



African Outreach Ministries Newsletter

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New Recruits for Mozambique

AOM is excited to announce that we will soon have six new members to add to our team in Mozambique – all from Brazil. Each person brings his or her own unique set of gifts and talents that will be invaluable in helping launch discipleship movements which in turn will birth hundreds of churches in Inhambane Province.

The first three come out of a network of house churches that began in São Paulo. While the Harris family was in Brazil for language learning, they met and joined one of these house churches that was meeting outside the city of Campinas where they lived. Luiz and Fernanda were the main leaders of that particular house church. It was during their first meeting that Scott felt lead by God to approach this couple about Mozambique, which he did during their second meeting. They were open to God's will for their lives and began praying. Also during the first meeting, the Harris family met Luciana, a young single lady who was assisting with the church. She began asking, "How does one become a missionary?" These "God" encounters began a relationship that has lead each of them to make a commitment to serving Him in Inhambane.

Another "God" encounter lead to Ricardo and Melissa from the city of Rio Claro. Ricardo met Scott and invited the family to attend their Church retreat during the Carnival Holiday. The Harris' went and grew to love this family and their church. It was during this camp that Scott first spoke to Ricardo about missions in Mozambique. They have an eight-year-old daughter Julia.



*Luiz & Fernanda
Guimarães*

Luciana Santos

*Ricardo, Melissa & Julia
Borin*

Mentoring in Kenya An Opportunity to Serve

God brought Charles Kinyanjui and Allen and Janelle together through two Keystone Discipling Conferences, first in Johannesburg, South Africa, and then at Keystone, South Dakota. God knitted Charles' heart to the Averys and prompted him to ask if they would serve him and his churches as elder mentors. He needed a mature couple with whom he could trust to share his thoughts, problems and questions. After praying, the Averys have decided to explore this offer. Charles has developed a network of over 350 coaches who are overseeing more than 17,000 disciples. This network has been developed in just four short years.

AOM is committed to both developing new fellowships of house churches formed through discipleship-making, and also to help other leaders who are doing the same, who are reaping the harvest through the power of God and establishing God's Kingdom in Africa. So, it is a blessing for the Averys to be a partner with Charles in what God is doing through him.

In April, Janelle and Allen made their first trip to visit with Charles and his wife, Milcah. They were able to get to know the family by staying in their home in Nairobi and to minister to some of their disciples. Charles also took them to meet with some Masaai pastors in a remote part of the Rift Valley. It was a new experience for Allen and Janelle and a blessing to learn more about the Masaai customs and to see their churches. One Masaai woman, the worship leader in one of the churches, was at the local market and remarked after meeting Janelle, "It is wonderful to meet someone else who loves Jesus like we do!" That statement spoke volumes to the Averys' hearts that the Kingdom of God had come to stay and spread among the Masaai!

Allen will attend a meeting for senior coaches for disciplers with Charles in late June. Pray that the Averys will follow God's leading as they explore this possibility.

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Charles & Milcah Kinyanjui



Averys with Masaai Christians.



Janelle with Masaai Christian women.



Traveling out to Masaai land.

For \$30 a month you can sponsor an orphan in Zimbabwe.

Interested to learn more?

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Themba Le’Ntandane

Zimbabwe Orphan Update

It takes great faith in God, and dependence upon His grace, to work day after day with children and families facing sickness, loss, and death. Our children are normal children, but because of certain circumstances, they find themselves surrounded by unbelievable sadness and deprivation. To be immersed in these problems day after day, year after year, it is only by God’s grace that our staff work with continued compassion and kindness for these families.

Similo is the counselor for the children. She visits the homes, nurtures the children and caregivers, and meets the children and families in the office for counsel. She is a pastor’s wife, but works full time with *Themba*.

Soneni works closely with Similo in visiting and watching over the families, but her main duties are as secretary in the office. She keeps the database of the children, and keeps the details current for all the children and their families.

Cornelious Moyo is the director of the program and keeps everything running. He is an amazing man who loves God with all his heart. He is very close to the families, but also keeps all the administration going. He works very closely with Janelle, with all members of staff and with the social and political community of Bulawayo. His responsibilities are great, but through God’s grace, does everything well!

Dave Beevers is chairman of the overseeing committee for *Themba Le’Ntandane*. He is a British missionary, has been a part of the Zimbabwe Church for many years and has a full ministry in church planting and leadership training. As chairman of the committee, he is a great support and help to Cornelious. He has been with *Themba* as the committee chairman for 18 months.



Similo, Janelle and Soneni



Dave and Cornelious



In most of the world, it is a simple thing to buy a new truck. But not so in Zimbabwe! Despite the difficulties, God has blessed us through the generous help of one donor to purchase new transportation. It is now available to be used to minister to the children and families!