

Mission World Aid Inc

A Mercy Ministry of House of Prayer For All Nations-Adelaide Inc

Newsletter No 2/01
June 2001

PO Box 1110 Stirling SA 5152
Telephone [08] 8370 1256
Facsimile [08] 8370 1262
International Telephone +61-8-8370 1256
International Fax +61-8-8370 1262
Email: pryaaid@picknowl.com.au



From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

Each month the Board of Mission World Aid Inc meets for the day to discuss every aspect of our work. [Part of the day is given over to House of Prayer For All Nations – that Board is made up of the same members as MWA's].

It is sometimes a long day! We always start by having a time of prayer in the prayer room, thanking God for every blessing and petitioning Him about the problems besetting us over which we have no control. Over the ten years of Mission World Aid, He has never failed us. It **is** true that He reaches out to us in our weaknesses, not our strengths!

Back in the office, the members patiently listen as first myself, then Bob, followed by Avril, give our reports. Questions are asked, assessments made, and more prayer is offered up. The Board members sometimes present reports on matters they have researched. There is a strong sense of trust and unity for which we praise God.

Who are the Board members? Let me give you a pen nail sketch.

Anthony Moore has been Chairman since MWA was founded in 1992. He is an architect and his wife Christie is a retired nurse, now busy raising their six children and also studying at Tabor College.

Bob and Avril are retired missionaries from PNG where they served for 4 ½ years. Bob has recently established a flower farm at Monarto. He is our Administrator and is responsible for our financial reports. Avril is as you know in charge of the shed team and the overseeing of the shipping containers.

My husband Brian is headmaster of Temple Christian College in Adelaide. He is also a founding member of the Board.

Andrew Lothian works in the Environment Department of the SA Government as an environmental policy advisor.

Cynthia Lothian is the longest serving member of the team – she was the first person the Lord sent to help me in the early years. Formerly trained as a lawyer, she now works in various fields of ministry amongst us.

Doug and Dawn Lloyd worked at Maforga Christian Mission in Mozambique for six months in 1995. Doug is a retired builder and he and Dawn have a wonderful heart to help the poor.

Serving Christ in the Nations

Bill and Esma Pole are well known in Adelaide as they founded and have run El Carim Conference Centre since 1970. El Carim was leased to Christ For India Inc for sometime and over that period the profits from the Centre were sent to India. The Pole's have strong links into the Aboriginal community.

Gael Harrison is the newest board member, joining us since retiring from her physiotherapy work last year. She is a recognised prayer leader both here in SA and also in recent months, nationally.

These people bring a wealth of God's giftings to the Board. Please uphold them in prayer as they carry out the responsibilities given them.

In Him,
Jenny Hagger

From the Desk of Bob and Avril Dalby

Greetings to you all in Jesus Precious Name.

We were touched to know that so many hearts were moved in response to our last Newsletter [March 2001]. Thank you also for the clothing. Before the Newsletter had even been posted, the Lord provided! We now have enough for the moment!

Zambia:

On the 5th May about 30 of our supporters gathered together to help pack our 40ft container which has now been shipped to Pastor Evans Chibesekunda of Grace Ministries in Lusaka, Zambia. This particular container was mainly focussed on supplying needs for the Blessing Farm. We were grateful to receive a large quantity of noodles which we are sure will be such a blessing to the children. Thank you so much to our supplier.

The 40ft container was packed in record time. Thank you to all our supporters who gave so much of their time. By the end of the day there were many tired and aching muscles, but everyone felt overjoyed knowing that this would be a great blessing to our brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace Ministries. Please pray for a safe journey and favour through the Ports.

“Many hands make light work” – some of the many helpers involved in packing the 40 foot container for Zambia



Mozambique:

Maforga Christian Mission: The container arrived at Maforga on Easter Monday, after many fraught moments. We were saddened to learn that a small amount of the container had been ransacked somewhere between the two Intertek inspections and the customs assessment.

We are in the process of liaising with Roy Perkins [the Director] as to the quantity and amount of goods actually stolen, so that we can apply to the Insurance Company for compensation.

Also an accessive account has arrived for all the disbursements of Intertek Inspection [twice], Port handling charges, customs duty, container delay at the Port of Beira, and several other amounts. We are trying to assess what is a reasonable way through all this, and would value your prayers. Unless the government department difficulties are overcome, we will not be able to continue sending aid to Maforga.

Roy and Trish Perkins are also travelling to the northern parts of the country to bring the gospel to those who have not yet had the privilege of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Iris Ministries: Rolland and Heidi Baker from Maputo have written again telling us of their experiences in Marromeu at Easter. Marromeu is in the north of Mozambique, and has been deluged with floods, even more terrible than the ones in the south of Mozambique last year.

Rolland writes: *'Wild African splendour opens before me as I cruise at nine thousand feet. The dawn spreads across the landscape with golden richness. Lakes, rivers and wetlands reflect the first flashes of direct sunlight. I am in my own prayer cathedral in the heavens, set apart with Jesus, bringing all my thoughts to bear on revival in this most unlikely land.'*

Marromeu's sugar mill is the first sign of the town on the horizon. The mill was sabotaged over ten years ago by rebels, contributing further to the region's poverty. The airport gradually comes into view, its two grass runways just out of the water but still wet and soft. One runway is still filled with land mines from the war.....We learn that thousands have been added in the last few weeks to our twenty-seven churches in the Marromeu district. People everywhere are hearing about the blind and deaf lady who was healed on our first day at Marromeu, other healings, and our food distribution. This is a church that loves!" the people say...I am sobered and in tears too....only brought a couple of bags of beans that first trip....Jesus Alive able to make one flight....for us with a small load of milled cornmeal.....only enough for a few meals among all our churches. Yet our pastors wept with emotion. "Jesus did not forget us!" they cried...for days they sang and praised God with thanksgiving...'

Rolland asks a very poignant question *'Can the Christianity of the West penetrate the far corners of even this incomprehensibly poor country?'*

Madagascar: We have received good news from Faly telling us that he has found favour with the authorities in Madagascar and that YWAM will not have to pay any of the Customs Duty on our container that recently arrived. The people at YWAM are working with the Madagascan government in helping to establish 10 pilot villages/communities. The government has asked YWAM Tana to be involved in teaching and training.

Faly tells us in his last newsletter that they are working with several communities on the East Coast of Madagascar in response to the famine situation.

We pray that this container will be a great blessing to the people of Madagascar.

Malawi: On Saturday 23rd June a team of our helpers and a team from John Potter's ministry, the Paraclete Institute, will gather together at the Shed to pack a 20 ft container to go to the Emmanuel Fellowship Training Centre, Sadzi near Zomba.

As this training centre is just being established we are thrilled to be a part of this and to be able to send a container into a new country.

We look forward to meeting up with John and his team. Everyone we speak to after a container is packed, all tell us that they find this work one of the most exciting things they have done. Praise God!

This project will be financed jointly by MWA and the Paraclete Institute. Your financial support will be appreciated.

India: Paul Pillai writes in his latest letter to us: *'...Thank you much for your support and prayer....We succeeded in organising more than 120 teams from our our various churches to send for relief work. [The earthquake disaster in Gujrat]. At least for a year they will be working there in relief and rehabilitation. The need for finance is enormous. We just go ahead by faith. Our God is able to provide through His people. This is a time for the body of Christ to stand with us. We have several friends from around the world also working with us now. I want to share this pain and opportunity with you.....I felt that I should keep you informed for your prayer and support and for your praise to God for what the Lord is doing even in the most horrible tragedies of this country. Pray with us and praise the Lord. His mercies are forever.'*

Philippines: We are planning to send another container to Lucy Longden in about September, if possible. This will mainly be a medical and hospital container, but we have been told that pens, pencils and school exercise books would be most welcome. We will let you know of any further needs as they come to hand.

Booleroo Centre: Janice Moulton and Gweneth McCallum e-mailed us recently to tell us of their great day of work and fellowship which they held on the 8th June.

We are so thankful to the Lord for the faithful people of Booleroo Centre who have been working for Mission World Aid each year, raising finance to help us send our containers, making rugs, blankets and clothing, knitting articles of clothing, rolling bandages, sorting clothes, shoes, and books. Praise God for such faithfulness and love.

Tax Deductability: The Board has agreed to amend our Rules of Association to comply with the requirements of the Australian Tax Office. The amendments relate primarily to the establishment of a Gift Fund (to be known as the Mission World Aid Overseas Gift Fund) and a General Fund. As a result of these changes, the Assistant Treasurer has been asked to recommend to the Parliament that our Gift Fund be approved for the issuing of tax deductible receipts. When this is done the name of the Fund will be printed in the Government Gazette and any donations deposited in the Fund after the date printed in the Gazette will be eligible for a tax deductible receipt.

While this is good news, it is important to understand that there are conditions on how the Gift Fund will operate. Money deposited in the Gift Fund will be used solely for relief aid in developing countries specified by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Money raised from Trading Tables or other 'commercial' means will be deposited in the General Fund. Monetary gifts to Roy and Trish Perkins or other individuals will be deposited in the General Fund. Unfortunately we cannot obtain an audited account of the use of cash gifts to our overseas partners so these gifts will not be issued with a tax deductible receipt.

Cheques, which are 'gifts' from the donor, made payable to, Mission World Aid Inc for 'overseas aid' will be deposited in the Gift Fund and issued with a tax deductible receipt. Gifts of cash, including Visa or Bank card deposits will be deposited in the Gift Fund and a tax deductible receipt will be issued. We are permitted to use some of these gifts for administrative purposes, freight etc.

We will let you know as soon as possible when we receive the copy of the Government Gazette.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Please continue to pray for finance to keep coming in so that we can continue the work the Lord has set before us. Ask the Lord what you may do for Him!

Remember.....

***Christ has no body on earth but yours;
Yours are the only hands with which He can do His work;
Yours are the only feet with which He can go about the world;
Yours are the only eyes through which His compassion can shine forth upon
a troubled world.***

Teresa of Avila

Yours in His Service
Bob and Avril Dalby

We have been collecting stamps for some time now, but we need someone who is a keen stamp collector, who would be willing to prepare the stamps for sale and sell them, so that we can earn some money from them. Is there anyone willing to take this up as a ministry?