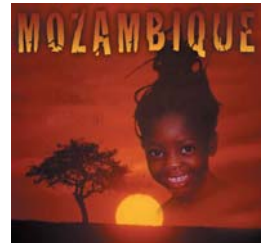


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Happy New Year. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We enjoyed a relaxing one at home.

This year promises to be a significant year. I have heard many say that "this is the year of God". We also sense the Lord calling His people to make a greater commitment in their relationship and service to Him.

We Have Moved

The Mozambique Outreach Head Office has moved. After 14 months in our previous office in Brisbane, graciously supplied by Frosty Boy Australia, we are now located on the sunny **Gold Coast in the Robina Town Centre.**

This locates us near our home and also our local church and allows us more scope for training people for work overseas.

Our new phone number is at the end of the news.

A Hero Returns

There's a story about an old missionary couple who had been working in Africa for years and were returning to New York City to retire. They had no pension; their health was broken; they were defeated, discouraged, and afraid. They discovered they were booked on the same ship as President Teddy Roosevelt, who was returning from one of his big-game hunting expeditions.

Upon disembarking, they were aware that no one paid any attention to them. They watched the fanfare that accompanied the President's entourage, with passengers trying to catch a glimpse of the great man.

As the ship moved across the ocean, the old missionary said to his wife, "Something is wrong. Why should we have given our lives in faithful service for God in Africa all these many years and have no one care a thing about us? Here this man comes back from a hunting trip and everybody makes much over him, but nobody gives two hoots about us."

"Dear, you shouldn't feel that way," his wife said. "I can't help it; it doesn't seem right."

When the ship docked in New York, a band was waiting to greet the President. The mayor and other dignitaries were there. The papers were full of the President's arrival, but no one noticed this missionary couple. They slipped off the ship and found a cheap flat on the East Side, hoping the next day to see what they could do to make a living in the city.

That night the man's spirit broke. He said to his wife, "I can't take this; God is not treating us fairly."

His wife replied, "Why don't you go into the bedroom and tell that to the Lord?"

A short time later he came out from the bedroom, but now his face was completely different. His wife asked, "Dear, what happened?"

"The Lord settled it with me," he said. "I told him how bitter I was that the President should receive this tremendous homecoming, when no one met us as we returned home. And when I finished, it seemed as though the Lord put his hand on my shoulder and simply said, 'But **you're not home yet!**'"

Sandra

Goldsworthy, a modern day hero, came back to Australia on the 23 December after 9 months on the field. I know that many of you will make her feel welcome back. She will continue to work with Mozambique Outreach from our head office.

Her email continues to be sandra@mozoutreach.com



Bek le Petit has also returned after 2 months in Mozambique. We appreciate you Bek.

Short Term Trips For 2003

You will need to register well in advance for the **3 short term trips** planned to Mozambique this year. **Full training is provided.**

Applications for our **March trip** are closed and our **June trip** is starting to fill.

There will be a **construction trip** in **July** and a short term **team** in **September.**

If you would like more information on these trips, please write to teams@mozoutreach.com or write to our office address (details at the end of the news).

Another Hero



Taking Sandra's place at the helm of the work in Mozambique will be **Emma Jones** of Brisbane, Australia.

Emma is a quality woman with a great passion for God, integrity and making disciples for Jesus. She travelled to Mozambique in October and has felt the call of God to **go and serve Him there.**

Here is her story of how the Lord led her to go.

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11

Many years ago, God placed a desire within me to travel and minister in Africa. I recently found a small piece of paper tucked away in my Bible on which I had drawn pictures of 4 major goals or dreams I wanted to fulfil in my lifetime.



Emma and team in Beira Central Prison

*One of the **pictures** was of an African hut and represented my longing to serve God in Africa. I recall drawing the picture about*

14 years ago, while I was at teachers' college.

For the last 18 months, I have had a dream board up on my kitchen wall with a map of southern Africa and a picture of giraffes in the sunset pinned to it. Every day for the past two years I have looked at these pictures and **have believed that one day my dream of visiting Africa would come true.**

When I left my full-time teaching position at the end of 2000, one of my year 7 students gave me a copy of the words to the song, "Dive", by Steven Curtis Chapman. I remember reading over the words, as tears welled up in my eyes, knowing that in some way, **the song was prophetic for me.**



Emma helping with construction of the MozOutreach School

One weekend, back in July, I felt the Holy Spirit encourage me to visit East coast COC for the Sunday morning church service. It just happened to be **the one and only day Sandra shared with the church about her work in Mozambique.**

As I sat and watched the MozOutreach video and listened to the background music, "Dive", I cried as I heard the words to the song that had meant so much to me two years earlier. On that day, **I clearly heard God say to me that it was my time to go to Africa.**

Out of obedience, I joined the October short-term mission team and began my

preparations for the trip. The weeks leading up to the trip were filled with emotion as God began to work on my heart and teach me about His abundant love for His children. **I struggled with trusting Him for my finances** but each time I cried out to God, asking Him why it had to cost me everything I had, His reply was quite simple yet very direct, **"Emma, at what cost will you follow me?"**



Emma, formerly a primary school teacher - loves children

My time in Mozambique was blessed. I felt comfortable ministering to the people and **despite the poverty that surrounded me, I felt very much at home.** This mission trip was very special because my dream of serving God in Africa had come true. While I was over there, I began to seek God for direction about my future because I knew I would go back but I didn't know when or for how long.

In the weeks following my return, I settled back into 'normal' life but knew my trip had changed me forever. I would never be the same again. I really pressed into God, **asking Him for specific information about His plans for me.** I remember saying to Him, "If you need to make me cry so that I know it is You speaking to me, make me cry. Seal it in my spirit." For four weeks, God didn't share too much information but I wrote in my journal anything I felt Him say.

However, on the 3rd of December, I heard God say that **it was time I brought my life into submission to His will for me.** I sensed a noticeable presence of the Holy Spirit when He spoke these words and, overwhelmed by His love, I wept before Him. The tears I cried sealed it in my heart and in my spirit. **I knew God was calling me back to Mozambique to live.**

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So, on the 18th of February 2003, I will be **leaving Australia to live in Beira, Mozambique.** I will be **fulfilling a 14-year-old dream of mine to serve God in Africa.** As I surrender my life to Him, I know He will be faithful to **prepare, equip, train, protect, provide** for me and anoint me for the work He wants me to do. He is a faithful and loving God and will continue to hold on to me as He guides me along the journey of my life.



Could \$1 A Day Make A Difference?

I have enclosed with this copy of MozNews a very important note about our Project Education. Is education important? We believe so.

Praise God, our MozOutreach School opens this year, with grades one and two consisting of 90 children. 20 of these have already been sponsored.

Would you like the privilege of being involved in the life of one of these little ones? Please see the attached form for sponsorship.

We will also be constructing classrooms for grades 4 and 5, which will commence next year – 2004.

Want to be **involved by joining a construction team** in 2003? We are planning to take a team in July/ August to construct these classrooms. If you are interested please write and let us know at teams@mozoutreach.com or our postal address below and we will **send you an information pack.** Please leave your details.



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.

Until next month God bless you
Greg, Jay and family

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