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From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

Recently I watched a television program showing the plight of the children of Angola who have been separated from their families during the war. Tears ran down my face at the horrific suffering they have endured. Many are seriously mentally ill from the trauma their young lives have experienced.

In the latest edition of Every Home For Christ's newsletter, there is a report of an outreach to Mambone in Mozambique.

"Here we found witches and witchdoctors. There, one can be engaged in the most sophisticated magical rituals. In Mambone, people are required to sacrifice their children, their brothers and sisters, or even parents if they really wish to succeed in life. It's a place where people perish. The area has very few churches, but plenty of witches and witchdoctors."

In much of the world there is a substantial void concerning justice. Righteousness and justice are the very foundation of God's throne. As the church becomes the standard of God's righteousness foretold in the scriptures, the world will hate it because this Godly righteousness and justice exposes the evil deeds of men.

Unrighteousness is covering our world at an alarming rate. Many are getting caught in its trap, and nations are suffering the consequences of reaping what they sow. Zimbabwe, as one example, is rapidly losing the blessing of Almighty God because of the sins of those in authority who follow the advice of their witchdoctors in preference to fearing the Lord.

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34

Amidst these dark days, the Spirit of God is moving mightily across the globe. Many of you know the story of the Nigerian pastor who was killed in a car accident last November, his body placed in the morgue for three days, and then at the instance of his wife, taken to one of Reinhard Bonnke's crusades where he was raised back to life again. We saw a film clip of his death and resurrection on TV recently, and Reinhard is now producing a one hour film of the miracle. The words of Isaiah 60:1-2 seem very timely. *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you."*

Next container – Philippines

We are packing a 40ft shipping container of hospital supplies for the Philippines on Saturday April 6th at Max Coats' property at Coats Road, Ironbank where the equipment is stored. The cost will be about

\$5000 because included in the pricing has been the need to buy mattresses for some of the hospital beds.

Madagascar

Our new aid co-ordinator, Graham May, is doing a great job preplanning our future containers, and is negotiating with YWAM in Madagascar to again send them a 20ft container. The shed team will be delighted when this gets away because the shed is more than full!

ETSA

Our chairman, Anthony Moore, has been working long hours over our application to rent the ETSA sheds on the one acre property across the road from our present shed. ETSA has given us a contract but it is subject to Adelaide Hills Council approval. As the site is zoned residential we have had to put in a special application to ask for this to be temporarily changed. Please pray that the Council will accept our application and that we can take possession of the property soon.

It has been offered to us for \$8060 a year which is greatly below the original amount requested.

Jean Custance

Bob and Pat Tremlett, our wonderful new shed co-ordinators, farewelled Jean Custance last month when she had her last day at the shed. Jean has been our longest serving member, faithfully working for ten years each week in the shed and also raising funds through the trading tables she ran. Avril, as previous shed co-ordinator, was able to join us at the farewell morning tea, and she also paid great tribute to Jean. This precious lady was not only a hard worker, but one whose Christ like manner affected us all. No matter how difficult things were, she always had a quiet positive attitude that it would all work out. We will miss her, but pray God's blessing upon her and her husband Don as they move from the hills down onto the plains to be closer to their family.

Newsletter

Although Avril Dalby has given up co-ordinating the shed work, she has offered to continue to edit our MWA newsletter. This is a great relief! So we are sending all the copy down the line to her.

“Many hands make light work.”

In Christ's love,
Jenny Hagger

From the Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends,

So much is happening at House of Prayer and Mission World Aid that it is good to stop and simply take stock.

David wrote in Psalm 105 *“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice”*. Despite a hectic program this is surely what we should be doing constantly. This scripture goes on to remind us, *“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always”*. How easily we can be distracted with problems and forget this promise – it is important that we remind one another that it is His strength that carries us through, it is His strength that meets our needs. It is my prayer that we never lose sight of this promise and that in all things we seek His face.

In Hebrews 13:15 we are reminded to continually bring to the Lord a sacrifice of praise – *“the fruits of lips that confess his name”*. While it is important for us to worship and enter the presence of the Lord through praise, the author of Hebrews goes on reminding us *“do not forget to do good and to share with others, for*

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with such sacrifices God is pleased". We are blessed at House of Prayer to have a growing range of ministry activities that foster opportunities to both worship the Lord and to share with others in a practical sense. Our mercy ministry, Mission World Aid, is an integral part of the total House of Prayer vision and provides a very special channel through which we can bless so many. May we never lose sight of the fact that as aid is sent out, it goes in Jesus' name.

At this Easter time, when Christians around the world pause to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross of Calvary, let each of us also stop and individually ask the Lord for fresh revelation of the sacrifices He is calling us to make towards the work of House of Prayer and Mission World Aid. The Lord is building these visions and He knows where and how each of us is to be involved. There will be sacrifice as we move into what the Lord is calling us to.

God bless you.
Anthony Moore

From the Editor's Desk

News from our Partners overseas.

Mozambique:

Maforga: We received a letter from Francis and Ursula Fitzsimons in February giving us news of the Mission. Francis is teaching Maths to 6th and 7th class at the Mission School. Ursula is presently working at the Chimoio International School. The children, John [11] and Matthew [9] attend the Mission School. Lisa is now 5.

Francis reports:*'We have one new teacher this year. The present staff are a happy bunch of teachers and I enjoy working with them. The new school year started mid-January and I believe we have made a good start. We have 450 pupils who are divided into morning and afternoon classes. We are close to completing the work on our new classroom. Its main purpose is to serve as an I.T. and video room. I am excited at the prospect of pupils learning to use computers. I can't wait to see the wonder and excitement on their faces as they discover Windows, files, mice [ones you can't eat] and floppy disks. It should be fun!*

Things are going well. Roy and Trish though tired are well. They were in Maputo the capital city recently organising a delivery of maize. In comparison to other years this season has been very dry and people are predicting a shortage of maize.

Kees and Sarah are doing excellent work at Chigeda looking after the boys. There is a nice family atmosphere among them.

The new Technical School is looking great. The first intake of pupils will be in March of this year. Aaron has a very exciting programme lined up. I'm tempted to sign up myself!

Work with the babies, outside babies, toddlers and girls continues under the watchful eye of some great team members.

The nurses continue to do great work with their patients bringing both comfort and healing to so many. Emma Morris from Ferns County Wexford has been helping at the clinic since November and she has been a great help. We're hoping she'll come back at some future date.'

Iris Ministries:

In January this year we received the latest e-mail from Rolland and Heidi Baker titled "Jesus in the Heat and Dirt". The following are some extracts from this most moving testimony.

"We have to go to the east bank," Surpresa tells me. "Nobody ever goes there. The people need to see you. We must encourage them." And so we plan a bush conference in a tiny village across the river to the east from the main road leading down through southern Malawi. Actually, our believers all over this part of Malawi are desperate for visits, and are asking for conferences in every possible place. Over one thousand churches here have been added to our movement this past year, and all are intensely eager for help, teaching and as much of the Holy Spirit as they can get. And the whole area is in serious famine...

We will visit two or three spots on this trip, making the most of our time. First, we have to get there. Surpresa, Tanneken and Andre take 4WD trucks up from Mozambique many days early, enduring countless hours over

punishing roads. "It's one hundred eighteen degrees here!" Surpresa e-mails me from Blantyre. "The people are hungry and suffering! But they are ready for the meetings!" Our team and pastors have made all the preparations they can, and I start packing our little Cessna 206. Heidi and I are flying with our old missionary friends, Brian and Ruth Young, whom we met on our first mission trip in 1980 in Jakarta, Indonesia. I load carefully, weighing and balancing everything. We have to fit a generator, amplifier, mixer, mikes and cables, food, water, sleeping bags, flashlights and lanterns, small suitcases, medical kit, tools, Bibles, charts, Iris hats for our pastors... At full gross weight yet again, we labor into the sky, cut through low clouds and settle down for a long cruise north over the primitive Mozambican bush.

Once more we are alone with Jesus in the air, high over the cries of hunger and need below, away from outstretched hands and pleading eyes. And in Him we rest again, counting on Him to be with us, to lead us, to provide everything we need... We talk, worship and pray, asking Jesus as always to enjoy the flight with us. We have no reason to do this without Him. We have no life or hope to offer anyone unless He comes and shows Himself. But if He can help us at all, He can take care of everything. We will trust Him. We will preach Him. We will stand before any kind of misery and point to Him alone, that the world will see His glory.

We started late in the day, so we stop in Beira along the coast for the night. It's more tropical here. Palm trees appear. The air is warm and humid, even at night. The streets are more quiet and peaceful than Maputo. But the farther north we go, the greater the poverty. A large town may only have a single doctor. So many die of malaria. We sleep to the soft sound of surf and a hard-working electric fan.....'

Philippines:

As our Director, Jenny Hagger, has already mentioned, we are to pack our next container for the Philippines on Saturday, 6th April. We have been given well over 100 hospital beds from various hospitals, together with barouches, trolleys and six portable renal dialysis units. These will be so appreciated by the people in Cebu where Lucy Longden and her husband are co-ordinating the International Gospel Centre's work. We do thank all who have given to us so generously, enabling us to help the people of the Philippines.

In an e-mail recently from Lucy Longden in the Philippines, Lucy once more expressed her appreciation
*'Thank you so much for your time and energy...having collected goods, packed and sent several containers we know the time, effort, energy and expense that is involved in this enormously rewarding ministry. God will reward you for all the work that is done behind the scenes.
God bless you richly,
LUCY LONGDEN
Program Manager Cebu'*

Madagascar;

We are also planning to send another container to Faly at YWAM in Antananarivo as soon as possible. Faly has expressed the desire to receive another container to help with their work with the rural communities in Madagascar. At this moment the Mission Base is negotiating to become a registered NGO.

Booloroo Centre:

The team at Booloroo Centre had another very successful Mission Day this month. Thank you so much.

Shed Team:

The shed team is working hard under extremely cramped conditions under the wonderful leadership of Bob and Pat Tremlett. Please pray with us that the ETSA property will be made available to us quickly.

I pray that you all had a wonderful Easter Day celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for and support us financially in this work that our Risen Lord has commanded us to do in His Most Holy Name. I leave you with the words from Isaiah 6: 8 ***'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