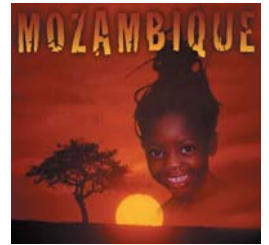


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Heading into the Christmas season, I would like to appreciate those of you who have worked so hard towards the effort in Mozambique.

Jay and I pray that you and your families have a very happy Christmas and a life changing New Year.

This coming month will round off a very full year. I have listed at the end of the news some of the things that the Lord has accomplished this year so that we can praise Him together.

“Trust in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on his faithfulness.” Psalm 37:3

Sandra was in Umpala village for the sinking of the bore.

She reported:

“The church is very well. They all pray at 5.00am until 6.00am fervently daily. They have finished new Christian course.

We were able to buy a bike and a Shangana Bible as they did not have one. They lost all bibles in the fire, also a packet of cement for the roof to be cemented down as it is so windy and rainy at this time of year in Boanne.

They had a mini twister come through there but Justinio said he stood out the front of the church and stood with his hands in the air asking God to protect him. It went right around their house. Glory to God.

They had a miracle in their church with a guy who could hardly walk now being able to run and dance; it is truly a miracle of God.”

Short Term Team

The Short Term Team returned from Moz earlier this month. Bek, Rose and Emma all

had a huge time, each experiencing the confronting conditions of Mozambique, the beautiful people and the power and love of God.

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Bek



I had learnt a lot about missions but it is nothing compared to when you are on the field face to face with everything. There is nowhere to run or hide. You have to face it all.

I have seen things that have broken me into pieces. I feel my heart melt at the sights that I have witnessed.

My first two weeks was challenging. This is only the beginning of my 10 weeks here in Mozambique. If these past 2 weeks have been challenging, what does the rest of my time here hold for me?

God is giving me a bigger aspect on life. I am beginning to see through His eyes, and beginning to feel His heart towards His children.



At times I have felt like crying when I have looked at these people. My heart is getting bigger!

It is amazing what God can and will do in your life when you allow Him to do so.

Emma



How my life changed forever ...

Having previously travelled to different parts of the world on other short term mission trips, I was quite prepared for the typical sights, sounds and smells of a city in a third world country. Beira lived up to my expectations with its dusty and busy markets, overloaded sharpas (mini buses), unique smells in the main town and outer lying villages, streets littered with potholes, bumps and hollows and sometimes two generations of a family living in a small, three roomed house.



Children singing at the church celebration

However, as soon as I looked past the obvious signs of poverty and the destruction caused by the country's civil war, and after a couple of days living in Beira and meeting the people, I saw that this part of the world was actually a very beautiful place.

There are many experiences from the trip, which will always bring back good

memories for me. Travelling in the Mozmobile was always an adventure, especially when we had to share the back of the ute with 6 or 7 other people.

Eating a traditional meal of fish, massa, and tomato relish wasn't my choice off the menu but a good introduction to Mozambique.

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the local church people in their homes and praying for any needs they or their family members had. It was wonderful to be able to bless the people with a smile, a simple touch on their shoulder, a hug, or a word of encouragement from God.

The Mozambican people also taught me how to dance and praise the Lord with energy and passion and, combined with the heat and humidity, it was quite normal to finish a time of praise and worship dripping with sweat.



A young girl carries her baby brother

The one activity that impacted my life the most was our visit to the Beira prison. Not only did the men and women love God,



An innovative, home made drum kit

fervently pray, and worship the Lord, but they also listened intently as a message and personal testimonies were shared. My only wish was that I could have been able to bottle the thick presence of God that I felt in the prison the day we visited. It was amazing!

I am very thankful to have been able to work with two wonderful team members in Rose and Bek.



Young men present a dance item

God blessed our time in Africa, kept us healthy and safe and did a wonderful work in each of our lives. Just as we were willing to invest our finances and two weeks of our lives into the people of Beira, the Lord showered His many blessings upon each of us so that we will forever be changed because we chose to be obedient and serve Him in Mozambique.

Rose

Regarding the short term mission trip... What I can say is that when you go on a mission trip, regardless of age, you come back with a different perspective on life. During my time there, I learnt to appreciate how much I am blessed, even if I thought that I wasn't on occasion! I'm just so thankful that I have what I have now, and give thanks to God every day.



As we were challenged daily, through one thing or another (storms, cyclones, power failures, etc) I realized that we are nothing, without God. He's definitely in control and what He says, goes. Until one learns to surrender to Him and trust in Him for everything, nothing changes.

*That's what happened to me, in Mozambique. I learnt to release my doubts and just trust in Him. **Proverbs 3:5-6** kept repeating itself to me during the trip and now I really can appreciate this scripture more than ever before.'*

December 2001 – December 2002 The year as it happened

Aid and Development

- School built to accommodate 50 school children – grades 1 & 2
- Supplied 200 uniforms for school children
- 61 micro enterprises started – 900 people permanently out of poverty (MED statistics)
- 2 seminars in Australia to raise awareness
- 3 conferences in Mozambique
- Addressed the Ministry of Defence of Mozambique
- Started market garden in Beira
- Construction and painting on compound
- Formalised leadership training with civil government of Mozambique for 2003



Young boys playing in the 'river' that had been a road

- Established base in Umpala village, Boane district, Maputo province
- Sunk a water bore in Umpala village*

Ministry

- Planted 6 new churches
- Dedicated Umpala village and chief Samuel Umpala
- 2 short term teams
- Priority One course launched
- Sustained prison ministry in Beira
- Group weddings in Beira
- Prayer representation in Israel
- Prayer journey to specific places in Mozambique
- Increased intercessors to 120 people worldwide



Massamba church after the mini cyclone

- Established relationships with ministries in South Africa
- Flew pastor Mario to Australia for Hillsong conference
- Supported pastor Mario's church/salary
- Launched "Seed for Songs" ministry – guitar's to developing countries
- Sponsored 5 students at ITM Church Planting College in Beira
- Started the \$5 club
- Welcomed Sandra Goldsworthy, Dale Allen and Rhonda Muller to the Moz outreach team
- Registered the ministry in Mozambique
- Appointed our Mozambican board of 10 members
- Established contacts with Brazilian and Portuguese missionaries
- Sent pastor Manuel to Mutarara to encourage believers there
- Built a prayer house in Beira



Don't forget to sign up for the \$5 club. Just fill in the form and return it to us.

You can make a big difference with just \$5.

It has been a tremendous year, thanks to the Lord and His promise of blessing.

The next short term team leaves in March. If you want to be on it, you need to let us know now.

Have a great Christmas break.

If you are without family this year, or you have no where to be on Christmas day, please feel free to join us.

Just give us a call to get our details. Or email moz@mozoutreach.com

Until next month God Bless you
Greg, Jay and family

* In progress

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