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From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

These days, I am frequently travelling with assignments for the Australian Prayer Network or Pray SA, but whenever I am home I try to call around to the shed to see how the aid team is getting on.

I want to assure you that the work is in very good hands. Bob and Pat Tremlett co-ordinate all the shed work and they have an excellent team of helpers. They are a cheerful group full of zeal and purpose and I always come away very uplifted.

Graham May is doing a great job as our new Aid Administrator, planning ahead for the future containers as well as supervising the export of current ones.

We have made another exciting appointment. Claudette Morris is taking over from Bob Dalby as administrator for both Mission World Aid and House of Prayer. Claudette, some of you may remember, was a missionary with her husband, Brian, in Mozambique for four years. She is a skilled administrator and we are so grateful to God for this answer to prayer.

We have some further exciting news for you. The Adelaide Hills Council has just approved our use of the adjoining ETSA property. We now await the notification of the Development Assessment Commission to grant Provisional Development Plan Consent. We first applied to lease the property over one and a half years ago, but ETSA Utilities declined our offer in favour of more favourable applicants who were able to meet the higher rental. The Adelaide Hills Council however then informed all potential applicants that the property was not to be used for anything but residential purposes. Ultimately all other applicants dropped out but we felt the Lord's leading to again approach ETSA Utilities, who eventually agreed to lease the property to us for half the initial amount requested providing we received Council approval.

We then lodged our application with the Council on February 1st, asking them to give special consideration to our needs and to grant temporary change of zoning for the time of our lease. We doorknocked the area and every resident we met had no objection to our application, but later four residents expressed quite legitimate but minor concerns which we were able to address at Council level.

I pay tribute to Anthony Moore who carried our application through every stage, which is evident by the thick file we have! Thank you for your prayers.

The property is on an acre of land and has a massive shed as well as office premises and other out buildings. It will enable us to more effectively outwork all our aid programs, so we are greatly rejoicing and praising God for this wonderful provision He has given us.

East Timor

On Saturday 27th July we are packing a 20ft container for YWAM in Dili, so we are calling on all our wonderful helpers to come out on that day. We will begin at 8:30 am at our present shed, 100 Old Mount Barker Road, Stirling East. We hope to be able to show you the ETSA site next door on that day.

Betty Burdorf

Our precious friend, Betty, went to be with her beloved Lord on the 8th of June after a long illness. Betty was a member of the House of Prayer team until one day during a weekly prayer meeting she unexpectedly heard the Lord tell her to leave the House of Prayer work and become a member of the shed team. She will be very much missed in both places. May God deeply comfort her husband Dick and her family in their hour of loss.

In Christ's Love

Jenny Hagger

From the Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends,

Warmest winter greetings in Jesus Name!

Over the last few weeks I have been challenged to ponder the issue of commitment and to consider what it really means to surrender my life to Jesus. It is easy to sing the old hymn, "I surrender all"; while still holding back certain areas or letting personal "good" ideas and plans overshadow the Lord's calling and direction.

I wonder how many people wear a façade of busy-ness, when what the Lord is seeking is a heart fully committed? The words to the church in Sardis in Revelations 3 are well known *"..you have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead..."* These few words give a timely reminder of our need to continually ask Jesus for a fresh revelation of His calling – I want to be alive in His will not dead in the past or my own ideas! Regardless of how committed we may feel, we need to ask for His direction and decide whether we are willing to accept the deeper challenges He has?

My prayer is that each of us will be willing to flow into what the Lord has planned for our lives. We need to recognize the cost and make a commitment. It may not always be easy, in fact often it may be tough going, but Praise the Lord, we have the assurance that He goes with us!

Some of you will have heard the story of an underground church meeting that took place some years ago behind the iron curtain. At the time such meetings were illegal and the penalty for confessing to be a Christian was imprisonment or even death. On this particular occasion a large group had gathered in secret - suddenly the doors of the meeting room burst open and six heavily armed soldiers entered. The leader of the soldiers announced that they had been instructed to shoot all Christians – he made it clear that they were only interested in the true Christians and indicated that they were willing to allow anyone to leave who was not fully committed! Many people got up and left the room! I imagine that each person who decided to leave would have had a good reason – one may have said "I need to care for my family, my children and my elderly parents", another "what good would it be if I was shot, how could I then help others", another "what a waste all my training would be if I stayed here only to be shot!" and so on. When the movement of people towards the exit had ceased, the doors of the room were closed. To the amazement of those who remained, the soldiers put down their guns and said that they wanted to fellowship! They too were Christians and knew that those who had stayed were really committed to Jesus and could be fully trusted!

While this may be an extreme story, it has a valuable lesson for each of us to consider. I feel that the Lord is challenging all those involved with House of Prayer for All Nations and Mission World Aid to make a fresh commitment to the ministries. Each of us needs to fully appreciate what a privilege our involvement is – it is certainly not something to be taken lightly. Individually we need to take the time to ask the Lord what He wants us to do; we must be prepared to let go of our own plans and ambitions (however good they may seem) and flow with what the Lord is doing.

The Lord wants us to prosper and flourish as individuals – similarly He wants the work of House of Prayer and Mission World Aid to prosper and flourish. We need to encourage one another as we seek to find and develop a God ordained balance in our lives, in both spiritual and practical activities. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight"*.

While I rejoice in the achievements that have been made over the last decade and thank God for the commitment of our wonderful team of volunteer workers, both in the office and in the shed, I feel that the Lord is calling us to a new level of commitment. For some, this may mean making hard decisions in relation to how time and energy are to be spent. We need to pray for one another, we need to release people to their calling and we need to ask and believe the Lord for more helpers and the ongoing growth of resources!

The last few months have been quite frustrating as we have unsuccessfully looked at various property options for House of Prayer and continued to pursue a lease on the former ETSA Depot at Stirling East for Mission World Aid. Jenny and the teams at both the office and the shed have been under immense pressure – sometimes it has all just seemed too hard. It is in the midst of the frustration that our commitment is really refined!

Serving Christ in the Nations

Anthony Moore
Chairman

From the Editor's Desk

News from our Partners overseas.

Mozambique:

Iris Ministries:

Rolland Baker has written recently of his and Heidi's ministry at Maputo and in other areas of Mozambique. Here are some extracts from that e-mail. Did you know that malaria is the greatest killer disease in the world?

'PEMBA, MOZAMBIQUE -- It is late Saturday night, and again we are meeting in the moonlight among the poor in a far corner of Mozambique. A crowd is gathered at the front of our unfinished mud, stick and rock church watching the Jesus film. Children are sitting in the dirt in front of the screen, squeezed in by adults straining to see over each other. This is Pemba, a strongly Moslem town on the northeast coast, but everyone we talk to is hungry for Jesus once they hear about Him. The film goes on and the people are completely absorbed. They have never seen anything like this.

But I am sitting in the dark off to the side under a tree talking with one of our pastors, Antonio Tanuekue, from Nampula to the south. He is telling me about two more resurrections from the dead. A lady from far out of town was taking her malaria-stricken three-year-old girl to the hospital. On the way the girl died. The mother knew Pastor Antonio, and she carried her daughter to his house, which was nearby. For three hours Antonio's wife Florinda rocked this child's cold, dead body in her arms and prayed for her as the mother sobbed. Then the girl's head began to get warm, and Florinda and Antonio began to pray more excitedly. Soon the girl was alive and restored completely. But at first the mother was so afraid she would lose her daughter again that she stayed in the pastor's house for three days.

On another recent occasion a mother lost her one-year-old baby girl to malaria also and brought her to Florinda wrapped in the folds of her African skirt. And again after about three hours of prayer, this child began to warm up and came alive too. I find out that many people come to Pastor Antonio for prayer from all around. They come at any time of day or night, sometimes at three in the morning, and many are healed. Antonio is very understated, like our other pastors, not at all anxious for publicity, and concerned that too much talk will detract from his anointing. But we do want the world to know that our Jesus does raise the dead, that it is not any more difficult for him than healing malaria or any other disease, and that it should not be considered incredible. It is the normal life of God poured out in revival. Such miracles bring wonderful church growth, and greatly increased devotion among the families and friends of those involved.

Antonio is our provincial pastor of Nampula Province, also a Moslem area. It is far from our center in Maputo and we only had our first conference there last year in a small mud church. Yet in this short time twenty-five churches have been added around the city of Nampula, and the people are crying out for more teaching and conferences. All over Mozambique the poor in spirit want the presence of God more than food or clothes, even in their extreme poverty.

We are often asked what brings about church growth here. Is it our Bible teaching, Bible school structure, bush conferences, strategy, what? Many things may be involved, but our own pastors tell us that it is miracles that bring the people. They go where Jesus heals them, loves them and does things for them. We might say those things shouldn't be necessary, but our people are very simple. They don't want to go where they can't feel or appreciate the presence of Jesus, even if the place is a beautiful, traditional church. They don't want to exchange their powerful witch doctors for a powerless church. They want a living God involved with their lives who can be trusted in everything, and who has more power than any opposition.

In return, of course, our pastors love and serve God. They do so on tiny amounts of income. They journey huge distances on foot and on jammed, dilapidated buses over rough roads. They keep preaching and leading the people without complaint even in famine and disaster. They are burning up with fervor to bring all of Africa to Jesus. Our national directors are led by the Holy Spirit. They tell me their dreams and visions. They seem incapable of negative thoughts. They know our God is in control. They just want to spend and be spent for Him. They are normal children of the King!.....In His great love, Rolland'

Philippines:

As reported in the March Newsletter, a 40ft container was packed at Ironbank and sent to Lucy Longden in the Philippines for Bais City. Here is an extract sent to Graham May our Aid co-ordinator thanking MWA for the latest container, and anticipating another in the future.

Greetings to you from Cebu. How are you? We are very excited at the news of another container from your mission...truly the quality of goods is superior to that which we receive from some other missions! Thank you for the awesome job well done.

I have received a Certificate of Appreciation for you on behalf of the mission signed by the Mayor of Bais City...I will forward them to you promptly...there were many that were truly blessed by this donation and the goods were awesome. The books for the school, the rubber gloves etc, it is incredible the detail of our mighty God hey!

Well, blessings to you and all those wonderful ladies that have crocheted and knitted the blankets (many were from our World Vision helpers) the ladies in the prison were so very blessed by the donation...again thank you from all of us here to all of you there!

*Love and blessings,
Lucy'*

As we still have so many hospital beds and other medical equipment we are planning to send Lucy another container sometime during this year.

Madagascar:

We have recently received an e-mail from Faly at YWAM in Antananarivo, telling us that he is unable to receive another container at this time, due to the instability of the country since the general elections. Please pray for this country as it moves through this time, and pray that the YWAM base will be granted NGO status in the near future. As Faly says in his e-mail to Graham -

'I think you know the impact of the first container we received. I know that we were not able to give a detail report but only general. What I can say to you, as the new Aid Coordinator, is this: the first container made a big difference where we gave away all the gifts. It started at our base and moved to many different villages.'

Booloroo Centre:

On Friday 14th June, Bob and Pat Tremlett and Graham and Coral May visited the Centre for the June meeting. Gweneth McCallum e-mailed us saying that they had a great meeting and were very pleased to have their new visitors meet with them and get to know them.

The Tremlett's and the May's also reported they had a wonderful time. It is a great experience to visit Booloroo Centre and share with the people their work day and see all the wonderful sewing and knitting that is accomplished during the day.

Shed Team:

Bob and Pat Tremlett inform me that the shed is still overflowing. They continue to praise God for all the wonderful support of the team who labour each Wednesday, and for the gifts of clothing and goods which they continue to sort under great difficulty.

I leave you with the words once more from Isaiah 6: 8. They still continue to speak to me in this ministry. ***'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"'***

Yours in His Service - Avril Dalby

AGM

Our AGM will be held at House of Prayer For All Nations, 54 Strathalbyn Road, Aldgate on October 19 at 2pm. Please put this important date in your diary. We will introduce to you all the new team that have come on board in recent months.