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Hi again from the wonderful land of Mozambique.

Headlines: God still moving strongly. Devil still on the run. People saved. People healed. Families restored. Poor fed. Naked clothed. Homeless housed. Glory to God.

These were our headlines from 12 months ago and God continues to pour out His Spirit on this land. I have met with leaders in many fields, as we work towards our mandate to prepare this country for the Lord's return.

Church

People packed into our little building to worship and praise Jesus. It was very hot, and we were all pouring with sweat as we worshipped the Lord. After I

spoke 10 people were saved, and about 30 people came forward to recommit their lives to Jesus.

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Manuel & Judit - set apart to lead the church

themselves to the great work in Mozambique.

Bible In A Briefcase

It was my privilege to meet with Gerald and Elizabeth Rowlands from Church Planting International this month. Gerald has developed a Bible College Course that can be used as a simple tool by pastors and leaders to disciple their people, train pastors and plant churches. It is currently being used in nearly 20,000 churches around the world. We will be adopting this excellent teaching program in our own Bible College. Our students have now completed their first month in college.

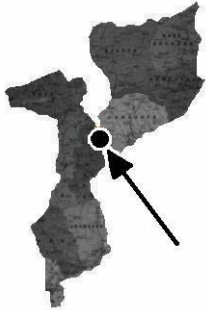
Nations Of Integrity

Gary Waters who is developing his Biblically based "Nations Of Integrity" program, indicated to me that he would like to meet with civil and business leaders in Mozambique to discuss with them the concept of integrity and character in government, leadership, business, etc. He explained how this will lead to a national change that stems from the top down, resulting in a community - small business growth infrastructure which will ultimately be of practical benefit to the average Mozambican. I am very excited about this because similar God centred concepts have been adopted in cities around the world, resulting in lower crime, higher level of truth and justice and a city wide transformation of business, the economy, respect and families.

Intercessors and Radio

I believe that there is a great need for worship to be broadcast over the airways in Mozambique rather than

just "radio". So we will incorporate our "Worship Radio" and Prayer Centre together - most likely in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, God willing. We feel a strong prompting by the Holy Spirit to pray specifically for President



Chissano and the area of land under the Malawian border - named Mutatara. It was, and still is, the area where the snake god is worshipped and sacrificed to. I feel that the Lord wants us to

concentrate on this area as I felt Him say that this was a key to His transformation of Mozambique. Should you wish to join us in interceding for this nation, please write to us. Details at end of newsletter.

Floods Start To Recede

The floods have begun to recede despite heavy local rain in the centre of the country, and families remain homeless and hungry. Julia from ITM had this report:

"Felicity and I went and helped another single missionary Cheryl to do a clothing, food and school material distribution to a camp of flood victims at Mutua. Cheryl managed to raise \$45,000 and used this to hire a truck, and buy up masses of stuff for the 900 homeless families there (about 3000 people) who are living in Red Cross tents or very rough grass huts. The government has relocated them there, from the Pungue River because with floods each year, everything gets wiped out over and over. The only problem is that they are mainly fisherman and now have been given land and have to turn into farmers in a totally different locality.

We helped Cheryl with some of the



Photo: Rolland Baker

packages and loading of the truck and I discovered how weak I am physically - lack of proper exercise! After we drove out to Mutua, using my car too, to take the people who were to help in the distribution, there was a lot of confusion and a real spiritual battle- with local

administrators wanting to change all the prearranged plans, and stop me from sharing publicly the gospel to the crowd first of all. But finally, it was possible, - I was literally pressed in by a crowd all around 360 degrees only half a meter from me. Some listened, some didn't and a number prayed a prayer for salvation - putting everything of their life in Jesus' boat- not just having one foot in His boat and one foot in another boat like witchcraft or the things of the world.

At the end Felicity was nearly crushed giving out hundreds of tracts - they were desperate! - and of course many hours were spent distributing the packets of clothing etc.

Overall it was a great experience - for a day mind you, - exhausting - from 5am to 5pm - I wouldn't want to do it every day.

So guys - thank you for your prayers."
Julia - ITM AOG Australia



Felicity teaches village children about Jesus

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Immunisation (Report from CNN)

Three-month-old Esperanca Matusse let out a sharp, high-pitched cry as she became the first baby to be vaccinated in an international drive to immunise millions of the world's impoverished

children.

William Gates Sr., Bill Gate's father and the co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, handed the first of the vaccines to Mozambique's health minister, Dr. Francisco Songane, at a clean but dilapidated clinic in Boane, 45 kilometers (30 miles) south of the capital, Maputo.

Gates and UNICEF head Carol Bellamy watched as nurse Cecilia Fumo jabbed Esperanca's tiny thigh with a hypodermic needle to vaccinate her against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and hepatitis B.



"I am so happy my baby will be healthy"

"I am so happy my baby will be healthy," Justine Muguambe said as she cradled her daughter, whose name means "hope" in Portuguese. Studies in Mozambique show that approximately 20 percent of the adult

population are chronically infected with hepatitis. The newly awarded contribution will help the country increase its effort to fight the disease. In addition to the vaccines themselves, "auto-disable" syringes and safety boxes are also being provided. The "auto-disable" syringe includes a safety device that prevents its reuse. Poor vaccination practices can lead to the spread of disease, rather than its prevention.

The state of emergency caused by the floods in 2000 and 2001 has worsened the situation in the central and southern provinces, and increased the vulnerability of women and children to malnutrition and disease.

Thoughts from a Missionary in Mozambique (Jean & Anita - Dorcas)

It is not uncommon to simply sit and sweat. Without engaging in any activity more than the slight vibration of brain cells can cause a small river of perspiration to descend down the back of your ear.

The joy of knowing that the discovery of a miracle called aspirin has given me a tool to demonstrate the love of Christ TODAY.

The comfort in receiving a phone call or e-message that says, : I don't know what you are going through, but I am praying for you today."

Jean & Anita Simonis
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Testimony Of The Good News Of Jesus - (Iris Ministries - Maputo)

One ex-prostitute married Zacharias, a young man Heidi found on the streets three years ago. Jesus changed Zacharias from a mean, violent street fighter into a radiant man of God who now pastors one of our downtown Maputo churches. This church meets in a broken-down old building which gets filled up with street girls, abandoned children, drunks -- all finding hope and powerful help in our good God! It has grown so much that we have built an extension and are looking for more old buildings in Maputo to convert into ministry centres.

New Church for ITM

"All the new converts from our new church in Celmoque, walked for over an hour every day for the 3 days, to be at all



the meetings. They are so hungry for God - it's a real delight to see. After the service on Sunday morning we had a

thanksgiving feast and fed all that were present. We had goat stew, rice and mahao (their meali meal drink that's used for special occasions). We fed over 200 adults and around 150 children. It was a great time. We now have 35 adults and 63+ children coming to our Celmoque church and last Wednesday in their Bible Study another young man (22) gave his heart to the Lord. He was present again at the Friday night prayer meeting. So God is giving increase and we Praise Him for it. "

Jeff & Robbie Housen ITM

Introducing Elsabe

We would like to introduce Elsabe de Wet to the MozOutreach team. Elsabe and her husband Chris and their two children live in Brisbane, having moved recently from South Africa. She was Missions Director at AFM church in White River from 1995-1999, organising outreaches into Swaziland, Thailand, Mozambique, Malawi, Russia, and Indonesia. She brings great experience and vitality to our ministry. Her desire is to see 'unreached people groups' reached with the good news of Jesus and her



Elsabe de Wet

personal vision is "to help the Body of Christ, to see every nation, tribe and tongue worshipping God".

God Bless you where you are

**Thank you for your prayer and support
Greg, Jay, Kyal, David and Katie Cumming**

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