 years helping the people and preaching the Good News of Jesus. We would be contacted if the case went to court. To this day we have not received any notice concerning the accident. Dionisio and our minister friend in Tete would take care of the situation if the police would ever call. Thank you Lord!

Repair of our house



On Easter Sunday, the gable end of our house collapsed and fell on top of our Landrover. Plans were in place to start repairs on the gable end because we knew that cracks had appeared in the concrete reinforced beam that supported the gable end, but it collapsed one day earlier, to our great surprise!!t Jaynie redesigned the roof to eliminate this weight issue. Just a few days later, the same issue appeared on the other gable end. It was disassembled to prevent damage to our home. All repairs were made to the house and the LandRover. Dionisio was entrusted with the Landrover, which would provide much needed transportation to the local people for ambulance runs and funeral needs. This gift would be Dionisio's severance pay for the many years he has served the Lord.

The Jacob and Jaynie School

In June, we were invited by our local chief to a dedication of the school which was funded by Good News For Africa. We had been asked to donate money to purchase cement, doors, windows, and metal sheets for the roof. This would be built close to the chief's house and would provide education for 400 first through fourth grades. This would be a shorter distance to walk to school and they wouldn't have



The Jacob and Jaynie Grade School

to cross a river that had taken the lives of others in previous years. Jaynie gave Moringa plants and taught about its nutritional needs to help increase the nutritional needs in the school lunch, as well as teaching about papaya seeds to deworm the students and gave them their first supply of dried seeds.



Jacob, Jaynie and Local Leaders

We were so humbled, honored, and speechless to have a school named after us, to say the least. We thank all of you for helping us make a difference in our little corner of the world.

Well Project and Coins for Covering

Almost the week before we were to leave Mozambique the well project was finished! With the help of IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), Central Church of Christ, Kenton, Ohio, Grape Grove Church of Christ, Jamestown, Ohio, and some individuals, we were able to have the well drilled and installed. The water from this well will be a continued blessing to so many people. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



People receiving the blankets.

Also the coins for coverings was such a blessing to over 3,000 people who received blankets last year. Others heard about the project and donated funds to purchase more blankets this year. Our local chief and local leaders, as well as Dionisio helped us distribute the many blankets which were given to a new church plant to about 500 people.



Jaynie pumping the first bucket of water.

The Lost People

At the end of last year, we were given funds by Jordan Bullard, our summer intern, to purchase solar powered audio bibles. One of our members loaned his to his father and he took this audio bible to the area of his birth and planted a church. Two weeks later this precious servant of the Lord was promoted to heaven, but his legacy remains. This area has never had a church, nor a school! They asked us to petition the government on their behalf. Dionisio went to the department of education and spoke on their behalf. They agreed to supply 100 English books, 100 science books and the salaries for two teachers! We helped as well and provided plastic under the grass roof to protect the books and keep the students and Christians dry during school and worship service. We also provided drinking cups, a blackboard, and floor mats.

We also distributed blankets to this area when others donated to this much needed project when they heard about the success of last year's project.

We are so amazed that the government had no record that this people group ever existed!! Jacob and Jaynie were the first white people that many of them had ever seen! What a humbling experience to be the first white people to demonstrate the love of Jesus. First impressiins do make a difference and we are so blessed to have had this once in a lifetime experience in 2014.

Jaynie also had the joy of teaching these new Christians how to weave floor mats from the plastic strapping, that she had saved, that bound the bundles of blankets. They were fast learners.

Dionisio goes once a week to bring the gospel and members are added to the body of Christ every week. They thirst and hunger for the Word of God!



floor mats from the plastic strapping

The Work of the Lord will continue in Mozambique

Many have asked who will be taking our place in Mozambique. Our goal has always been to equip the national leaders to depend upon our Lord. God has provided many great and Godly men to continue evangelizing Mozambique and are preparing many others. Good News For Africa still has four families working in the country, three familes have been called to serve in other countries. We also know of kingdom workers who travel to Mozambique several times a year to hold short term smeinars and are partnering with local leadership.

What will happen to the Farm?

We have left the farm in the hands of two dear friends who have started a business of managing farms. Pine Pienaar and Johan Ceilliers. We are wanting to find a buyer who will continue with the ministry we have started.

Survivor Africa



Phylcia, Dustin, Adam, Kyle, Heidi, Leah, David and Nicia

On the 1st day of September, (LaborDay) our eight children gave us a very special present. They invited all our Christian Family to help us celebrate our life on the Foreign Mission Field. It was held in the basement of the Grape Grove Church of Christ, Jamestown, Ohio. Many of our friends and family joined in celebrating our service for our Lord. Jacob 39 years and Jaynie 15! We can't find the words to express our thanks for such an outpouring of love. YES, it was a surprise because for the very first time in our married life have all eight of our children been together at the same location!

Praises

1. Thanking God who helped us after we had such a terrible accident. He went before us to save our very lives.
2. Praises for our faithful pastors and elders who continue to oversee the work of over 3,000 plus churches.
3. Praise the Lord for Dionisio and his wife Maria and their faithfulness.
4. Thankful for our good friends in Tete. Chris and Katie Nalls who helped us so much after the accident
5. Praise the Lord that the Government finally gave us the deed for our property.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray that Dinisio will continue to use all the gifts he has received for God's honor and glory.
2. Pray that we will be able to continue our Victory Lap, as some have called it. We want to visit all our supporting churches and individuals in the next year.
3. We need guidance as to what we will do with the rest of our lives. As long as we both shall live we want to continue to serve our Lord in whatever way He sees fit. Until He welcomes us into that eternal rest where He will say, "Welcome good and faithful Servant"!



In His Amazing Love,

Jacob and Jaynie Michael