

### **Patrick Mulenga, Maputo.9.6.10**

*Greetings in the Lord's name, we write to let you know some of the happenings in the area of Muthalala district in the province of Tete in Mozambique. This area Christian Brethren Assemblies as been growing in numbers and we have been always in touch and in fellowship with the Elders. In my last visit I was able to meet Elders from six Assemblies, walking together and visit there fields, it was pathetic to see maize and sorghum ruined by draught.*

*The area has been hit by FAMINE, the district had little rain as a result, maize, sorghum, cotton died in the fields. We are letting the need known for help, the believers and every one in the area have ten months before they could have maize grains, sorghum from there fields and that would e in April 2011. Maize grains or rice should e bought from else were in the country for there survival. Please pray with us that the Lord may move the people who love him to act as soon as possible. To some the last meal we ate together when we departed was the last and they were wondering to where the next meal will come to feed the families.*

### **Bobby and Isabel Jack, 9.6.10**

Dear Prayer Partners: Once again the Lord has been with Roberto, our youngest son (16) as he was held up coming back from school by a youth who was obviously high on drugs. This happened at midday today. He has just 400 yards to walk, but the robber hid in a shallow part of a shop, and Roberto was taken unawares. As he was handing over the money he had, his school companions were passing by car, and stopped. Sensing a hold up they called Roberto over and he got quickly into the car driving away. If not, he would likely have had to hand over other things.

This very day, we are on the Interlink calendar. Prayer was answered!

### **Ian and Françoise Newberry, 9.6.10.**

A few weeks ago, we had George Verwer with us Founder of Operation Mobilisation. We had 170 young people there on the Saturday evening and over 550 people who attended on the Sunday. Over 10 churches worked together to prepare this event. Over 120 people responded to the invitation to re-dedicate their lives to Christ, some accepted Christ into their lives. Yesterday, the press gave us a positive write-up with photos. As a result of this week-end, people here in France were challenged, stirred and encouraged to make our light shine in the darkness.

Over the past 28 years I have had a bookstall on the market every Friday morning and sell one Bible per week – Last Friday I sold nothing; However, one woman stopped to chat and Sunday she came along with her daughter to the Sunday morning service – Viviane was so happy to find a Church she promised to bake a cake for everyone next Sunday when we have a meal together ! An event like this encourages us to persevere ! Our Church is growing and every Sunday we see new faces and a good number of non – Christians come along too.

May God knit our hearts together through prayer ! I will try and keep you informed about the progress of the work here in Pierrelatte. May God richly bless and keep you, may His face shine upon you and give you His peace. Yours affectionately in the Lord, Ian and Françoise Newberry.



Mario & Helen Ponce, 8.6.10

I have a elders and leaders conference at Tarija from the 5th to the 8th of August. We haven't decided yet if we will fly or go by road. We will probably fly to save time. It's a two day road trip.

Last Friday we celebrated Mothers day with the ladies in the prison. Helen and other two sisters set the tables nicely and had afternoon tea with them. Helen always invites me to speak at Christmas and mothers day. I gave a short message of encouragement. They had 64 ladies. They had a gift for each of them. They were so grateful and happy. The prison ladies prepared a special number and sang, Fix your eyes upon Jesus, in Spanish of course.

Wishing you all God's Blessing.

#### **David and Brigitte Sutherland, 8.6.10**

This week's programme is in many ways similar to every week's programme - visits, hospitality and meetings ... This afternoon, a lady is coming to see us for a regular time of prayer and counselling. Her family situation is very difficult as her husband is in prison for attempted murder. This evening, after spending time with a young man who is a believer,

but is having problems with temptation, I will rehearse with the group for the annual music festival planned on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. We will be singing in Arras city centre, right in front of the main Post office. This will be a great opportunity to meet people and to share the gospel. While I sing at the rehearsal, Brigitte will meet with a lady who has just phoned and asked to see Brigitte this evening due to a personal problem.

Tomorrow, I have a meeting with another local Christian. He is a father of four who is depressed. We meet each week. It was good to see him out last Sunday for the first time in at least 6 weeks. Tomorrow morning, Brigitte will spend time with a friend whose husband is depressed and needing prayer. On Thursday, I will be leading the Bible study. We are due to look at the first few verses in Hebrews 12, after spending five months in Hebrews 11.

### **Graham and Alison Black, 7.6.10**

You may remember us mentioning the need for a studio recording technician to replace our present one, Ray Kornbau, who has been involved with the ministry since 1968 and who should have already retired. The need still remains and is becoming more urgent as time goes on. In an effort to try and fulfil this need we have written to Missionary language schools, Bible Colleges and Theological seminaries in France, Belgium and Switzerland to see if any of their students would be interested in becoming involved in this kind of ministry.

We would ask you therefore to pray along with us concerning this need as we try and do our part and look to the Lord to meet it.

We are very happy to report that Gladys (whom we have mentioned several times now) continues to make progress health wise and has been involved in outreach efforts recently both in her home church and elsewhere but continues to face difficulty and opposition at home and finds this very discouraging. Please continue to remember her in prayer.

We are most encouraged by the requests that we receive for the beginner's course in the Gospel of John and our prayer would be that those who enrol for the course will go through to the end of it and beyond. A number of prisoners have completed this course and are now moving on to do other courses. It's obvious that some of them are really interested and we would ask you to pray for them.

A big 'thankyou' to all of you who have written us some words of encouragement recently and who use this prayer/news bulletin in Church gatherings or elsewhere. We join in thanking you again for your interest and prayers and in sending our warm greetings in the Lord,

### **Jim and Betty Burnett, 5.6.10**

We hope to have our previously arranged furlough From 23<sup>rd</sup> June but only until 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Our daughter Anne is traveling with us and staying for three weeks. She has not been in Scotland for

eight years and then her husband Marcelo is coming for a literal “Doctors Visit” then he and Anne travel back to Argentina.

From the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> October the Assemblies in Argentina are having a week of Centenary Conferences over a week in October to celebrate the anniversary of the first General Conference held in Buenos Aires in 1910 when all the speakers were foreign missionaries. The last three days are held in a single venue with as many as 3000 plus attending daily. The place is certainly not the last word in comfort .However the believers don’t seem to mind. There is an interval but no food provided. There are sandwiches and soft drinks on sale. We prefer like many more to take a picnic and a flask of real tea to drink.

The brethren have placed enough confidence in me to give the closing message then. I already feel the burden of that. The need is so great and the potential for God too.

### David and Maureen Wood, 5.6.10



New life and new beginnings are what our seniors in Grace International School now face having graduated on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately we were unable to attend the ceremony but we know that God has great plans for these new graduates as they step out and move on to new adventures with Him in colleges, universities and volunteer work placements in the far corners of the world. David enjoyed introducing some of these graduates to something new this semester – computer drafting and Auto Cad – which has sparked an interest, and encouraged him to try new things which will help him realise his ambitions. Please pray for all the graduates as they face many new situations over the next few months and make new friends.

A large plot of ground has been located for the new site of Grace International School. Typical of the land in the northern area it is presently a rice field and will only become suitable for building when it is filled with a considerable amount of dirt and levelled off.



It is hoped that purchase of the land will be completed by March 2011, depending on availability of funds. To date there remains nothing new on the court case. There are constant set backs and delays in the system which cause the wheels to move very slowly. However this does mean that the present location is still able to be used, although no new work or upgrades can be made to the structures, instead just limited maintenance and juggling of classroom space to fit class sizes.



I continue to enjoy being part of the Special Needs Dept where we have a hardworking devoted staff of 12, touching the lives of over 80 students in elementary and High School with Occupational Therapy, English as a Second language, Speech and Language, NILD, and Interactive Metronome to name some of the services provided.