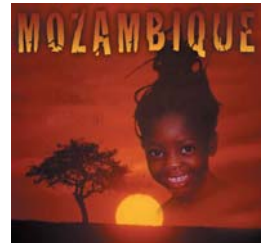


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For Australians this has been a difficult month. A **terrorist bombing** in Bali, Indonesia, united our nation in prayer as we watched our own “ground zero” unfold before our eyes.

We are experiencing the **worst drought in more than half a century**, resulting in appeals for prayer and financial aid for our farmers.

We have once again seen **ravaging fires** tear through New South Wales and Queensland destroying homes and resulting in tragic deaths.

All of these things remind me of how fragile we are and how it is essential to **continually rely on our Lord** – not just when the crisis’ hit, but every day.

Jesus first public message began with this theme “Repent (change your thinking), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”.

I believe that as we focus our thinking on God and allow Him to become the **central, most important person** in our lives, not just a “**first aid kit**” or a “spare tyre” for when times get tough, then we really begin to live.

October has been incredible.

DALE ALLEN RETURNS



Dale Allen, who is prayer co-ordinator for Mozambique Outreach, returned from her journey to represent us and Mozambique at the Prayer convocation in Jerusalem and her prayer trip to Mozambique. Here are some of the

highlights of the trip:

ISRAEL

The Convocation is organised through the “House of Prayer For All Nations” in Jerusalem. More than 640 people from over 130 different nations attended.



Aussies, New Zealanders and South Pacific Islanders at the prayer convocation in Jerusalem

Each day was comprised of prayer, worship and teaching and all attending were responsible for taking part in a 24/7-prayer watch.

The Convocation began at the commencement of the Jewish New Year and finished at the beginning of the period heading to the Feast Of Tabernacles.

My impressions of being at the Prayer Convocation were:

1. That I viewed **the power of the love of God** to create a continuous atmosphere of harmony amongst the variety of people from different nations and
2. I was challenged by people from nations where to be a Christian means **a daily commitment to face severe persecution**, poverty, humility, prayer, reproach and ultimately death for the Lord Jesus.

I visited many biblically historical sites but the places where I had **significant personal encounters with God** were - The Garden of Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb and the Sea of Galilee.



Dale in Jerusalem

I befriended and developed a special bond with Hilary Moroney, who with her husband Paul, runs the prayer house and retreat near Canberra.

MOZAMBIQUE

In South Africa, I met with fellow pray-er Merry Belian from Hong Kong (pictured). After several days of well-needed rest there, we travelled to Maputo and immediately went to **prayer over key places in the city**.



We felt that our prayer plan was based around the Bible account in 2 Chronicles 20 **where Jehosophat faced an impossible battle situation** – an enemy of such vast proportions that the Israelites knew they had no chance of winning with out Divine intervention.

They threw themselves onto the mercy of God and He gave them a plan that ultimately defeated the enemy. However one would never find this plan in a military handbook – the musicians led the army out to battle praising God, and the enemy destroyed itself.

Also Isaiah 43:18,19 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not

perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”

MAPUTO

Merry and I **prayed over government buildings** – sometimes just driving past, sometimes stopping to pray.

We prayed over and around **parliament house**, a giant but bizarre statue opposite the **railway station and port entrances**, the **municipal building and town hall**.

BEIRA

Our job in Maputo completed (for now), we travelled to Beira.

We **prayed for the MozOutreach leaders** and then over several days, we prayed on site at the churches and for the many disciples.

We prayed over Ps Mario and the MozOutreach compound.

I was impressed by the humility of the leaders in the midst of so many other pressing needs.

ILHA DE MOCAMBIQUE

Merry left me at this point to go home to Hong Kong and I travelled with MozOutreach translator Nucha to Ilha de Mocambique. It is one of the most easterly points in Mozambique and was originally the capital of the nation. There is a giant Portuguese built fort there where once the gruesome business of **slave trading** took place.



The fort at Ilha de Mocambique

While there, I **repented to the Lord in the presence of Nucha and Pastor Manuel** (as representatives of all Mozambicans), for the ill treatment by the Europeans.

We also took communion remembering Jesus' finished work of salvation. We **raised a flag symbolising God's righteousness** there and staked a claim to this “gateway” to the mainland.

As I travelled through this area, my observation was that there is a very **strong belief in witchcraft**.



Nucha raising the flag symbolising righteousness

The Lord provided a **mature Godly Mozambican man** to assist as required at various points throughout our trip.

I want to thank those who prayed for us while we were on this trip.

I believe that this journey has spiritually been a pioneering work and now I encourage and **challenge you to come to pray** so that we can increase upon what has been achieved so far.

There have already been some significant breakthroughs in the areas of finance. Also, others have joined us in the work in Mozambique Outreach since the trip, for which we wish to thank the Lord.

If you would like to receive a free copy of Dale's newsletter "MozPRAY", and help pray for the Godly transformation in Mozambique, please let us know by returning your request in the enclosed envelope.

SCHOOL



With a **deadline of October 31** to have our school at the completion level required by the

government, we have had a month of serious construction.

Builders, plumbers, electricians, fencers and labourers have been swarming our Manga School property to complete the long awaited first classrooms and toilet block.



School toilet block under construction

The **director and teachers have been selected** and lodged their applications for approval as well.

Even as I write, I am unable to tell you whether or not the school has been completed in this edition of MozNEWS because the official decision comes in a few days time.



However, God willing we will be **starting our new school with grades one and two in February**.

Thanks for your immediate prayers on this.

SHORT TERM TEAM

The October short term has arrived in Mozambique – here is a letter we received from Sandra after days with no communication.

Well last night was interesting - we had a mini cyclone, yes that's right a mini cyclone. It happened about 11 for about 1 hour. It was full on, no electricity, loud noise everywhere. I

was certain the roof was going to come off and the rain was so heavy you could not hear a thing.

The rain was coming in those little windows near the roof, bucketing in through them. I slept in a net with Nucha in the office as my bed was soaked. Bek and Emma slept in the hallway in their nets. When we awoke we were trying to close the windows that were flung open and also to try to stop the water coming in and our clothes were all getting wet.

I mean it was full on. I did think I wonder how strong that roof is as it was bubbling like it was going to come off.

Well today is another day, and many houses are ruined and need fixing.

The house where we store the material, where the preschool is, where the guard's sleep has no roof left and some of the cement material is ruined. We only got it fixed 3 weeks ago. I bought tin for it today as we simply cannot afford to lose more materials and as it will be there a while it is worth the extra other than keep buying reeds and plastic, so it will be fixed tomorrow.

Today we went to Massamba and did some home visits. Massamba church is no more. It is completely on the ground, not a pole standing. Poor Pastor Ordanza, I think his proud heart has been crushed. I guess it is a chance to see how strong the people are now that there is no building. I did feel for him.

Love Sandra



WELCOME RHONDA



We give a special welcome to Rhonda Muller who has come on board as our Moz Outreach administrator.

Jay and I have known Rhonda and her husband, Ian, for over 5 years through

church and business involvement. Rhonda believes that God called her to be involved with MozOutreach.

We have also been praying for a person of high calibre to fulfil that important area; and we couldn't ask for a more qualified person to fill this position.

With a **background in administration with churches and various large corporations** as well as a strong faith in the Lord, and a heart for missions, we are blessed to have her aboard.



Don't forget to sign up for the \$5 club. Just fill in the form and return it to us. You can make a difference with just \$5.

Until next month God Bless you
Greg, Jay and family

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