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Orphans Get Schooling

With Anne McIntosh

I spent a few days with Mark and Lesley Harper at Xai-Xai (pronounced Shy-Shy), which is about 4 hours north of Maputo.

Mark and Lesley have a project which entails them **sourcing** committed Christians from remote communities, **training** them to be Christian teachers and **sending** them back to their community to set up a basic school and begin teaching.

Many of the children in the schools **are orphans due to aids.**

Some of these orphans are supported by a sponsorship programme.

Each school is **linked closely with their local church** and is overseen by the pastor. I found it very inspiring to see what they were doing and the difference they are making in the lives of so many people.

Education is vital to break the poverty cycle in Mozambique. This is a model we are looking at for rural Mozambique. ***If you would like to sponsor a child through school****, or a teacher - let us know so we can arrange it for you.*

Introducing Modi

Modi is my interpreter. She works hard and is very good at organising things.

Modi spends much of her time **translating** the daily bible reading programme which I write for the teachers to use with the children each day.

Modi spent some years in Zimbabwe **during the war** which is where she learnt English. She **enjoys working with the teachers** which is great. I enjoy working with Modi and have been asking her many questions about Mozambican culture.

Today I asked her if it would be alright if I was to ride a bicycle, as **I only see guys riding bikes here**. She said it would be alright, but better if I wore a capilana over my pants.

Now I know that if I need to go to the school in a hurry, I can just ride the bike, although she did say that the **teachers would probably laugh at me**!!

Youth Go all The Way

Like a very proud mother, I would like to start by **showing off 6 young men**, who are members of Manga church, and who recently completed a youth leadership training course in Beira.

From left to right there is me, Alberto, Ramiro, (big) John, (young) John, Vernijo and John (leader of youth in church).

This particular certificate course focussed on activating youth to minister to the local community. As part of their training they had to **visit and minister in the local hospital, jail and general village community.** They were able to learn how to put their Christian faith into action by praying for people, sharing the Gospel message and generally sharing God's love with the people of Manga village in practical ways.

Directors In Action

MozOutreach directors Andrew and Dale Cox and Peter and Robin Coulson spoke at the **Agape Christian Church** in Sydney welcoming people to be involved in missions.

The pastor **Rudy Fetalsana** is the uncle of Israel Keys and as a church they have been following Israel's progress in Mozambique with keen interest.

If you would like a team to **visit your**

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GOSPEL IN ACTION - by Israel Keys

Ten people were baptized in Dondo last Saturday - this was a really exciting to experience. Ps Ordinanca led the 'ceremony' by sharing a brief message beforehand and then leading each individual through a public declaration of their faith.

I baptized the first person with Ps. Ordinanca, and then allowed Ps Ordinanca to baptize and disciple others in the process. We finished with Ps Ordinanca, Alberto, Evon, and [younger] Evon baptizing the people.

Bible Studies Grow

We had two Bible Studies in Dondo on Tuesday afternoon. Ps Ordinanca continuing with the lead of the original group and Vernijo and I starting with a new group in another part of the city.

Vernijo did a great job teaching lesson one, however it was a bit hard for me to understand exactly what he was saying, as he taught the entire lesson is Sena.

Sena is a language Vernijo can understand but has difficulty in teaching, so he was very challenged.

Our intention is to create a simple but effective tool that allows a church to be analysed and highlight areas of improvement or give direction to what steps can be taken next.

On Wednesday Phillippa and I watched Alberto and Evon teach on 'How to Share the Gospel' in Masamba church. We trialled the 'lesson plan' format from the material for the first time and the experience was 'enlightening'.

Snake On The Menu?

Hi, We are having snake tonight so please come along and help us enjoy a good meal.

Oh by the way please also bring some cheesecake for desert. Mike.

Mike and Jen return to Australia this month after 6 months on the field.

Do You Know These People?

Dear friend, Thanks for your involvement and interest in the work that is happening in Mozambique.

Do you know these people?

Person 1: She is a woman between **18 and 70** who attends church regularly, but deep inside would **like to do work overseas**. She is not qualified to do this, but has mentioned it once or twice in your hearing.

She is very interested to read about: missions , orphans , nursing, living with other cultures, sharing the gospel to people of different cultures and **basically loves anything to do with overseas missions**.

She currently works or has worked as a nurse, or teacher, or with young children or elderly people - or perhaps some other **similar profession helping people and is reliable**.

Person 2: He is a man between **25 and 70** who attends church regularly. He is handy, has **practical skills**, loves God and has mentioned that he would like to put his skills to use somewhere where they can be utilised and appreciated. He often talks about work overseas but is not necessarily qualified . He is a **mature person**, who takes initiative and is **trustworthy and responsible**.

He would like to preach the gospel and train locals in practical and spiritual things. He currently **works in his own business or has been employed for a long time** in the same place and is looking for a change.

Married Couple: A married couple aged between 25 and 70 who have all the attributes of the 2 people above and have mentioned the idea of going to work in a mission overseas.

Do you know these people?

*Could I ask you to please take **pause and think** if you know these people - from church, from home bible group, from over a coffee, from a course you attend, at your work, a relative, an acquaintance, someone you met at lunch or coffee, in your travels overseas...*

If you know either of these two people could you **please do one more thing?** Could you contact them or **forward this newsletter on to them**.

We will supply full training, and if they are accepted, will offer them the **dream career** that they have been seeking for on the mission field in Mozambique, Africa.

Thankyou for being involved in a vital and life saving ministry. God bless you, Greg and Jay

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