

# Good News For Africa

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**Mark 5:19** But Jesus would not let him. Instead, he said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how good he has been to you."

We are on Furlough (Home Assignment) until the end of January 2013 visiting our supporting churches, family and many close friends. We are living at the Grape Grove Church of Christ parsonage which is such a blessing. We praise the Lord for His wonderful provision.

### No Greater Love

We want to dedicate this issue to our faithful Jack Russell, Gidget, who gave her life to protect us. In May, Jaynie and our friend Selsa were at the plant nursery. Jaynie saw Gidget jumping in the tall grass about three feet from her, thinking that she was playing with a small critter. When Jaynie started to return to the house Gidget was spread out in the middle of the pathway, paralyzed. Instantly she knew Gidget had taken a bite. Jaynie rushed her to the house. Jacob tried to revive her, she stood for a few minutes, but shortly began to convulse and went limp frothing at the mouth. Efforts of CPR were fruitless, her heart had stopped and she was gone. Our guard informed us that a huge black snake lived down by the well, he had seen him many times, but hadn't informed us of this potential danger. He identified the snake as a black momba, one of the most aggressive and deadliest of snakes.

Our grief was immense at losing our precious companion and valuable guard dog. God had protected Jaynie because Gidget had distracted the snake and taken the bite instead of Jaynie. She is buried on the farm just east of the termite hill. Brané, her best doggie friend, laid beside her grave for a long time, grieving as well, and quit eating for a few days.

Shortly thereafter we traveled to South Africa to purchase some needed supplies and adopted two Jack Russell puppies to help fill the void in all of our lives. We found a male and female from different litters. We called the female, Jazzmine and the male, McGee.

Our son, David, reminded us that the reason we had Gidget was to protect us and this is what she did! A life was given to save a life. Jesus gave his life to give us eternal life.



*Brané with McGee and Jazz*



*Our little Gidget with Jaynie*



*Opening Day for the grinding mill*



*Leaders of the local community churches received donated Bibles*



*The Building which houses the grinding mill and doubles as a Worship Center.*



*Unloading the grinding mill*

## Grinding Mill Project

We were given \$16,000 from our cousin Susan Shower's estate after she was ushered into the presence of God and \$2,000 from the youth group at Central Church of Christ in Kenton, Ohio. We asked to local leaders what the community needed and they emphatically said, “ a grinding mill.” Our evangelist, Dionisio, oversees this project and will eventually be self supporting. Our desire is to equip, train, and teach Mozambicans to help themselves and create dependency upon our Lord by changing their fatalistic mindset.

We had a Grand Opening with the community invited, important government officials, and the local tribal leaders, including a ribbon cutting ceremony and of course food for the leaders and the traditional cornmeal drink for the populous. The leaders dedicated the grinding mill project in the traditional manner. Problems began immediately when the mill was started the very first time. The screen was destroyed when the metal door that regulates the grain flow entered the machine, people were frightened and ran knocking down unsuspecting children causing pandemonium. The following day two belts broke and then the cast iron fan broke the third day. HELP! On Sunday , our local church body had a prayer walk, praying for all the machines, both rooms, the veranda, the property, protection for the service rendered, the workers, and all areas of this project, asking for God's protection and blessings. Since that day we haven't had any more problems. PTL [Psa 127:1](#) “Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”





*Gifts from the Grape Grove Church of Christ for the Ladies Retreat*



*Our very first Orange Harvest after only ONE year. Yes, three succulent oranges*



*Principal of the local school receiving the cups and pencils.*



*This primary government school has 998 students*



*Jacob bringing good news to the Mozambicans.*



*Jaynie sharing her clothes just before we were leaving for the States.*

## **Saying Goodbye for five months**

It is never easy to say goodbye to loved ones. But when we leave Mozambique we always leave a little part of ourselves. Jacob gave his clothes to our faithful workers and Jaynie donated hers to the children and ladies of the church. This has encouraged some of the ladies to give their clothes to others as well, thus setting an example and demonstrating the love of Jesus. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are emulating Christ and impacting the community.

Jaynie made the white coat for Dionisio, tearing apart one of Jacob's shirts to use as a pattern. He in turn, gave it to his worker.

She was also extremely busy processing moringa leaves, drying them, and distributing them to all those who had requested a five month supply of moringa powder before we left. Jacob was a huge help, working along side of her.

The local Agriculture Fair kept her busy as well, selling her moringa powder, artemisia tea, saplings, and sore muscle salve. Many gathered to learn about the plants including several government officials.

Also, the local school was thrilled to receive 120 plastic drinking cups donated by Paula Adams from Grape Grove Church of Christ and 180 pencils donated by Paul and Melonie Fudge from Orlando, Florida.



*The grinding mill is in the capable hands of Dionisio on the left and his assistant and guard.*

*On our way home we stayed a week in London with Terry and Barb Garde and visited other Zimbabwean friends Peter, Vera and Ross Grey and Hazel, Hassen and Una Patel*

## We Need Help!

1. experienced couple to , , and visit our (over 3,000) churches. Also to print teaching material for the local ministers.
2. Someone who has a desire to continue with the Tropical Plants as Medicine ministry and community development, utilizing the property to it's fullest potential.

## Prayer and Praises

1. Praise the Lord for watching over the grinding mill project, protecting us and all the workers.
2. Praise for the continued faithfulness of our many supporters. May our Heavenly Father richly bless you as you have richly blessed us and the Mozambicans.
3. Praise God for our families and for the health of our newest grandchild due to make his/her appearance into our lives in May 2013. Adam and Jenny Sharpe to be the proud parents!
4. Pray for our new co-workers which our Lord will provide!
5. Pray that Jaynie's workshop at this year's ICOM (International Conference on Missions) November 15-18<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis, Indiana will be well received and kingdom changing.

6. Pray for our safe travel to visit all our supporting churches, that we will be a blessing and encourage others as they encourage us.
7. Pray for our property manager/evangelist, Dionisio, and his wife, Rabia, as they watch over the demonstrational farm in Mozambique and continue to labor for our Lord.

*In His Amazing Love.*

*Jacob and Jaymie Michael*