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From the Director's Desk

Serving Christ in the

Dear Friends,

When the container for the Philippines was packed I was interstate. Gone are the days when I am needed to oversight the packing; it is now in the very capable hands of Bob and Avril Dalby. When possible however I love to go to the shed on a Wednesday to catch up on all the activity and to meet the new helpers who have come on board.

The joy of it all is that the work represents the combined church coming together to do a specialized job that no single church could continually do. "Together we can make a difference" has been one of our catch cries. It is in our united love for Christ and for each other that we can mobilize to be His heart, hands and feet to the poorest of the poor.

Mission World Aid Inc has always been called by God to send aid to the hardest places on earth. Many, many times we have felt like giving up because of the deadlock that occurs with government departments in third world countries. Those countries who so desperately need the aid seemingly are the most resistant.

This is understandable when we recognize the spiritual powers that are oppressing the land and its people. We are called to battle in prayer against the demonic control that resists aid coming in the Name and love of Jesus Christ. All our aid is distributed unconditionally, but it stands as a testimony to those who seek Him. 'I will never leave you or forsake you'. The Father hears the cry of searching desperate hearts, and he answers by using us.

Our overseas partners know that their work is as effective as our hands strengthening them. They have sometimes given up all to live in very difficult circumstances, lacking the security and social comforts that we enjoy every day. They can only be effective if they are given continued back up support. This goes for all mission work, because often missionaries are financially supported on the field but not given adequate funding to carry out the task to which they have been called. Australia mission magazines and newsletters are constantly pleading for the church in this nation to rise up and sow financially into this great end time harvest.

Who is the Church?

Us – you and me.

Let's do it!

In Christ's love,
Jenny Hagger

From the Desk of Bob and Avril Dalby

Greetings to you all in His precious Name.

Thank you to all those who came to the shed site at 100 Old Mount Barker Road, Stirling on the 17th June and helped pack the container for Mandaue City in the Philippines. We were so blessed to have you there helping us, and we are sure that you too were blessed in return. Whenever we have new friends helping on a day such as this, they are absolutely amazed at the scope of the work, and always go away with a new awareness of the tremendous task that our Lord has entrusted us with. Everyone finds it a most uplifting and rewarding experience, and go away tired, but happy, knowing that the task that has been completed is a reflection of our love for our Lord Jesus Christ and for His people in other countries who have so little of this world's goods.



Packing container for the Philippines on 12th June

Madagascar: The new container that we purchased is now on site, and we packed this container on Saturday August 12th. We had 27 bales of clothing which were compressed inside, awaiting our enthusiastic helpers on this day! Praise God the rain held off until the container was almost finished.

We would like to once more purchase medicines from OPAL to place in the container, so we are also looking for financial assistance for this very urgent need, as well as the finance to send the container.

The YWAM base in Madagascar has given us a list of medications that they could use, so it would be excellent if we could help them in this area. Some of the items which they would like, and which we do not currently have, are a microwave oven, ice pail, vacuum flasks, toasters, pasta machine, yoghurt maker, aluminium paper. All these items must be in perfect working condition.

This container has been a long time in the planning. You may remember that in our last Newsletter we reported on a letter we had received from Sarah Tanis which prompted us to source a container for this country which is in great need.

We have received a Newsletter from Faly, [the head of the YWAM base] in who writes:

Over hundred and twenty people gathered at the base in Ambatoroka on July 8th when seventeen DTS students graduated. They had successfully completed the ninth YWAM Antananarivo Discipleship Training School. Ten of the students were Malagasy from various parts of the Island : Tamatave, SainteMarie, Antsirabe, Bakaro, Ambohimanjaka, Regarding the others, there were three Americans, a Canadian couple, and a South African couple. These last were staying at the base with their families during the six month studies.

Like all YWAM DTS courses, the six month studies took place in two stages at three locations. First there was three months of lecture phase, which was held at the base. During that time, the students were dealing with twelve topics like God's character, inner healing, communication, the Father Heart of God, This was followed by the outreach phase...

The Lord opened doors and worked amazingly through personal evangelism and door-to-door. During the whole outreach, about 150 people accepted Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of their life. Many people had only had the habit to go to church but had known nothing about salvation.

Last February, a team from Texas did their outreach in Antsahabe, a village of about 20 houses, about 25 km from Tana. Another team from Texas again came back there in May. It is sad to know that there is a 135 year-old church in this village and there are hardly people who know about salvation. It was a real challenge for

the staff. We then decided to follow up what the teams had planted there. So we began our staff ministry there last June. On the 29th of this month, we are going to start another work in Ambohimanjaka, a small village, about 35 km in the north of Tana. Our main goal is to change the whole rural community through the Gospel. We believe that when God has opened a door, no one can shut it except Him.

OLYMPIC GAMES in Sydney Australia During the whole month of September, YWAM Madagascar is invited to participate in the Olympic Games Outreach in Sydney Australia. As we were praying about it, we realized that God has called us to make the step and go there. Seven Malagasy YWAMers decided to seize this opportunity to make the challenge by sharing the Gospel during the games: Braun and Pri with their baby Tsanta, Landy, Sahondra, Tsiro, and Tojo. The Lord has opened doors for them although they still need our prayer and financial support.'

Please continue to pray for these people and that this container will go smoothly and reach its destination as soon as possible.

Mozambique:

Maforga Christian Mission: Currently we are negotiating the sending of a container to Maforga which has been packed for some time. This appears to be going well, so please continue to pray for a breakthrough so that they can receive this quickly. In a recent e-mail Roy writes:

"Greetings from us here at Maforga.

Presently we have a full house here with a team of twelve Americans staying with us here in our house and building the beginnings of the conference centre. They have a web page that they update daily which you can see on www.bethany-mozam.org We have another team of fifteen from Potchestroom University in South Africa, helping here for one week and then going out to various churches to encourage, minister and learn.

*It will be so good to get to the end of this container and get it here to Maforga. **We could well use the clothing and blankets during this winter season, which has been exceptionally rainy and cold, this year.** Please send our love to everyone that we know there and thank you again for all your support and love to us. With our love and blessings, Roy. "*

We have also received a letter from Francis and Ursula Fitzsimmons and their children John, Matthew and Lisa. Francis is in charge of the school at Maforga. Here are some extracts.

'Our attention of late has turned to the unsettled state in Zimbabwe...As you will appreciate we have many close friends there, and we do a lot of shopping for the Mission in Mutare. It's also where we collect our visitors, our post and seek medical attention when necessary. Please can you continue to pray for Zimbabwe and for continued peace there.

Here at the mission things are ticking over!...The Orphanage is running well, we have approx. 100 orphans between the ages of 0-18 years and an "outside babies" programme of about 50 children. This involves supplying milk and medical treatment to babies whose mothers have died but have a father or family member who will take care of the child at home. We encourage this as it is a more natural environment for the child to grow up in. As you can imagine the numbers are increasing with the high incidence of AIDS in this country.

We are very grateful that the Primary School is running well. We have 450 pupils in the school, in morning and afternoon sessions. We offer pre-school to 7th class and have a staff of 12 teaches and two caretakers. Our latest building undertaking has been the construction of a better ablution block and it is progressing very well.

The children are well and as always enjoy life to the full. They are attending the Mission school....John [aged 10] will sit for state exams at the end of this year.....Matthew [aged 8]also enjoys his school work.....This year he got the title of "chief rat-trapper" amongst his friends. Every day he rose at 5.30 a.m. to check his traps and always got one and some days even three! Needless to say I didn't encourage him to bring them inside and we certainly discouraged him from eating them...which is the object of the exercise.... Lisa [aged 4] is enjoying the pre-school.....

Our new house has been a real blessing. [The Fitzsimmons home was destroyed by fire late last year]. It is a definite testimony to the promise that "all things work together for the good for those who love the Lord." We now have a bigger house, affectionately known as the 'palacio' or palace in English.'

Iris Ministries: We received a note from Rolland Baker thanking us for the money which we sent them to help them over the initial emergencies relating to the floods. We have also received notice that the container which we packed has been granted permission by the Mozambique Government to be forwarded to the Mission.

Philippines: After packing the container on the 17th June, we proceeded with the paper work as recommended by Lucy Longden from International Gospel Centre. The container has arrived safely and is expected to be released by customs in the next week or so. Lucy reports that the Mayor is very excited by the contents of the container and is very grateful.

The container included 6 renal dialysis units, 15 hospital beds and mattresses, 217 cartons of medical supplies and equipment, autoclave for sterilizing, a stainless steel Labour Bed, trolleys, metal cabinets, 1 Spectrophotometer, electric temperature control oven for Laboratory use, walking frames, a wheelchair, examination table and quantities of hospital uniforms.

All these items were kindly donated to us as they had been superseded by newer equipment in our local hospitals. We were very grateful to everybody who donated us this equipment.

Papua New Guinea: We are still awaiting news from the RAAF as to when they will be able to transport the equipment we have packed for Dr John Foote and his wife Lorraine.

Lorraine wrote recently to let us know of the great strains that the MAF pilots are experiencing at the moment. They are understaffed and have had to cut back on flights. Please remember these pilots in your prayers. They fly under extraordinary circumstances in a land where flying can be most dangerous due to inclement weather, bad airstrips, and tremendous pressures. The work that MAF does all over the world is incredible.

India: We have sent approximately 2 cubic metres of books to our shipping agent in Adelaide to be sent to Dr. Paul Pillai at the Grace Bible College. This is the first time we have stepped out to do this, so please pray that there will be a safe passage for these books, will reach their destination safely, and be a blessing to the College.

Booleroo Centre: Trevor and Gweneth McCallum from Booleroo Centre made another trip to us on the day we were packing our Philippines container. They brought with them two hospital beds and a trailer loaded with bags of clothing for our next container to Madagascar. While at the shed they eagerly helped with the packing of the container. We were all delighted to see them and we thank their group for being such a support.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH IS TO BE HELD ON THE 26TH AUGUST 2000 AT 2.00 P.M. AT 54 STRATHALBYN ROAD, ALDGATE.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FROM THE CHURCH HALL TO OUR VERY OWN PRAYER ROOM

Please make a note of this in your diary, as we would love to see you there!

We praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Yours in His Service
Bob and Avril Dalby

POSITION VACANT
We are looking for a Shipping Co-ordinator who would oversee all the arrangements between Port Adelaide, the Overseas Ports and our overseas Partners.
Please pray to see if God is calling you to share more fully in our vision!