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From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

My trip to Israel in September-October to attend the Fourth All Nations Convocation in Jerusalem, and the Feast of Tabernacles celebrations brought home even more to me God's heart for the poor.

During the Convocation the 40 Australian delegates met to discuss God's redemptive purpose for our nation. We adopted the proclamation that "Australia was a nation that God wanted to bless so that we in turn could bless the nations of the world". There was a sense that mercy ministry was high on God's agenda for us, and that we were to sacrificially give and not hold God's rich material blessings for our own benefit.

We heard reports from delegates from the poorest countries on earth – poor in the material sense but often experiencing spiritual blessing from God. In poverty, suffering and persecution these nations had drawn closer to Christ in an intimacy that we are not seeing expressed in our churches in the west. I thought of the words of Paul, 'That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death'. Philippians 3:10

It was good to meet people from Albania, Zambia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Uganda, PNG and the Philippines where we have sent aid, and from other nations where we have helped financially.

There is so much more to do. On the average, 24 people die of hunger every minute, and 18 of them are children. It is estimated that 15 million children die of hunger globally each year. 15 million! They die with swollen bellies and the agony of malnutrition.

The late Lester Sumrall, founder of Feed the Hungry, wrote "There has been and is great sinful neglect of the needy and an almost total disregard for what the Bible teaches by multitudes of people who call themselves Christians. The Biblepoints out with painful clarity how the needy have been oppressed by the failure of those who have it within their power to make their lives better. So when I tell you that God who loves the poor is angry with those who neglect them, your argument is with God, not me."

Without a doubt Australia is one of the most blessed nations on earth. We have it within our power to bring great relief to those in need. That is our redemptive purpose.

Our thanks go to Bob and Avril and their wonderful shed team who have worked hard this year to see our containers packed and dispatched.

Bob has now resigned to look after his exciting new project – a flower farm. He eats, drinks and sleeps lilies! Praise God he will continue to look after the books of MWA and HOP, but we now urgently need someone to take responsibility for sending the containers. The position calls for someone able to relate continually to our shipping agents here and overseas, and be trained in negotiating with our partners in the third world. The person must have computer skills and the ability to handle the necessary documentation. It is a very responsible position so please pray that the right person will feel led by the Lord to join us.

Serving Christ in the Nations

Avril will continue to lead the shed team next year – a job she does in a wonderful way.

Thank you to all who have sent finance – without your love offerings we could not carry on.

May God richly bless you all this Christmas and throughout 2001.

Love in Jesus,
Jenny Hagger

From the Desk of Bob and Avril Dalby

Greetings in Jesus Precious Name! How wonderful is the season of Christmas! To celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus is such a privilege. At the same time, we look towards Easter to understand what the birth of our Saviour really means to each one of us. May we all at this Christmas continue to remember that our Lord's birth heralded in such Love to the world. A world which needs as much Love today as it did 2000 years ago. I remember seeing a picture of our Lord many years ago which at the top said '*How much did Jesus love us?.....*'. The picture then showed Jesus with his arms outstretched on the Cross.....

This year has gone very swiftly, with what seems an incredible speed. So much has happened, and so much has been accomplished. We give thanks with grateful hearts to all our supporters who have loved us, encouraged us, and sent us love gifts of finance, physical goods and time for the continuation of the work. We thank you all in His Name. We so appreciate each one of you.

Madagascar: In October we received a newsletter from Faly, the head of the Youth with a Mission Base where we are sending a container of aid.

'Dear Brothers and sisters, Greetings from Tana- Madagascar !

Please, join us to thank our Mighty God for who He is and for what He is doing here among the Malagasy people.

God is allowing us to experience financial crises here at the base to give us opportunity to decide whom we really serve. We have decided we will serve but one God. So rather than immediately seeking to escape a financial difficulty, we first need to determine how our characters need to develop.

Our last conference was led by Manfred Asteiner, from Austria. He talked about the impact of the gospel on society. Christians cannot disciple nations unless they bring God's truth into all spheres of society (government, church, family, education, business, arts, media/communication and sciences & technology). This has challenged us to move out into different spheres.

We do believe that this is our time to go out as missionaries to serve the nations. One of the tools we need is English. We thank God for sending us Fiona Hopkins who has had the vision since 1998 to help Malagasy missionaries to learn English.two Americans (Marlene and Lee) came to Tana with that vision. (TESOL). They are teaching English to seven Malagasy's for a month so they in turn can teach their own people.'

It was good to read that the Malagasy people want to learn English. We were able to put a number of English textbooks in our container to the YWAM base.

Please pray that the paper work will be finalised in Madagascar so that we can dispatch the container.

Mozambique:

Mafora Christian Mission:

We recently received their October Newsletter and report on some of its contents for you.

From Roy and Trish: *'In 1986, when Mafora Christian Mission was founded, God gave us a list of things that He wanted to establish here through us.*

This was to include a place where many people would come and serve the Lord, where various mercy ministries would operate such as a clinic, mobile clinic, and relief to the needy. Although most of the things on our 'list' have come to pass, the training centre which was to teach and encourage pastors, young people and children seemed beyond our reach. The Lord had shown us exactly where it was to be on the farm, in the midst of one of the indigenous forests.

We praise the Lord that this year He put in on the hearts of a group from Bethany Church in Los Angeles to come and begin the centre by financing a building, the first double accommodation block. The unit is yet to be finished but their hard work here for a few weeks in June/July accomplished much and has set in motion the training centre. Please pray that the construction work will continue with more units being built over the next year, and that God's work in us will be such that we will be equipped in the Lord, to impart His purposes into the lives of Mozambicans.'

Francis and Ursula Fitzsimons also report on the Mission's school: *'This year we have 450 pupils with just over half of them studying in the morning and the remainder in the afternoon. Some of our teachers give lessons both morning and afternoon. For them it is a long day which starts at 7.40 a.m. and finished at 4.35 p.m. The staff are dedicated and we have a staff development plan to encourage continuous learning. Only one of our teachers has attended university but this is not uncommon in Mozambique. Very few teachers are university graduates as they are unable to afford the fees. In spite of this half of our staff are attending night classes to further their education and we encourage this. One teacher gives lessons with us in the morning, teaches in a state school in the afternoon and studies at night up to 10.30 p.m. He is an excellent teacher and very committed to his work. His name is Arone, please pray for him.'*

Francis, Ursula and the children are currently in Ireland spending Christmas with their families.

Iris Ministries: We were so thrilled to hear from Gordon Haggerty, the administrator of Iris Ministries that our container had arrived in Maputo, [October]. The following is the exciting e-mail that we received.

'Greetings from Mozambique. I just arrived a few days ago from the US, via South Africa. Shortly after arrival, I was informed that your container ship would be arriving in port and ready for pickup on Wednesday, the 25th. It did, the paperwork was all in order, and the container cleared out of customs today, the 27th. We are happy to announce that it was safely trucked to our centre at Zimpeto, and now sits, waiting to be opened and put to use! This is a record for us by far - a real miracle-gift from the Lord. In the past it has taken months to clear containers through customs. Therefore we praise God for His bountiful favor, in getting it through so quickly and without incident - and with no duty charged. We thank you for your extreme patience in waiting to ship, and for the loving care expressed through each article. Please pass on our thanks and gratitude from our children and staff to all of those who have given sacrificially to provide these things, and for the prayer warriors who have stood faithfully on the wall, and seen with us this great victory in the spirit. Thank you for taking the time to circle the container with prayer and anoint it with oil. It really works!'

Philippines: We received good news in October too that the container which we had sent to Mandaue City was about to be released. Lucy Longden from International Gospel Centre e-mailed us to say. *'Once again we thank you and your wonderful team for their incredible effort. The work that you are doing has without doubt saved many many lives and improved the quality of care for thousands of others.'* God bless you richly'.

And in another e-mail: *'I am so delighted to let you know that the container is off the docks and in the hospital right now. The dialysis machines will be used to set up two renal units, one at the Mandaue Hospital and one at the*

Velez hospital [private] this is good for our children. We have supplied them with beds so that they can set the unit up completely.God bless you heaps, I will be sending you photos as soon as possible. The blankets and Christian literature was an awesome blessing.'

We also received the '**GO TELL**' for October in which they also said, '*... we have also been blessed by the Mission World Aid Inc. based in SA who have generously packed and shipped a 20 ft. container of equipment for our project with the Mandaue Hospital.God is truly awesome. This equipment that is being sent through to these medical facilities will literally save hundreds of lives and provide a little comfort and dignity for thousands more. ...Can you imagine the stress of working in a hospital to care for children, and there aren't enough beds, and the beds that are there don't have mattresses on them? To see the change in a hospital like this with beds, pillows, sheets and mattresses is really awesome. The staff and patients are so shocked at the love and care that has been shown to them. It truly is an impacting witness to the world.'*

So, thank you so much to our supporters who so generously gave of their finance, goods and time to help us to send this container. We could not do any of this without you! Thank you, thank you.

Papua New Guinea: Dr. John and Lorraine Foote have been packing up in preparation for their return back to Adelaide. The work they have both been involved with in Telefomin has been a wonderful blessing to the Min people, and they will be very much missed indeed. Thank you so much John and Lorraine for all that you have done in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We were able to send another shipment of medicines and donated goods to John and Lorraine via the RAAF in October. Lorraine writes in her final Footeprints in PNG '*Since returning from our holidayswe have had visitors almost constantly and also the thrill of unpacking two Hercules loads of supplies, beds, mattresses, clothes etc which had arrived in our absence from the Bunbury Baptist Church in Western Australia and Mission World in South Australia. We would like to thank all those involved. We are well aware of the problems involved in getting things to Telefomin and we appreciate all you have done for us. We will be leaving a well set up hospital in contrast to what we arrived to.'*

India: The books that we sent arrived in India. We are yet to evaluate whether more will be sent at a future date. In the latest newsletter we received from Dr. Paul Pillai he reports on 'Bethesda Children's Home'. '*Because of the continuous growth of our children's home and the school for them we need ten more house mothers and seven more teachers needed. The daily needs of 1300 children is a great challenge of faith "...if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God" Jesus said in John 11.40. So we keep believing and going ahead on faith.....Our orphanage ministry is one of our most strategic and fruitful ministries of the mission which needs much prayer and financial support. There is a need for two more nurses....Medical care is a very serious problem because of the scarcity of doctors and nurses in this country. Hospitals are in horrible conditions of negligence as they are run by the government. So we have to organise our medical help for our Bible College and for our orphanage.'*

Booleroo Centre: This year one of our Board members, Doug Lloyd, visited the group at Booleroo for their Christmas meeting. They all do a wonderful work up there, sending finance, sewing quilts, knitting, sorting clothes, rolling bandages, etc. We do thank them all most sincerely for all that they do to help us in our ministry of aid, especially for Maforga Christian Mission. God bless them all.

We praise God from whom all blessings flow. We pray that you will all have a holy, happy and blessed Christmas,

Yours in His Service
Bob and Avril Dalby