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Dear Friends,

Our troops did not all go home for Christmas but stayed on the offensive; advancing right into the hope and expectation of a New Year filled with the promise of a great Twenty-Ten harvest. Our expectation is not only in the harvest of souls, we have also a mandate to harvest labourers. The fields are white, ready for harvest. What is lacking are the harvesters. Jesus commissioned us to prayer ñ to pray the Lord of the Harvest to raise up harvesters.

Luke 10:2 ðThen He said to them, ðThe harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.!

He will surely not deny the answer to what He has told us to pray for. So if the harvesters are lacking, what is really lacking, is prayer! This must be a year of prayer and intercession for harvesters. Harvesters that grow up tall and strong, able to resist the enemy, able to reap. Harvesters that can be counted on, that will remain, not grow faint and weary, and not fall away through sin.

We encourage you to make this a year of prayer and harvest like never before. You can bring in a great harvest while on your knees. From that place you will rise up to ðGo TellÖ! whether it is in the market place, home or mission field, the fields are white unto harvest!

Harvesting together,  
Rod & Ellie

## PIERCING THE DARKNESS

We as Christians are carriers of the Word, carriers of Jesus. Wherever we go, wherever there is darkness, this light of Christ will pierce into the darkness. Not only does the light reveal what is going on in the darkness, but it also shows the way out of darkness; for those who want to come out of darkness into His glorious light.

*(2 Corinthians 4:6) For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

The following report from Simona declares this Light in the dark places of Mozambique.

### FROM SIMONA

Isaiah 59:13 says: "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him".

There is a battle and there is an army prepared to fight. In these last days I believe that God is raising up a special army which is described in Joel 2 formed by young people. A generation that is hungry for God's Word, and desire more than anything His manifested presence. They are set apart to proclaim The Word of God, to cry out and intercede for their generation. They know the enemy's strategy and they all listen to their One Commander.

All month of November we were traveling thousands of kilometers, ministering to youth that live in the northern part of Mozambique, among Muslims. In was a marathon of 3 youth conferences in: Magiga (Zambezia Province), Macomia (Cabo Delgado Province) and Nampula (Nampula Province). We had a great time together as a team knowing each other better, and sharing the same vision and plans we have to reach this young generation.

Through many difficult circumstances, there was one thing that kept us so grateful and peaceful inside: to see these young Mozambicans preaching Jesus, teaching and sharing what is their own dream now – to see and train their own generation to stand in righteousness before God, passionate and alive for Jesus. Santo and Paulo (part of our youth group from Inhaminga)

were giving their best in everything was needed: serving, preaching and ministering. The Word was first for them, it brought change in them as they were listening or preaching. Abdul and Josias, AWYesu graduates and now two of our youth evangelists, Agostinho and Valentin (two of our Mozambican teachers trained by Susana) were an example of serving and taking leadership in all 3 conferences. They are trained to lead a church, to evangelize, to teach and preach, play with the children, to work hard, to cook and to fetch water. And if I forgot anything else, I believe they can do that too

### MAGIGA – TESTIMONIES OF CHANGED LIVES

5 years ago, in 2004 we have been to a village Pebane, which is 20 km away from Magiga. I remember the oppression and lack of respect we found there. For one month we faced a lot of resistance; majority of the people living there were Muslims. I remember that was the only place where we didn't have anyone coming for prayer after the altar call; not even one child would come. In 2007 two of our evangelists stopped in Magiga, a village with no Christians. . There was a young man there Jamilo praying for help. He is one of the many sons of a Muslim leader but he received Jesus when he was living in another village. Since then, through a lot persecution a church is arising in that place. Through the blood of Jesus and the testimonies of the Muslims that received Jesus, the church is growing. They are all young Muslims that had a life of misery and nothing could change them. But when they met Jesus, a miracle happened which changed their lives. They are so thirsty to know more of Jesus. The worship took us to the throne of God. The theme at this conference was: "Taking God Seriously."

**ABDUL** was a Muslim before, but now he is completely dedicated to serve God and his greatest desire is to take the Gospel to all his brothers. Besides that, he has an amazing ability to work with children and young adults bringing a change wherever he goes. Joaquim, our evangelist that is planting the church in Magiga is one of the most amazing young men I have met here in Mozambique. Everywhere he goes he raises up youth to stay strong for Jesus. Somehow with his gentle spirit he can train them with so much authority. After these 2 men taught about evangelism, we split in groups and went hut to hut, to practice what we learned. It was a great difference in how they received us compared to 5 years ago. Many of them never heard about Jesus. They listened carefully, and some took the decision to

## PHOTOS

*Simona and Susana organized two Youth Conferences over the Christmas period at Inhaminga. The pictures are of them and Mozambican Youth ministering to one another. Team building obstacle courses were set. It was a dynamic time of spiritual growth and leadership training for the Youth of Mozambique. An unforgettable encounter with God, an infilling of the Holy Spirit. AWYesu is focusing on raising up national leadership at all levels. This was a very special time!*



follow Him. We showed the Jesus film in the market. There were more than 300 people in the market when we were showing the film and they were all very attentive. It was for many of them the first time when they were exposed to the complete Gospel, the majority of them never knew that Jesus was crucified, died and rose again. During the film I was holding a little girl Anima. She was crying, seeing Jesus suffering, saying that if she could be there she would take the nails from His hands, take Him to her house and give Him a bath. When Jesus was put on the cross she was trying to comfort me telling that I have nothing to get worried because God will not let Him die but would save Him from the cross. That is what they learned at the mosque but now she saw that the truth was that He was crucified. She also saw that He rose again!

**MACOMIA** – Macomia is a place where a few tribes of people live together. The main ones are Makonde (usually Roman Catholics) and Makua (mostly Muslims), two tribes that do not like each other. There is one thing that both tribes agree, though; circumcision and initiation ceremonies.

Initiation Ceremonies - Boys from 5 – 8 years old get in an awful ceremony of circumcision mixed with lot of witchcraft and demonic tradition. The girls are initiated at a very early age also in a similar demonic ritual where they are “taught” how to please a man. These ceremonies long usually 2 months. The girls usually cannot leave their hut during this time and the boys are taken to the bush away from their families. The witchdoctor cuts them all with the same knife. During this time some of the boys die and buried there. Nobody from the family will know until the time it is all over, when all other boys are coming home. As a signal that the boy is not coming back anymore they leave a big jar in front of their house. The family cannot mourn their child because they might upset “the spirits”. We got in Macomia exactly when they started the ceremonies. We found out when a group of people dancing, running and making a lot of noise in the same time were passing through the village.

The boys were leading in front with everybody else following them. The Saturday night before we left - was the beginning of the ceremony. Nobody slept. There was so much oppression and noise, drinking and sadness. In many cases the family is not happy to let their little boy leave, but the fear and the tradition is much stronger than anything. All the family together with the little boy had to shave their hair besides other awful things they were doing that night. Those days something happened inside of me. I want to make it as one of the goals of my life: to see these children free. I know that looking on as humans it is impossible but I believe God has a plan and a strategy. I just need to know what it is.

As you travel more into North the strongholds of Islam and tradition are much stronger. Nampula – “Christ like character”

Nampula is a city in the north of Mozambique, the majority of its habitants are Muslims. Pastor Armando and his wife Mae Lurdes moved there last year to direct from there the Afrika wa Yesu “Church Planting Project”. Lots of our new churches are in that area. Since this wonderful couple got there, the little group of people that was meeting for prayer in that city has multiplied. Through their testimony and commitment they have been such a great example for so many. We are missing them so much here in Inhaminga but we know that we have a place to go when we get to the city. We knew that the majority in the church are youth so we desired to be able to impart into their lives. Our Nampula Afrika Wa Yesu Church still doesn't have a building. They rented a place that actually is too small for them already and for sure HOT! We had our Sunday morning service there. It reminded me of something that I forgot which I lived years ago in Romania during the time of persecution. Home meetings during the communist time, with the doors and windows closed; even the walls were “sweating” because of the condensed air. But in both cases the Presence of God was so real. It was an honor to participate with our brothers and sisters, worship together and share our heart and vision with them.

For the Youth Conference we were blessed to be able to use a nice building of another church. In that place we had around 60 young people participating. Our theme was: “Christian Character”. In 3 days we were able to do so much. There is so much difference between this youth and other from new places. We could easily build on a foundation that was already there.

They have wonderful pastors that already did that. Also the fact that majority of them are encouraged to study, it makes a difference in the way their minds think. We spoke about love versus selfishness, humbleness vs. pride, truth vs. lies, unshakable vs. shakable, etc. They liked it the most when we split in small groups and talked. We talked about the purpose of marriage, how to live as single for God, how to keep yourself pure and how to choose your partner. They had so many questions and they were so open. Everyone preached with so much anointing. I would say that Santo was at his best. He was testifying afterwards, that when he saw the hunger for God in this group of young people, he was like exploding. Their desire to know more and to change compelled and encouraged him to preach freely and with courage. They were also encouraged as they listen and answered the call for repentance and humbleness. Santo is only 20 years old. He is the son of one of the grounds workers at Inhaminga who have worked for AWYesu since the beginning.

## WAKE UP! PREPARE FOR WAR!

*Joel 3:9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:*

I never dreamed I would see the day when camouflage clothes, bush tents and bushes would be used for décor at an Inhaminga Youth Conference. The Mozambican civil war is long over, thank the Lord! From the time we were young, (Ellie 12, Rod 16) we lived most of our lives in some state of war in Rhodesia and then in Mozambique. Army kit was part of our daily lives for many years. Inhaminga in particular is still known as the place where the war burned very, very hot; but as it is now a time of peace, it was a surprise to walk into the lecture room to find it looking like a soldier's hideout in the forest. The young people had called the Old General (me) to teach the Word. As I looked around the room, I realized that not one of the teens could remember experiencing the war, though a few of the older ones had been alive at that time. Wow! That makes one very aware of being part of the ‘past generation’. It was wonderful, to see those young faces looking up, totally without the ravages and tears of war. I spoke to them about being soldiers in the army of God, soldiers without guns but carrying the sword of the Lord, the Bible, and a two edged sword, (the Word of God) in their mouth. We spoke of victory, the reward, the spoils of war, and of the PRICE that must be paid. Salvation is free, but good success in life and in God costs a price. It costs faithfulness, diligence, thinking of others, being ready to lay down your life for others. I spoke briefly about other young soldiers that we had ministered to so often in those days. They were soldiers of a natural battle, a war of life and death in the physical. They had been ragged, barefooted, hungry and lonely out in the fields. Their footprints had left blood in the sand. Afraid many times, desperate to hold onto life, and very ready to accept Jesus as Saviour. The youth in front of me looked very different. Some were interested in everything I said. A few looked bored, untouched by what has gone before. They do not yet know or understand what it means to pay the price. Then there were those who were captivated by the words, hungry for God, hungry to go that step further, deeper into commitment, nearer to the heart of God. Hungry for souls to be snatched out of darkness. These brought tears to my eyes and I thought to myself, ‘No matter how old I get, I will sound the trumpet and speak of my Saviour who paid the ultimate price, who battled against Satan and all the demons of hell so that I can be free, and not only I, but all who believe on His name’. FREEDOM comes at a price.

I think the camouflage and bush was a cool theme for the youth conference. I like the fact that they understood the purpose was to make them realize they are soldiers in God's army. I like most of all that the décor was not very real to any of those teens. I am glad it did not pull on their gut as it did on mine. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they never saw war ever?!

What a great job done by Simona and Susana, Abdul, Valentim, Santos, Paulo and others being trained up as Youth Leaders. We are proud of you all.

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH DREAMS!

In Africa, dreams are taken very seriously. Almost every day someone will tell you what they dreamed. People's lives are wrapped up in dreams and it is unthinkable that a dream could have no significance or simply be the result of too much pizza. (In this case, sadza and muriwo, translated corn mush with gravy). A new missionary soon learns that after a very good teaching when he/she asks, 'are there any questions?', the question often has no relevance to the carefully planned teaching but is something like, 'Last night I dreamed.....(a very long story totally weird to the western mind ensues); please will you tell me what this dream means?'

Of course the dreamer is very disappointed when the intelligent teacher from across the far side of the world looks totally incredulous, wide eyed and open mouthed with no answer. I read somewhere that illiterate people who live in a place without books are more likely to depend on their dreams and place greater value on them as they have nothing else to go by. I think this is true.

DREAMS and VISIONS – The surest way to hear God is through His WORD. It is written, it is unchangeable, it is true. The more we fill ourselves God's Word, the more our dreams are influenced by Him. I love the Word and I also love to dream, whether it be daydreaming or in the night. God speaks to us in dreams and visions as well as through His Word, yet many times we dismiss our dreams as being our own imagination, missing out on what He is confirming in us, speaking to us about.

At this time God is speaking through His Word and in our hearts about the harvest fields and the fact that the labourers are not enough. The insufficiency of labourers is not because Jesus has denied us harvesters. He will surely not deny the answer to what He has told us to pray for. So if the harvesters are lacking, what is really lacking, is prayer! Out of this we have received a call to prayer and intercession at another level. All this coming to light and being confirmed to us through a dream I had. At first I thought the dream was a result of our trip to Mana pools where we crept up on the lions on foot, and as a result of that very deep throated growl of a huge male warning Jeff to back off. But no, as I pondered the dream, and the Word of God concerning harvesters kept washing through me, the light went on and my dream became clear with a commission and direction towards prayer and intercession for the harvesters.

*(Luke 10:2) He gave them this charge: "What a huge harvest! And how few the harvest hands. So on your knees; ask the God of the Harvest to send harvest hands. The Message Translation*

ELLIE'S LION DREAM .....In my dream we were at Mana Pools, (the place where we heard the lions at night while sleeping in our rooftop tent.) Jeff and Nicky, Rod and Ellie were watching animals and noticed a flat bed truck with wooden sides parked nearby. We could not see what the truck was carrying. Suddenly a huge lion charged out of the bush jumping onto the back of the truck, lifted a sheep up in its powerful jaws and made off into the bush. Suddenly it came around again, and did exactly the same thing. "It's going to come around again!" I yelled. "We've got to stop it!" I saw that the sheep were not just 'any old sheep', but beautiful, fully matured, snow white, woolly sheep. They were prize sheep. They were the best sheep. I recognized that they were not sheep of the harvest field, but they were

harvesters. I had seen a picture of Satan going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Satan is after the leadership. If he can get the leaders he can stop the harvest. How can we stop him? Through prayer and intercession. Through words of warning and words of encouragement. Through training the leaders how to stand firm and strong themselves, and to take care of the sheep. Through being very diligent ourselves about the little things and the big things that God has been speaking to us about that need to be changed or worked on.

*(1 Peter 5:8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

**"LORD OF THE HARVEST! Raise up Harvesters. Raise up Shepherds to bring in the sheep. Protect the Leaders!"**

## THE ZIMBABWE STATE OF AMERICA?

Washington – "With 2009 shortly to close, the Zimbabwean Finance Ministry said Friday that expatriate nationals had remitted some US\$159 million dollars to the country as a unity government struggled to fund a difficult economic turnaround. An estimated three million Zimbabweans joined the so-called diaspora during the decade-long political and economic crisis. Most live in South Africa, Botswana, the United Kingdom with others scattered around the globe. Remittances from the diaspora to family members to pay rent, buy food and cover school tuitions contributed significantly to keeping the country going for years as the formal economy withered and unemployment soared."

The Zimbabwe dollar has been obsolete for some time. Gone are the days when buying a few groceries meant carrying a back pack stuffed to overflowing with old, ragged Zim. dollar notes, then returning home with a few items that filled the back pack less than half. Paying more than a million dollars for a small tomato was a joke; the kind that makes you laugh and then cry.

Now the wonderful greenback is the chief currency of the nation, with a few South African Rand floating around. We buy everything with the USD! It is the official currency. A year ago one could be arrested for having USD in one's house or ones pocket. It was illegal to carry the USD. Now it is freely used as Zimbabwe currency. This means shops have food on the shelves and there are even a few imported goods. A big change from the empty shelves of less than a year ago. However, nothing is cheap and we pay more for food than most places in the world and the tomato costs even more. Zimbabwe rates within the top three most expensive places in the world to live.

The talk on the streets goes something like this – "Obama says Mugabe has stolen his money. He did not even ask, he has just made it the official money of Zimbabwe. Obama says if Mugabe had just asked, he would have said OK. But because he didn't ask and just took it, it is theft. All the American dollars in Zimbabwe is stolen money."

## KEEPING IN TOUCH!

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