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Dear Friends,

Living in intense times brings a new intensity to our Christian walk. All over the world this intensity is increasing, people are searching for answers. How blessed we are to have The Answer living in us!

Bible School is fully operative in Inhaminga and Nacala, while some of us as well as others on Team continue our studies through IMI Pensacola. Receiving cutting edge ministry and inspiration makes a huge difference to our daily lives and a huge difference to how we operate on the field. People ask us for updates on Zimbabwe. It seemed things were getting better, yet right now, it is very bad. We continue to believe and pray for an end to this madness. We still have family and friends on farms in Zim. Our parents were born there, we were born there, we have no other citizenship. These people are being terrorized, beaten up and sometimes killed. The plight of innocent black people is even worse, the torture, rape and killing multiplied on them. Blood diamonds are playing a big part in the latest surge of evil. We know that many nations facing things like this, not only Zimbabwe.

Cindy Jacobs gave a prophecy for Zimbabwe years ago when things were only beginning to decline... that God would restore Zimbabwe and the land would once again be filled with crops and cattle etc. It has never seemed less likely, but we believe it will happen. Right now the crops have failed due to drought and mismanagement of seized farms... the productive farms that were seized through rape and murder produce nothing. Lawlessness is reaping the curse of famine and many innocent are caught in the wake of it. Food is in short supply though the supermarkets now carry imported goods that can be bought only with the US dollar....few people have real money. The billions of Zim dollars that could buy only a small pack of tomatoes can now buy nothing; the Zim dollar is no longer in circulation.

Of course the stronghold is spiritual. The battle is full force, many are interceding with us. Zimbabwe shall see a miracle; Zimbabwe shall be a sign and a wonder to the world. It WILL happen! Inhaminga is experiencing the worst drought of many years. Crops have failed and wells have dried up. Fear is visible on the faces of the village people who stand in their hot, dry fields surrounded by immature maize plants that are dried up like onions. Intense times push us into prayer and intercession, giving us a desire for separation and consecration unto God; a hunger to be in that place of encounter where the miraculous is released, lived and carried wherever we go. We are living in an unprecedented expectation of His Kingdom demonstrated on earth. Right now, through his people.

We are grateful to you, our friends and supporters for your giving, your love and friendship. Surely we are together for a great harvest in such a time as this!

In Jesus,

Rod & Ellie and all at Afrika wa Yesu

SOWING IN TEARS, LAUGHING IN THE HARVEST

It is a great honour to be leaders of this Team. We share in the heartaches and joys of each member... and share some of their excerpts with you, our readers.

Young girls sold to old men. Working closely with the people, especially with the youth, has opened our eyes to so many difficulties and hard situations they have to go through. We teach them how to live in purity and holiness, how to take a stand for righteousness and live their lives for Jesus. They go home and they have to face the same old life their parents still live. The girls in this culture have no choice with whom and how they should marry, so they are forced by their parents to move and live with a man that is not Christian, has a few wives already and is drunk most of the time. Some of the girls just turned 13 or 14 years old but they are already promised to a man that started to pay for them years ago. Some of these precious young girls that just received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, were already "sold out" by their parents to be the second, third or fourth wife of some drunk and insensitive man. The majority of these girls are prohibited by their new "owners" to come to church. It hurts just to think about it. Coming from a country where these situations are resolved by the police and law, I know that "my way" will not work here. So, I asked Lino what he will do in these situations. When I saw the sadness in his eyes and heard it in his answer, I knew that it has to be God only. There are no laws here that take care of these things, as all this is part of the traditional culture of the people. God loves these precious kids even more than we do and His plans is to give them a future and a hope.

What a miracle! Almeida, Mateus and Luis, 3 young men from our church in Massandza came for the 6 months Bible School. It has been a challenge to get men even coming to our Sunday service. It is seen as a shame for them to come and they despise one another if one comes to church. Last Sunday we had one new man coming to Jesus. He has 2 wives and always has been a problem in the community. He use to be drunk most of the time, very violent, making his "nipa" (moonshine) First his 2 wives came to Jesus together with all of his children. Two Sundays ago when Mae Ellie came to

visit us there, it happened that one of his babies was very sick. He came with the baby at the church to ask for prayers. We could see the fear in his eyes, his hands were shaking carrying the little body burning with fever. Ellie specifically rebuked the spirit of death that wanted to take that little life. A miracle happened – that little boy is totally healed and we have a testimony of God's great power in Massandza. Now we have

SPIRIT SCHOOL

SPIRIT SCHOOL – is exactly that. Being in the school of the Holy Spirit. As a Team we need the meat of the Word of God in order to grow in strength and maturity so we can minister to others. We need the revelation of that Word. Spirit School has become a favourite part of the week where we encounter the Living Word face to face, and experience the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

1Jn 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Only the Holy Spirit can know what we specifically need. Only God knows how to throw seed and land each seed where it belongs, and only the Holy Spirit can bring forth the revelation of that seed.

When we sit under the anointing many things are revealed to us. This is being taught of the Spirit, not by man. We don't come only to learn but to receive confirmation and direction personally. Each can receive what is needed, depending on how filled you are as you walk daily in the anointing.

When we come together to worship during Spirit School. We need not that any man teach us songs, or how to worship. We yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit, and allow Him to flow through us as we minister to our King. In the language of the Spirit, to the music of the Spirit, He gives us a new song.

During Spirit School we receive an individual Word, and an individual anointing. We will also receive a corporate Word, and a corporate anointing.

The Holy Spirit is the greatest teacher. WELCOME, HOLY SPIRIT!



Students receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit



AWYesu African Drums



Praying for more rain, Inhaminga wa Yesu

First time on horseback. Lino and Mariano with their families while visiting us in Zimbabwe.



Kids at Nhamacaringa wa Yesu



THE KISSES OF HIS MOUTH – THE KISSES OF HIS WORD!

As ministers we easily get caught up with the 'doing' side of ministry. Meeting needs, serving, counseling, building and so on, easily catches us up in the 'work' of the ministry. Ministering to Jesus is very different from attending a prayer meeting. It is an extremely intimate encounter with Him, a 'His Presence' experience. We are being saturated in His Presence through entering into The Song of Songs, which is the song of my King!

*Song 1:1-4 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.
Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth - For your love is better than wine.
Because of the fragrance of your good ointments,
Your name is ointment poured forth;
Therefore the virgins love you.
Draw me away! We will run after you.
The king has brought me into his chambers.
We will be glad and rejoice in you.
We will remember your love more than wine.*

Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth....that's His WORD, when He speaks His words over us it is like His kisses. Then when we speak His Word back to Him we kiss Him in return. This is ministry unto Jesus!

Dear Friend, let Him kiss you with the kisses of His mouth. Let Him cleanse and seal your lips with His Name. His Word, like ointment poured forth, sweeter than honey. Oh taste and see that the Lord is Good. Therefore do the virgins (pure in heart) love Him. Only the pure in heart desire His kisses because only the pure in heart can handle them. They are as a burning coal from off the altar of God, purging and anointing. Lips kissed by the King can speak only of the glories of the King. Let His kisses awaken your heart to love and adore Him as never before. To kindle a fire in you, a passion for purity and consecration, of a life poured out for Him. Deep calling unto deep, kiss Him in return.



Baptism of Mai Albertina, converted witchdoctor.



300 prs. of sandals given to needy men, women and children.



Rod and Mariano

THE GREATEST REVELATION

Being an ardent student of the Word of God, I love discovering hidden truths, searching for the treasure found beyond the surface of the scripture, and then to teach it. Working with people who have little or no knowledge of the Word, our teaching has to be very basic. There is no greater privilege than leading people into the simple truth of the gospel. However, sometimes one longs to expound deeper and when you work in a region largely untouched by the gospel, you cannot give meat to a new born babe.

Yet, there is no greater revelation than Jesus. Nothing deeper or higher that we can know or preach other than Christ crucified...

(1 Corinthians 2:2) For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified

Deep teaching? What is deeper than salvation, deliverance, healing, freedom and all that comes with accepting Jesus as Lord? What is deeper than the nine year old girl who took off her witchcraft charms herself, turning away from the power of the witch doctor when her mother, too afraid as two of her children already had died, wouldn't renounce witchcraft? Now the mother too is saved! What is deeper than Jesus healing the two year boy lying on the lap of his weeping father? That unbelieving man who had caused so much trouble for the Christians, bringing his boy who by all appearances was dying, to the church....desperate for a miracle. Now the village testifies to the miracle, the father has turned to Jesus, his precious child fully restored. That's revelation in action! That's the manifested Word and power of God. That's deep!

THE ONE-EYED SHOEMAKER

We share with you a story we heard of the writings of Marco Polo; slightly paraphrased by Ellie as it is hard to remember each detail exactly. The message remains the same.

During the thirteenth century, Marco Polo travelled to Babylon, now known as Iraq. Here he found many Christians as well as many Muslims. The Christians were blessed of God. Everything they did prospered. It appears that during this time there was a powerful Presence of the Holy Spirit, consecration and commitment in the lives of the Christian. More so than what we generally see today." Their fields produced well, their farms were productive and their businesses were lucrative. They excelled above all people. This made the Muslims very jealous. The Caliph, (A leader of an Islamic polity, regarded as a successor of Muhammad), decreed that the Christians should hand over all their possessions to the Muslims. He called the Christian leaders together and asked if they believed the bible, and did they believe all of it was true? The answer was 'Yes, absolutely'. He took them to a big mountain and pointed and referred to portion of scripture where Jesus told His disciples that if they had faith as big as a mustard seed, they could speak to the mountain and command it to be moved.

"You say you believe the Bible. I will give you ten days to move this mountain out of its place. If you do not succeed, all your houses, land, everything you possess will be taken away from you and you will be killed."

The Christians were in shock. Yes, they had faith. Yes, they were living in a time of miracles and manifest power of God. But physically move this mountain? They fell on their faces and began to cry out to God, day and night. "Oh God, let this mountain be removed, or we shall surely die." Nothing happened. Finally the leaders came to the point where they admitted they were not able to move the mountain, no matter how much they prayed. One man came forward with a plan. "There exists only one man in this kingdom that has the grace of God, sufficient to move this mountain. He lives in another village" The leaders cried out, "You must take a message to him, he is needed here, our lives depend on it. You must bring him to us!"

The messenger journeyed to the far off village and sought for a man known as 'The One Eyed Shoemaker.' He found him easily enough for he was well known for being a devout and consecrated believer in Jesus Christ. On hearing of the desperate situation, the one eyed shoemaker said, 'But how am I to help? What makes my prayers any different from anyone else's?' The messenger replied that he knew the grace of God was upon the one

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eyed shoemaker in a special way. "Please, Sir, would you be so gracious as to tell me your story, the story of why you have only one eye?" The one eyed shoemaker lowered his head and started his story.

"One day a beautiful woman came into my shop and asked me to make some shoes to perfectly fit her. I measured her feet and told her to come back for them. When the shoes were ready she returned. She sat on the chair and I fitted her shoes. Her dress fell open and showed a part of her ankles and leg. Woe unto me, for I fell prey to that sin of evil concupiscence (lust or strong desire) (King James English).

(Colossians 3:5) Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

I was indeed mortified at the evil, lustful thoughts that entered my mind and in haste I bade the woman leave my premises at once. With strong resolve I moved to the back of my workroom and took hold of an iron hook wherewith I proceeded to gouge out my right eye, remembering the words of my precious Lord and Saviour,

"(Matthew 18:10) And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire."

The messenger was shocked at the story, and filled with reverend awe. It was no wonder that this man had the grace of God upon him to the measure that God should answer his prayer. *"Come, we must go quickly, there is not much time left."*

The messenger and the one-eyed shoemaker started their journey. While yet a way from the mountain, they could hear the cries and the intercessions of the Christians. Caliph and his men were standing by, mocking. "Ha, where is your God? He said you could move this mountain through faith but it is standing still as ever."

The one-eyed shoemaker knelt humbly on the ground and began to pray. He prayed and he prayed and he prayed. After some time there was a faint rumble, and a tremble. Then the earth began to shake as God sent a mighty earthquake. The mountain began to move, it began to fall, right on the other side of the terrain, it fell down in piles of rubble. The mountain had been removed! Oh, the shouting, the praising and the rejoicing! Caliph and his men were in shock. The Christians were saved. All their possessions were saved. All because of the grace of God upon the one-eyed shoemaker."

As for Caliph, it is said that he became a secret believer. It is told that at his death, while his body was being prepared for burial, a large wooden cross was found hanging about his neck on his chest, underneath his robes. Because of this he was not buried in the royal burial chambers, not in any place holy to Islam. He was buried outside the gates with the infidels.

What manner of grace is this? There was given to this man a measure of grace according to his measure of consecration. According to his measure of sanctification and purifying. He had gained a place where he could ask anything according to the Will of God and it would be granted him. He had gained a place of intercession, where God would not refuse his intercessions. Even to the moving of a mountain.

Can we earn the grace of God? No. It is something already freely given to us. We do not earn a place, we already have a place. However, there are things that come between us and Jesus that keep us from occupying that place.

Do you need to take out your eye or cut off any of your members for any reason? This is consecration – to pluck out, take out, cut off any sin, hidden or evident that comes between us and the grace of God!

(Romans 8:13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

As we consecrate ourselves to the desires of our Saviour, the lusts of the flesh are put under. We desire Him more than anything else.

WOMEN ARISE – ELLIE TO PENSACOLA IN APRIL.

God knows our name, where we live. He even knows where Ellie prayer-walks in the forest behind the house. Ha, ha. That may seem a very obvious statement to you, but to me, it is amazing. That He should see me, choose me, call me out of the wilderness to minister to women in America! That is a miracle. I have not earned such an honour; for some reason he has chosen to bless me and encourage me in my ministry. His grace does it, His Love finds us in the most obscure place.

SO... rejoice with me in this privilege to once again minister with the most anointed woman I have ever met, Dr. Robin Harfouche from Miracle Faith Center, Pensacola.

WHY NOT JOIN ME? Nicky (Jeff and Nicky are directors of AWYesu Nacala, Northern Mozambique), is coming with me.....all the way from Africa. Some of you special friends live not so far away from Pensacola. Come and be changed, set alight, inspired and lifted into the Holy Place through the worship, His Presence at THE INTERCESSOR 2. (Last year was The Intercessor 1) You will never be the same again.

A word of warning: Be prepared for an encounter of fire. Meetings last for four to five hours, (though it feels no more than two or less). The worship is loud and powerful. There is no man pleasing or catering to itchy ears. This is the real thing, this is practical intercession and worship without reserve.

This is a HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER. Miracles happen!

The secret of the success of these conferences is the way Dr. Robin, her daughter Christie who leads worship and others so totally 'stick with everything.' Meaning Dr. Robin is at every meeting, intensely involves, right in there, flowing and moving in the Spirit, ministering, ministering, and ministering the touch of God. It is not your normal 'women's conference!!!)

Other speakers are:

Jucara Peixoto - from Rio de Janeiro. She and her husband pastor the biggest church in that city.

Lisa Bever – dynamic lady of the USA known to most of you, I am sure

Dates – April 18 – 23; or any part that you can attend.

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IT WOULD BE SO COOL TO HAVE SOME OF MY FRIENDS THERE... WE CAN GO PLACES TOGETHER IN JESUS!

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