



Sharon's turn to write

Dear friends

Congratulations if you noticed that we missed a newsletter at the end of January. Consequently this letter is a summary of the past two months.

Early in January we took Josiah back to boarding school and then stayed on in Malawi to sort out some things that needed doing, like visits to the dentist and getting the car serviced. Thereafter we headed up to Lake Malawi where five of us enjoyed a lovely week's holiday. The highlight of the week was swimming among the swarms of beautiful cichlid fish in the clear waters at Cape Maclear. We had been told it was like swimming in a fish tank, and we would have to agree with that description. The scariest moment of the week was when I went for a morning swim in the Lake, got out onto the rocks and saw there was a crocodile in the water just 20 metres away. We all gave thanks that I saw him before he saw me. It didn't stop me swimming in the lake, but we were far more vigilant in scanning the water before getting in after that.

We timed our return so that we could pick up Oliver Heath from Blantyre airport and bring him back to Tete for his three-month placement with us. Unfortunately things did not go according to plan. We're still not quite sure what went wrong, but Oliver decided not to stay. He was with us just five days before flying out. This was a big disappointment as we had been looking forward to having him with us and had lined up some exciting programs for him to kick start.

On a more positive note, Gregory was very pleased with the hard work put in by his youth evangelists. Even while we were away in Malawi they kept themselves busy with various preaching activities, and were excited to see people responding to their message. They are

now back at school so are no longer officially working on the programme. However, they have 'caught the bug' and have not entirely stopped their evangelistic activities. Their latest venture is visiting various homes and screening Christian DVDs which Gregory has given to them for this purpose. There is no cinema in the city and not many people can afford their own TV. A number of enterprising individuals capitalise on this paucity of entertainment by setting up shelters where they screen movies and charge people a small sum to come and watch them. One of our young men has been so bold as to approach one of the proprietors of these movie houses and offer to screen his films.

On the evangelistic side we have also been delighted to receive ten more Saber MP3 players and thousands of tracts and John's gospels which were sent out from Northern Ireland on the last container to Malawi. These will be well used in open air and house-to-house evangelism over the coming months.

Josiah was with us for a week over his half term break, and we had a very good time with him. He passed all his mock GCSE exams, mostly with excellent grades. He has joined some clubs at the school now and seems to be more 'at home' there. This month end he turned 16. It was his first birthday away from home which was a very strange experience for all of us. We understand that some family friends in Blantyre invited him for dinner and made him a cake, so he knew he wasn't forgotten.

Daniel also had a birthday this month. He turned 13 and has reached that stage when we can't feed him enough, and a new pair of trousers fits him for around three weeks. We had a nice surprise in that the weekend before his birthday our very good friends, the Kers, were in Tete. They joined us in church and then came for lunch before heading home. We declared it an early



birthday party and cracked open a big tub of ice cream. Daniel had expected his birthday to be a quiet family affair, and was thrilled by this lovely surprise. It was a shame that Josiah was not around, but the noise levels didn't seem any lower with only seven children than they are with all eight.

The month ended with a bang as we performed our third wedding in under 12 months. In the previous two weddings it was the groom who was our church member and he had met his bride elsewhere. They were also both Zimbabwean couples. This wedding was different in that the bride and groom were both Mozambicans and it was the bride, Hilda, who was our church member. In fact she was one of the first people to join the church when we planted it in November 2006. Hilda has proved herself very faithful, opening her home for prayer meetings, frequently helping to lead worship, and being very active in visiting and encouraging others. She has become a very close friend to me, and it was a joy and privilege to be involved in her wedding.

Since the couple are both Mozambicans, Gregory conducted the ceremony in Portuguese. It was also a first in that the bride and groom arrived at the church on time. Sadly everyone else was very late, being accustomed to weddings starting at least 90 minutes after the advertised time. We used that time to take the photographs in a local park, and by the time we got back to the church enough people had arrived to enable us to start. The ceremony went very smoothly and, although there was a huge amount of confusion and long delays related to the reception, eventually everyone was fed and went home satisfied. Hilda and Samuel were in church the following morning looking absolutely radiant. Sadly this will be her last Sunday with us as Samuel lives in Maputo and she will be moving to live with him. We will miss her very much.

Finally a comment about the weather which has been most peculiar this year. The early rains were good, but ended far too soon, causing much of the maize crop to wither in the ground. We were crying to God for rain, but when January ended with no rain we pretty much lost hope. However, this month has been very wet. It has rained every day for the past 10 days, except on Hilda's wedding day. There are big muddy puddles everywhere, providing endless entertainment for the small children who spend their days splashing in them. For the first time in our years in Mozambique we have to engage four-wheel drive to get from our house to the main road. Whether this late rain can give the people a harvest remains to be seen. The crops need not only the right amount of rain but also at the right time in the growing cycle. However, even if the harvest is poor, we give thanks to God that the rivers will flow and there will be grazing for the animals.

Grace to you

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Prayer Requests

- Pray that there will be enough of a harvest for people to live on, and that help will be available to those who don't reap anything.
- Thank God that Josiah's mock exams went well. Pray for him as he gears up to his GCSE exams later this year.
- Give thanks for the wedding of Hilda and Samuel. Pray for them as they set up home as a new couple in Maputo. Hilda is leaving her family, and will have to add another African language (Shangaan) to the four languages she already speaks. Pray for her to achieve this quickly and to make friends.
- The crocodile incident was just one of a number of scary incidents in the past two



months. Please continue to pray for our health and safety.

- Our international church currently rents an old cinema, but we really need to buy our own land and build a premises. It is proving extremely difficult to find a plot in a suitable location for a reasonable price, partly because buying land always becomes a political issue. Pray that God opens the door for us.
- Pray that we keep our eyes on Jesus during times of discouragement, and don't lose heart.

Boring but Important

Would you like to contribute financially to our work in Mozambique? Send your cheque or debit instructions to Elim International Missions, Elim International Centre, De Walden Road, West Malvern, WR14 4DF, or as appropriate to the Irish Missions Director at 1-3 Old Cross St, Newtownards, N. Ireland, BT23 7NW. However - and this is very important - you need to make it clear that your gift is for the "Kanes in Mozambique." Your generosity will enable us to continue our different training and development programmes. Elim's charity number is 251549 in England and SC037754 in Scotland.

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Sharon's Joke of the Month

Slips of the tongue are often made on the stage, even by the most prominent actors and actresses.

Mrs. Langtry at one performance said to her stage lover, 'Let us retire and seek a nosey cook.'

An actor at the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, turned 'Stand back, my lord, and let the coffin pass' into, 'Stand back, my lord, and let the parson cough.'

A well-known actor who has often been applauded by New York theatre-goers, in one of his speeches intended to say, 'Royal bold Caesar,' but forgot himself in his excitement and said, 'Boiled rolled Caesar, I present thee with my sword.'

Gregory's Quote of the Month

"A happy marriage is the union of two forgivers."
- Ruth Bell Graham