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Hello again. We have just returned from Mozambique. Before I left for Moz I asked the Lord how the trip would be. I felt him say that it would be a tough trip. And spiritually speaking it was.

I was joined on this trip by my friends, Aussie businessman **Keith Robinson** and intercessor from the states **Joel Skjonsby**.

Our **Intercession Pastors conference** in Beira was a great success in terms of the hunger for the Lord we saw in the pastors.

More on the conference next month. For now I want to tell you about a miracle that happened to us. We are devoting most of this edition to her.

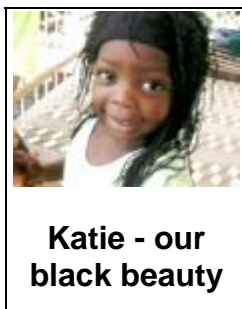
Katie Cumming

Our Very Own Black Beauty

We are so privileged to have a **Mozambican daughter**.

Before I left to Moz, Jay and I felt we needed to book Katie's flight home with me - as a **step of faith**. We did that and with the ticket in hand I walked into one of the biggest **spiritual tug of wars** I have ever experienced.

With a limited time for many legal things to take place, with two special intercessors by my side and a lot of prayer happening around the world, we saw **one of our greatest personal miracle triumphs**. Without a court



Katie - our black beauty

case, without Jay or myself present, without witnesses - the **judge leant over and signed the forms** to say that we were the official parents of Katie in Mozambique. Even our solicitor, Dr Zita said it was a **miracle he had never seen happen before**. Our court case for Katie's adoption actually never occurred but the hand of the Lord took control anyway. Katie is under Moz law, our child and she is now **officially and legally** Katie Cumming - our daughter. Thank you for your prayers, your support and for those who felt to give towards this whole process - in faith. Special thanks to Merry.

That was the miraculous first step. The **second step** was to have a passport and a visa ready for her by the time I left the country (just a few days). Katie Pleasance from Iris ministries put her faith into action and stood in queues and **waited for hours and hours** as the officials said "no, no' no" to everything she asked. The day came for me to fly out of Mozambique and **we still did not have her passport**. In fact the process which normally takes three days had not even started. We were also without a visa for South Africa which cannot be obtained without a passport. **I called in a favour** from our Aussie consulate and we prayed. I took a video of Keith that morning and asked how he was feeling. He replied "**just a touch of nervous energy**".



Katie on Camp

On the final boarding call for the flight out of Mozambique - Katie had still not been delivered to the airport. When most of the passengers had boarded and it was becoming uncomfortably late, I said to the Lord "If you want her to come with me to Australia, you have to get her here." **Finally, in the last few minutes, she arrived** - with passport- with visa. The plane was held up for 10 minutes and at long last we went through customs and boarded the plane to South Africa. **Father and daughter.**

The third step of the process - to get Katie's permanent residential visa for Australia was like a walk in the park compared to the struggle we had in Mozambique. In fact Katie and I visited the Pretoria Zoo while we waited for the documents to be processed. Four aeroplane flights later and a lot of waiting in airports, the **precious human cargo** was delivered into the waiting arms of mum (Jay) and brothers (Kyal and David). This was four days after we had left Mozambique.



Kyal, David and Katie

We refer to ourselves as the **Top Deck family** - after the Cadbury top deck chocolate bar with both brown chocolate and white chocolate **joined together** in the same bar. That's our family now. Katie has not even blinked since she joined us. Not a sign of discomfort at being "home". She is a **happy little 2 year old** girl who is being spoilt by everyone, with presents and food. We are limiting it to 10 kisses each.

We would like to give our warm special thanks to Jesus, Rolland and Heidi Baker, Katie Pleasance, Steve and Roz Lazar, Jeanne

Stephens, Mary Woods, Trudy Bostock, Keith, Joel, Merry and Dr Zita plus everyone who helped in the whole process of Katie's adoption.

Joel's Perspective

*I still can see that time clearly in my minds eye as we drove to get the poor washer fixed. As we bounced along, little Katie had gone to sleep and I ended up holding her secure and safe in the back of the pickup. As I looked at her trusting face I thought "**There lays little Miss Mozambique in the making**".*



Joel Skjonsby is an intercessor from Seattle Washington USA who came to Mozambique on this trip in response to a command from the Lord

It seemed for a second that I saw beyond the present to an adult face of beauty, a mature woman radiant and beautiful, confident in her God.



Joel praying at the Conference in Beira

*I thought of the **enormous amount of energy, effort and prayer** that had occurred and was going into the nurture and care of this little girl to bring her to a far*

off country that she didn't know any thing about yet. She was just content to have her present needs met and as long as Papa Waki (Greg) was there nearby she was secure.

*It occurred to me **that this is how the nation of Mozambique is too.** Some day a nation will arise in faith from off the valley floor and give thanks to the King of Kings for His great unmerited favor and blessing upon it.*

But now it is not so. Children do not rise up to bless their parents until they are older and wiser.

*As many have prayed and given to see Katie adopted, so **many from around the world have prayed for the nation of Mozambique to stand up in faith and to honor God.** Even as Katie's adoption finally was realised, so the nation will rise up and bless God. The Lamb of God will receive glory and honour from Mozambique too.*

All this passed through my mind as I held her. I'm glad for that experience even though the washer didn't fare well."



Joel in Maputo next to Katy Pleasance and Katie Cumming

Katie Cumming in Australia-The most beautiful little girl in the world

Katie is literally an answer to prayer. It has been on my heart for many years to adopt a little girl, and this year,



Katie & Mum

through nothing short of a series of miracles, God brought her into our lives permanently. She is the most adorable, cuddly, happy, intelligent child that anyone could possibly desire. She is also extremely capable and praise God, now toilet trained!

Many people ask us how she is settling in to Australia, being away from almost everything she knows. Well, **the Lord has her life in the palm of his hand**, in fact it took our baby almost 20 seconds to realise who she was with and **she hasn't stopped smiling since.**

My heart is bursting with joy at the privilege that God has laid upon us and the glory can only go to Him, for the entire adoption process was, humanly speaking, impossible.

The Lord has even organised a Portuguese speaking child in children's church as a friend for Katie. I have never witnessed a persons life so pre-organised by the Lord as this one. People tell us how beautiful she is and fortunate to be here, commenting that **God must have amazing plans for her life.** We agree, as we continue in fervent prayer for His perfect will to come to pass in the lives of His people. In the mean time, Katie is having an absolute ball and being showered with love. **Jay**

Father and mother have calmed down



First Camping Trip - With Dad making a fire

a bit now. The birth (albeit spiritual) has happened and our joy is full. Thanks Lord

Apart from Katie, we actually had a huge month, including the conference in which we witnessed the Holy Spirit moving in a very unusual way. He definitely took the centre stage and surprised us - and everyone who was there. More on that next month.

We also had the opportunity of meeting one of Mozambique's most powerful people (in terms of civil government).

New Preschool Uniforms

We were given uniforms by COC school and Global Care to give to our preschool students. We had 55 students attending when I arrived in Beira. My hardest job was to ask Louisa (teacher) to send 30 of them home until we have our next teacher trained. There were just too many for one person to

handle. We are training more teachers at present.

Our leaders handed out the uniforms. It was the cutest thing to see them in their new clothes. More next month.

Next month:

The Intercessor's Conference - (How did a dignified businesswoman come to be sitting in the conference car park?)

Our New Missionary Compound - "Jehovah Shammah"

Meetings with Moz Officials + lots more

Thanks Lord for your grace over the last month. We felt your presence during our times of greatest need.



Keith presenting a new uniform to the children



One of our pre-school children in her new uniform

**God Bless you where you are
Thank you for your prayer and support
Greg, Jay, Kyal, David and Katie Cumming**

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