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December and January have been big months for us in many ways. Through November and December Jay was in a state of severe depression, caused by spiritual, emotional and physical living factors. We sought the advice of a very experienced missionary in Mozambique, who told us that Jay was showing the signs of a breakdown, and advised us to get her home as soon as possible for a complete rest. Towards the end of December we had to decide whether she should go back alone to Australia, or whether we should go back as a family. We received some very sound advice from godly men and women, and as a result decided that it would be wiser to go back home together. So at present we're back in Australia having a time of recuperation.

Our leaders in Mozambique have taken on the giant task of running our present ministry and expanding it in the areas we had planned for the coming year. Arone Augusto is heading up the organisation with its associated ministries (prison, schools, universities, training leaders, etc.). Manuel and Judit will be running the church.

We are currently running the ministry from our base in Brisbane, Australia via email, which is working very effectively. I will be making trips into Mozambique to continue to train leaders, run crusades and to set up our church-planting programme, our own radio station and our full-time Bible College in the coming year - God willing.

Web Page

We have designed and posted our own Web Page onto the net. It is an excellent site and we invite you to visit it. It shows most of the many aspects of our ministry, and has many photos of life in

Mozambique and of our church, etc. The E-book is now available for immediate downloading. There is also the opportunity for people to become part of a team to Mozambique. Thanks to Quentin Brown from MSIncome who put it all together for us - <http://www.msincome.com>

Leadership

We commenced this year with our leaders meeting on the 15th January. Joined by some of the leaders of Iris ministry, we began by praising the One who gives us the reason for being in Mozambique - Jesus. Our leaders presented their agenda for this year in their various ministries, and we were very excited about what they have planned.

We recapped on past leadership material, the personal growth of these people being so evident after only a few months of excellent training and materials.

'Salvation to Disciple' Courses

All classes started with good numbers for 2001. We have added a further course to our present two. It is called the 'Successful Living' course, and will run for a total of 70 weeks, divided into seven ten-week lessons.

In Africa many evangelists find that people respond very readily to the gospel. We also have found this to be the case in Mozambique. Large numbers come forward for salvation when the gospel is presented.

We also know that many of these people, when visited only a week after their 'salvation' are still visiting the witch doctor, and have shown no real visible signs of a new life with God. This is why we are taking this work of discipling people so very seriously. There is a real need to take people from the position where they decide to follow Jesus, and lead them to become true disciples. We have heard people say that discipling people is the job of the Holy Spirit once they are saved, but our reading of the 'Great Commission' says that He has given us this responsibility.

Matthew 28:19,20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Also we are sobered by these scriptures from Paul on this subject:

1 Cor 3:10-14 "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward."

How our 'Salvation to Disciple' programme works.

Salvation

When people gives their lives to Jesus, they are prayed for daily by our leaders. We take them through our specially-prepared salvation counselling booklet covering true salvation, as well as tough subjects such as witchcraft, ancestor spirits and multiple marriages, and how to repent and get free from these things and the associated demon influences. This then leads on to our 'New Christian Class'.

New Christian Class

This course covers many initial doctrines: 1. Salvation; 2. Water Baptism; 3. Baptism of the Holy Spirit; 4. Overcoming Sin; 5. Authority of the Believer; 6. Money; 7. The Bible; 8. Prayer; 9. Praise; and 10. Worship.

When students have finished this 10-week course, they receive a beautiful, brand-new Bible (donated by our faithful supporters) and a certificate.

During this course, the students are encouraged to attend mid-week home group meetings, where emphasis is placed upon their involvement in reading and learning the Scriptures. Also they are encouraged to pray for and visit their neighbours, to lead them to Jesus, and to pray for any needs they

have, including praying for the sick to see them healed. They meet friends in these groups, and learn to be outward in their faith.

After this course, the students go straight into the 'Foundation Course'.

Foundation Course

This 10- week course covers the very exciting subjects of: 1. Who Is God? 2. The Trinity. 3. The Creation. 4. The Creation of Man and Woman. 5. Angels. 6. Satan and Demons. 7. The Fall of Man - How Sin Entered the World . 8. The Great Flood and Tower of Babel. 9. Heaven and Hell. 10. The Return of Jesus.

By the end of this course we often see the students discussing the Bible with their friends in and out of church, Bible in one hand and Foundation Course book in the other. By this time they have established many strong relationships in church, and are beginning to lead the younger Christians in their walk with Jesus. They all receive 'certificates of completion' after this course.

The next course is the 70-week 'Successful Living Series', which runs as seven, separate 10-week courses.

Successful Living Course

This is a practical-living course, and includes subjects on prayer, meditating on God's word, living as a Christian family, etc.

At the completion of this comprehensive course, the students have been in the church for nearly two years, and have been fully integrated into a very practical, outreaching Christian life based on a close relationship with Jesus, prayer, the Word of God, and working with the Holy Spirit in ministry. At this stage we consider them to be well on the way to becoming strong disciples of Jesus.

Many of the students themselves go on to be the leaders of the courses.

We plan to have this 'Salvation to Disciple' programme in all of our churches and other ministries - prison (this programme already running successfully), schools, universities, etc.), because we can see the long-term value in developing people into strong disciples.

Crusade

In March we are having a pastors' conference, and associated miracle crusade, with evangelist Michael James from Australia. Michael is well known in Australia, and has an incredible testimony of being brought back to life after dying from a heart-attack.

From Arone in Beira, Mozambique.

This letter just arrived from Arone:

Our church is growing weekly as people get to know Jesus. Horacio is one of the prisoners who was released recently. His big challenge is to do the will of God. He says that he wants to be a teacher of the Word of God, and he's presently doing the 'Foundation Course'. Our people are hungry for the Word of God. They never stop coming to the New Christian Classes and asking questions to know more of God. Many have now almost completed the course, and will be receiving their Bibles. Each day we see people getting healed by the power of the Holy Ghost.

God is blessing the prison ministry. The participation continues to grow, as well as the number of the people being saved. The miracles never stop. Every week the hand of the Lord is upon us in prison. The prisoners are asking for us to teach them more than twice a week.

Prison

The prisoners missed us during our end-of-year break. They turned out in full force to attend their foundation classes. Twenty-five were saved in the first week back. Glory to God. This year we plan to go into the three remaining prisons, to preach the gospel and disciple the prisoners into strong

relationships with God. Ordanza is being groomed by Arone to take over the work in central prison in Beira.

The prison directors made the decision to eliminate all mid week Christian meetings, however we were able to secure Saturday mornings to continue our classes. Thanks Lord.

Intercessors

Prayer

Prayer to us is the single most important area of our ministry.

We are looking for more intercessors to pray for Mozambique. We believe that the problems that this country finds itself in, can be attributed directly to spiritually related problems. We also believe that as much as we try to preach and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Mozambique, the true battle for the transformation of this nation is in the heavenlies.

Our goal is to create a world wide 24 hour prayer team for Mozambique. This is possible by opening up the opportunity for intercessors to pray in half hour to one hour segments - world wide, so that at any moment of the day, strong prayer is being offered on behalf of this country and it's people.

1. If you are an intercessor and feel that you have a call towards Africa - particularly Mozambique, we would love to hear from you and we will send you more information about our world wide 24 hour prayer centre. Just write back to us on **intercessors@mozoutreach.com** or mail to our post address above.

2. If you are serious about being a part of our powerful team (as an individual, a couple, a family or a group), linking hands with other intercessors to be a part of our world wide 24 hour prayer centre for Mozambique, we welcome you to send us your details and we can send you information on updates to what is happening in Mozambique. Send us your name, your city, state and country, your preferred hour or half hour (your own local time), - and a brief story of your call to pray for Mozambique and your history in intercession. Please write back to **24hrprayer@mozoutreach.com** or to the mail address above.

Eg: John and June Lake, Berlin, Germany - Tuesdays 2.00-3.00pm Berlin time - We are intercessors in our local Assembly of God Church. God has laid a real desire to pray for Mozambique and we weren't sure why. We would like to devote this hour each week to praying specifically for Mozambique. Please let us know if this hour is available. We are flexible.

Updates, Information And Prayer Needs

Many intercessors have identified things in their prayer time that have been important spiritual keys for this country. When you become a part of the 24 hour prayer team, we will send you some of the more important information that has come forward to add to your own time of intercession. We will also send you specific prayer points and regular updates, but we know that intercession goes way beyond praying from a list but rather hearing from the Holy Spirit and praying with Him until we receive the break through.

Sum Up

It has been a big month of personal change for us, but we believe we are poised to take the ministry of Mozambique Outreach to a new level, despite not actually being in the country of Mozambique at the moment. Talking with other men and women working in different countries has been very encouraging. They have encouraged us to think even bigger than we have been thinking so as to reach more of the precious people of Mozambique with the good, life changing news of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayer and your support

God Bless You

Greg, Jay, Kyal, David and Katie