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Greetings. May has been a month of change for us and the way we do things. I believe some of the key decisions we have made regarding church planting,

education and micro enterprise development have set us on a much firmer foundation for future growth in Mozambique therefore ultimately benefiting Mozambicans.

This scripture sums up our month:

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"

1 Corinthians 2:9

Thanks Lord.

The Golden Girl from the Gold Coast



Three months ago, Sandra Goldsworthy was sitting behind her desk at RCI Pacific on the Gold Coast arranging travel for people going on holidays around the world.

Today, she heads up the ministry of Mozambique Outreach in Mozambique - a portfolio which includes - training pastors, starting schools, overseeing a basic medical clinic and a market garden, liaising with government officials and running a prison ministry. Here is her story from her own perspective.

*Late last year as the Lord was speaking to me about coming to Mozambique for a season. I joined a short term team from Australia in March 2002 and **was planning to stay on for 3 months** after the team had gone home. Since then I have fallen in love with Mozambique and the people and I know God is prompting me to stay for a longer period of time.*

*When I arrived here in Beira, I discovered a city of poverty with **many of the people living in conditions that were not fit for humans.** Many people are so ill and have no money to eat, let alone money to receive medical treatment.*

*At the present moment I am training 7 of our main leaders and they are training a further 26 people between them. **They are learning obedience to God** and are participating in many areas such as learning to love people in a practical way. This group of people will eventually train others once they have a solid foundation in all areas. It is an ongoing discipleship program to enable the growth of new churches in the future.*

*Since arriving in **Mozambique I have met many wonderful people** and have been pushed way **out of my comfort zone.** I have personally discovered God in a more powerful way and **I have experienced every emotion** that is possible for a human to feel.*

For example:

At the prison meeting, one of our church members, Rosa, asked me to help her husband - an inmate falsely convicted for stealing. **He was so ill that we thought he might die** if we didn't get him to a hospital straight away. However, as prison policy states that no one can go out of prison on the weekends, we had to leave him. Rosa, Nucha, (my interpreter) and I returned first thing on Monday morning to see if we could take him to see a doctor.



Sandra preaching in the prison

We waited with Rosa who had a basket full of prepared food and drink for her husband. (The food the prison serves makes many people sick). Eventually someone came out and explained that **Rosa's husband had died** the previous night.

As he told us what had happened, Rosa fell to the floor weeping. I was unaware of what had happened for a few seconds because **my interpreter was trying to fight back her own tears.**

Together we dragged Rosa out of the prison because she had gone into shock and could not stand up. She was wailing so loudly as we stepped outside the prison gates that everyone in the street was watching. We took her straight home to the village of Manga in a local taxi. On the way home all **she was repeating over and over was "I have 4 children"**. All that I was thinking was how can I help this woman. On arrival at her home her neighbours started to cry and hug her and help her to her door. When she came within a few metres of her house, her 10 year old son saw her and started to scream and cry as he realized that his dad

had died. The 4 year old began to cry and the 1 year old had no idea that he no longer had a father. That afternoon I met her 14 year old daughter who was sitting outside the home on the dirt just crying.

That day changed my life, I found myself in the middle of a situation that I had not emotionally prepared myself for. You don't learn this in school or by reading it in a book. This is real life and it happens everyday here.

I have been challenged in many different areas, but the main thing I have discovered is that with God, one person really can make a difference.

Love Sandra

Mozambique Outreach helps widows like Rosa. There is little or no social security system in Mozambique that looks after widows and their families. It is our joy to have a program where they can work for a living and attend business training so as to eventually start their own small businesses. This agrees with our vision to encourage the Mozambican people to help themselves rather than just giving handouts - and with God's help it is proving very effective.

MozBIZ booming ahead

Since we started our micro enterprise development plan in Mozambique in November with our first three business loans of \$50USD (\$100AUD) each, the response has been incredible, both in Mozambique and from around the world.

I had the pleasure of **attending a fortnightly MozBIZ training meeting** run by Francis N'Sona while I was in Manga, Beira this month. As I listened to **the amazing stories of how people have been delivered from poverty** and how their lives have been transformed, I was thinking about how a loan of **such a small sum of money**, could change lives so significantly - and potentially a whole community.

MozBIZ has now **started 27 businesses**

and the success stories are phenomenal. Here are two of them. I am sure they will touch you as they touched me.

Joao and Ermalinda **Grocery Business**

Joao and Ermalinda were one of the first to receive business loans from MozBIZ. They began a small business selling basic things like paraffin, charcoal, dried



Joao and Ermalinda bringing a testimony of their booming business

fish and flour. **The closest shop for their village was 3 kilometres away**, so their business expanded rapidly. They were able to employ someone straight away.

Here are Joao's words.

"We used to live on dried fish and fried rodent. It cost us about 5000Mt (about 25 cents) per day.

Thanks to God and MozBIZ, if you come to our house now, you will find a bag of rice and chicken. You will find that we now have nice clothes and our health needs are taken care of.

I now travel into Tete province with dried fish (which they cannot get there) and

sell it. Then I bring back beans and goats and sell them here. My business is expanding. Also I have been offered a contract to supply the military with 1000kgs of beans.

Also out of the profits, I bought my wife a business of her own.

Today I have paid back my initial loan and I own my business outright. "

Madeleina **Scone Making**

Madeleina was introduced by Natalia to MozBIZ. With a small loan she purchased a pot, oil, flour and sugar and began to make and sell scones in Massamba. Has her life changed?

"I thank God for MozBIZ. With my loan, I started my business instead of sitting at home. It has changed my life and that of my family.

I can give God more. I help my husband with the school fees and last week I bought a school uniform for one of our children.

I have been running my business for only 2 months.

The business training every fortnight is very helpful on how to run a business successfully. I thank God."



Madeleina - Busy making a future for her family

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How Can I Help?

Your gift of **\$100** starts a micro enterprise and according to university studies, each successful micro enterprise brings **15 people out of poverty.**

\$1000 starts a business cell that over a year can generate up to 30 new businesses and bring 450 people out of poverty.

But much more than that, these loans **deliver families from the poverty/dependency cycle as they start to buy their own food, medicine, education and accommodation.**

This produces great self esteem. Also many of them give more to the Lord and increase the effect of the good news of the Lord Jesus.

This is true financial transformation.

If you would like to **give towards micro enterprise**, the details are on the accompanying sheet.

Prayer Journey

The exciting first prayer team to Mozambique will meet in Johannesburg and travel to white River, South Africa on 23 September. There are still some places available. If you are interested in being a part of this first team, to fly to specific places in Mozambique to pray



on site - please register your prayerful interest to **dale@mozoutreach.com** or write or phone our office numbers. Also, preceding this trip, we have a **team attending the Watchman's convocation in Israel** specifically for pray-ers. Again if you are interested, your response must be received before July 2002 for the September trip. This is not to be missed.

*Until next month, God Bless you
Thanks for your prayer and support.
We can not work without you.
Greg, Jay, Kyal, David and Katie
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