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From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

For the last three editions of our mail out you have received both the MWA newsletter and our newer House of Prayer one. This has been to enable you to understand the work of both of these organisations, and how they function side by side. However, we recognise that some of you may not want to receive the House of Prayer one that relates to the prayer ministry of our vision. So we have included a form for you to fill out and return to us, letting us know your preferences. We are mindful, as you are, of the relevant costs and do not want to allocate finance towards production and postage where it is not required.

Would you please take the time to return the form to us before our next edition goes out?

During the January holidays I read a little book by renowned international preacher Derek Prince called "Who cares for Orphans, Widows, the Poor and Oppressed – God does…do we?" I found it very challenging. Derek quotes scripture after scripture that reveals God's heart for those who are oppressed.

In writing of God's justice for the poor, he points us to the book of Job and the example of how Job walked righteously in the way he treated people.

> *'I was eyes to the blind*
> *And I was feet to the lame*
> *I was a father to the poor*
> *And I searched out the case that I did not know*
> *I broke the fangs of the wicked*
> *And plucked the victim from his teeth'.* Job 29:15-17

Job considered it **sinful** action:

> *'If I have denied the desires of the poor*
> *or let the eyes of the widow grow weary,*
> *if I have kept my bread to myself, not sharing it with the fatherless*
> *but from my youth I reared him as would a father,*
> *and from my birth I guided the widow –*
> *If I have seen anyone perishing for lack of clothing,*
> *Or a needy man without a garment.'* Job 31:16-19

In other words, if he saw someone in need of clothing and did nothing about it, that was sinful.

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Derek points out that there were three sins that the Old Testament prophets warned would provoke God's anger. The first was idolatry, the second was adultery and the third was **indifference to the poor.**

Isaiah described the leaders of the people at that time:

> *'Your princes are rebellious*
> *And companions of thieves;*
> *Everyone loves bribes,*
> *And follows after rewards.*
> *They do not defend the fatherless.*
> *Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.'* Isaiah 1:23

Sometimes in our office we get quite upset at the demands made on us by third world government departments as we try to negotiate getting our aid to the people in need. All we can do is take a stand for righteousness and trust in God. We once had a shipping container impounded in Africa for a year because we would not pay a bribe. But the Lord was faithful and it was eventually delivered instead of being auctioned off.

We need to pray for those in authority, that they will be convicted by the Lord to not use their position for wrong doing. May the conviction of Job be upon us all.

> *'If I have raised my hand against the fatherless,* ***knowing that I had influence in court,*** *then let my arm fall from the shoulder, let it be broken off at the joint.*
> *For I dreaded destruction from God, and for fear of his splendour I could not do such things.'*
> Job 31:21-23

What strong words! May God be merciful towards those who have influence in court today, who use their positions to block aid to needy people!

We praise God that every shipping container we have sent has reached its destination, despite some fierce battles. However, the pallet of books we sent to India was confiscated by customs – please pray for its release.

In this newsletter we have included the list for Operation Zambia. You, our readers, are the army of helpers who will make this container the blessing it should be to the destitute in Zambia. Please mobilise your friends to collect the gear. Do you have contacts with farmers? Or dentists? Hospitals? Would your church take up a collection of powdered milk, tinned food, bags of rice etc?

Let's bless our brothers and sisters in Zambia with the love of Christ.

In Him,
Jenny Hagger

From the Desk of Bob and Avril Dalby

Greetings in Jesus Precious Name. This year is shaping up to be one of excitement and hard work once more. The needs of God's people all over the world are increasing day by day. On every side they are under great duress, from war, persecution, famine, Aids, floods, of which we can only understand a little from a country where even the poor have much, much more than these dear children of our Heavenly Father. And yet, when we receive news from our Partners in various countries, the one thing that comes through very clearly, is that they cherish the Word of God more dearly than life itself. The Prayer of Teresa of Avila is a timely reminder to us all as we go forward into this New Year with many projects. We endeavour to minister to His people to whom He has given us a special charge.

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

As each one of you read this Newsletter may your hearts be touched by our Loving Heavenly Father to act in compassion to His hurting world.

Mozambique:

Maforga Christian Mission: Intertek Testing Services have finally cleared the container at Port Beira, after a very long delay. Praise God! We pray that it will soon arrive at Maforga safely.

Once more Mozambique is in a flood situation, and at the last report there were over 400,000 people affected by floods in Central and Northern Mozambique and 41 deaths. One report I read on the Africa On Line news service was that floods had cut the main road from Port Beira to Zimbabwe. Please pray for the people of Mozambique, especially those in authority, that they would have compassion in their hearts for their people, and work towards helping them in their distress.

In a recent letter to Jenny, Trish Perkins writes:-
'The rain came a month too late for our maize and people are already hungry…their crops dried up. Our girls had planted a field but the maize flowered while the dry spell was on and it was never fertilized, as it needs the rain to wash the pollen from the flowers to the tassels on the cobs. Roy has just made a journey to Maputo in the truck to fetch a load of food which will help stave off some of the crisis, but the situation remains critical. It was an act of faith like the old days….' Trish also goes on to say *'We will appreciate it* [the container] *when it comes as the girls' clothes are a little ragged and we need the goods even more than last year'.*

Trish reported in her letter that it took Roy one whole week to do this trip and at each step of the way God's hand was on him as he drove back. Trish continues – '*Every prayer was answered – despite pouring rain the whole week, he never drove into it, but it cleared away ahead of him leaving a mist. Only as he was finally on the last twenty kilometres of the journey did he encounter rain, but it blew over the top of the truck without wetting anything. He even slept on the back of the open truck under the stars at a point further down the road on a night when a driving rain was falling at Maforga. We praise the Lord for answered prayer'.*

We need to send Roy and Trish Perkins at Maforga Christian Mission a 'love gift' to help them now in their hour of need. Will you join with us in helping them feed their children?

Iris Ministries: We have recently received their Annual Report 2000 which is an exciting witness of the work that is carried out by Rolland and Heidi Baker. Remember, twelve months ago they were on the receiving end of catastrophic floods in the south of Mozambique. The stories they tell of the incredible work of God in this place is an amazing testimony to the faithfulness of our wonderful Heavenly Father. The 'Father heart' of God is truly for these people. Rolland and Heidi report *'The poor of our insignificant, forgotten corner of southeast Africa are opening wide to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is falling in power on our country pastors, who are crying out to the Living God. In His mercy and grace He is revealing Himself to the hungriest of the hungry. Here among their destitute, disaster-stricken people, our pastors all across Mozambique and into Malawi welcome the fresh, clean, incomparable Presence of Jesus, which washes away all guilt and fear. In their fullness of joy they are increasing like wildfire!'*

Madagascar: We have now received notice from Faly the Director of the YWAM Base in Antananarivo that we can now send the container we have packed. We can now make arrangements for this container to be shipped. Faly wrote recently: '*One of the on going struggles for YWAMers here in Madagascar is the difficulty in raising support for the staff. Churches are not in the place yet where they truly understand what it means to support missionaries, especially those within their own country. We have taken Deuteronomy 8 v 18 literally, which says that it is God who gives us the*

ability to create wealth; and have started, with a small initial investment, a jam company! There is usually an abundance of fruit here, particularly in the rainy season, and so we are putting this to good use in producing about 20kg of jam per week. We have calculated that in doing this every week, we can pay the monthly staff fees of 8 workers. So far we have made strawberry, apricot, plum and pear jam. Due to the seasonal nature of the fruit we are always looking for new jam ideas…..
Thankyou for your continued interest in our ministry here. We are very grateful for your prayers on our behalf ; we know they are powerful and effective!'

Philippines: Lucy and Nick Longden are now living in the Philippines for twelve months under the umbrella of International Gospel Centre. Lucy has worked incredibly hard to make the path straight for further containers of hospital aid to be delivered into Cebu to help the poor and needy.
We have been given 66 beds from hospitals around Adelaide and we believe these are to go to another hospital which IGC are setting up with Lucy and Nick's help. This means that we will need a 40 ft container to send these beds. Mattresses will also need to be purchased for these beds to enable them to be used properly when they arrive. Last year when we sent our first container to Mandaue City they were so thrilled and happy to receive our gift of love. It is such a privilege for us to be involved in helping these people who have nothing. Lucy wrote in an e-mail last November, *'The dialysis machines you sent have been used to set up two renal units, one at the Mandaue Hospital and one at the Velez Private Hospital, this is good for our children. We have supplied them with beds so that they can set the unit up completely. The recent trip that I had was awesome, truly Avril, God awesomely opened doors for us that will increase the work of our project there without a shadow of a doubt.'*

Malawi: John and Judy Potter from the Paraclete Institute in Blackwood have asked us to join with them in sending a container to an educational centre which they have been setting up in Malawi. John and Judy have been missionaries in Malawi for many years. We have agreed to pack and pay for the container to Port Beira, and they will be responsible for its entry and delivery into Malawi. The planning for this container is well under way. John and Judy are collecting many of the items that they are needing in Malawi, viz. a small vehicle and carpentry requirements. We will be giving them educational books, desks, craft supplies and many other items.

India: We have word from Pastor Paul Pillai telling us that the books we sent him have been confiscated, but that he is still trying to have them released. Please pray for him and his ministry, as they are suffering much hardship and persecution in India. Even in the earthquake areas, Christians have been persecuted.

There are many prayer points from this newsletter.. Our prayer is that during this season of Lent we walk with Jesus and prepare ourselves to remember the sacrifice He made for us on the Cross at Calvary. As we share with Him in His suffering, we will see Jesus in the suffering and sorrow in the world around us.

Yours in His Service
Bob and Avril Dalby

STOP PRESS!! We have received an e-mail from Rolland Baker of Iris Ministries of a dangerous cholera epidemic at Zimpeto, and of God's response. It is a most moving testimony of God's continuing love and encouragement even through the most difficult times. If any one would like to have a copy e-mailed to them please let us know. This is a small extract – '*The doctors and nurses at the hospital are in a state of shock and wonder. The Director of Health again put a finger in Heidi's face: "You! This is God! The only reason you got through this was God! You and dozens of these children should be dead!" Eight of the medical staff there want to work with us now. "This is miraculous! You know God! We've never seen God do anything like this. We've never seen such love! We don't want to work here anymore. We want to work with you!" And so they will.'*

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?

**********P.S. WE ARE OUT OF CLOTHING!!! PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?********