

THE BECKLEYS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Brethren,

James Beard- December began with a visit from one of the members of a congregations that supports me. James Beard was sent by the elders to encourage and assist me because of the somewhat difficult time I have been having with my health. James was with us for two weeks and was a good helper and capable of dealing with just about any situation that arose. He not only was an encouragement, but I could not have made the needed trip to Mozambique without his assistance, or someone like him. My wife and I are grateful to the elders for sending James to us. His previous experiences in foreign fields gave him a advance understanding of cultural differences and “overseas” problems.

Mozambique Trip- On our way to Mozambique, Dec. 9, James Beard and I visited with **Robert Dzambukeri in Phalaborwa**. Robert was converted while in prison at KSCC back in April of 2003. He was then released some time near Sept 2006 on the grounds of lack of evidence for a conviction when his case was reviewed. He has remained faithful and an asset to the church in that area. Robert recently married and is now trying to send his bride back to Johannesburg to attend a business school. He later called me and said due to the wedding expenses, he only had half of the money and was R1500 (\$203) short of the required school fees. His wife is about 26 years old. He helped us to get Tsonga Bibles which we needed for Mozambique that we were not able to get in Louis Trichardt Robert took us to a shop near where he works. They had one. Then he took us to the open market where we were able to find 4 more (albeit the same book for about \$2 more for each one), leaving us 3 short.



Leaving Phalaborwa the same day, we drove on to White River where **Bob (Rob) Buchanan** preaches and joined the brethren for their Wednesday evening Bible Study. Afterwards, we ate a late supper with Bob and Cheryl. I especially wanted James to meet Bob who is a South African doing a great job of preaching in the White River area as well as in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and recently in Kenya. We spent the night in the city of Nelspruit. The next



Maputo roadside open market

morning, I drove a couple of hours, crossed the border and then James drove through Maputo and on up the National Road 1 of Mozambique. When we arrived, we set up the two tents for the night.

Friday our studies began at **Javanyani** Sifo. But that morning we first had to go into Chokwe, a town about 16 kms away, in order to get ice to keep the food cool and to pickup Lawrence along the way for our first Bible study. I had studied with **Lawrence** before and he is making progress over the months. He has changed some of his teaching due to our studies and Arao's study with him. He is a leader in a denomination, but he can't seem to get past mechanical music and clapping in worship. We went over the principles of authority once more. That evening, the brothers and sisters were finally free to gather and I preached on the requirement of change in order to grow.

Saturday morning we were scheduled to study with the young men, Nelson, Nelson and Osavlo, who became Christians in November,. Unfortunately, the coffin of a man brought over from South Africa was placed with a nearby family. This made Saturday morning their funeral



Nelson, Nelson, & Osavlo

time, so our class on commitment with the three young men was hijacked until about one that afternoon. Around 4pm that afternoon, Arao brought **Clara Tivani** (Arao's sister-in-law) to study with James Beard on how to become a Christian. While they were studying, a Christian, Inacio Sigauque, who had been studying with his uncle, **Gonsalve Sigauke**, brought his uncle to listen to the study. James must have done a pretty good job for both Clara and Gonsalve made it known that they wanted to be baptized that evening.



Clara

We had previously baptized people in the Limpopo river, but ever since a person was attacked and killed by a crocodile earlier in the year, Arao did not go there to baptize anymore. This left us with only the option of the portable baptistry which I brought there in Sept of

2007. It worked fine in spite of two broken supports, but we either had to take the baptistry to the water pump or bring the water to the baptistry and it was getting dark. So we put the baptistry together and two young men carried it all the way to the water pump. Since it was time to begin the evening service, James preached a lesson on the Sower while I, the boys, and the **two to be baptized** went to the pump. We filled the soft plastic liner and baptized the two by torch light (a flashlight). By the time everything was taken care of and we returned to the evening study, James was finished preaching. That evening at 9PM, Francisco and Inacio came by for more study. A few others joined in and we talked about what it means to deny Jesus and the problem about wearing crosses around our necks.



Gonsalve

Sunday was a good day, but very humid. Arao began teaching the books of the Bible to the young people about 9AM. At 10AM the adults joined in while James taught the class and Arao translated. I preached at 11AM on Owing our Sins, pointing out the need for public confession of public sins, the mental





Men's class- the potential grows

steps we take in repentance, and what to do when fellowship is broken. After service, James and I ate and were trying to survive the heat while getting a some rest under what little shade and breeze we could find. My notes I took says the young men came for more study at 3PM as the picture shows and that an evening class was held for all, but my memory fails me on the details. I had failed to write down the details close to the event as I usually do. That night rain poured down and the wind was severe. It was so bad that Arao came out in the middle of the night to see if we were needing more permanent shelter. I was pleasantly surprised that our light-weight tents held their ground against

such rain and wind, despite being pitched on sand. We were blessed with reasonably good weather during our stay. It was rainy season and it could have been very miserable.

Monday our plan was to reach Nelspruit, South Africa, but we began so early (the sun was up around 5AM) and we went through the border without delay, that we decided to drive straight home. We arrived about 5:30 PM, but it made for a very long day.



Baptism- On the 20th of December, Brother Edward Malada and wife brought his daughter who had returned from a Johannesburg business school to be baptized. Bro Malada worships at Gadabe where Ron Chaffin has been preaching once a month and Ron baptized Mulalo Malada.

Local Work- On my return from Mozambique I began a **six-month commitment to work with the church at Tshiozwi**. We have begun an adult Bible class on Sunday mornings on the life of Christ and the sermon follows making a specific application from the Bible study. Attendance started out low for the Bible study hour, but it is now increasing in number. Ron has been preaching at Tshiozwe once a month and having a Bible study when he was there. This was the only class they were having. I am hoping that they get used to coming and studying on Sunday mornings and that it becomes a part of their mindset. Please go to my wife's blog and read about several of these Christians, pictures included:

www.pleonast.com/granny



I finally finished up the prison classes for the year. There were a few cancelled classes due to prison activities which put us very far behind. Since we are not allowed to take pictures in the prison, this photo is an exception to the rule. It was taken by a man inside the prison with the permission of the prison officials. It pictures Ron Chaffin, an inmate we have studied with, Tshildzi Matumba, and myself.

Chaffins in USA- Ron and Carole Chaffin left for America on Dec 26 due to the death of Michael Crim, Carole's son who lost his life in a skiing accident. We pray that the Lord will comfort them in this difficult time knowing he was a faithful child of God and that God will give them safety in their return to us. They plan to be back on January 13 and resume their work.

Zimbabwe Relief- The **Relief request** for the needy saints in the Mutare area received an **unprecedented response** with brethren promising over \$26,000. This allowed a maximum distribution of \$30/ per family for January through March 2010. The distribution is not finished as I write this report, but it is becoming clear that there will be some money beyond the immediate need which will either be used in other parts of Zimbabwe, as needs are verified, or kept for the needy saints until April's needs arise throughout the harvest time in May. As usual, last minute updated requests of the needy families in Mutare Zimbabwean congregations have been coming in and playing havoc with amounts and schedules. But I believe we have

accommodated them all. A table with all the current information will soon follow as soon as I have all the Stateside information. This will be sent to you for transparency sake. I am human and therefore fallible and open to mistakes, so please, if you see a mistake or have a query, contact me so any matter can be cleared up immediately.

Corrections- Corrections from *November's Report*:

- Under **Zimbabwe Relief**,
 - \$40 by Stan Lewis of Texas (not Florida)
 - "This left \$55 from the Oaks-West church money..." (not \$45). This money helped pay for transport used. For full details, request: *Mutare Relief 2009-11-23 updated 2009-12.pdf*
- Under **Mozambique Relief**:
 - "Balance of Jim Beckley's money," \$83, (not \$73)
 - "Dave Beckley, balance" \$401.94 (not \$307.89) For full details, request: *Mozambique Relief 2009-11-24.pdf*

Dave's Finances:

1. The following is to let you know the expenses that we incurred in our activities and the practical use of funds we have received this month.
 - a. Board for Tshildizi (and a few days for Marubini) who is studying, translating and teaching with me (part of month)
 - b. Mozambique Trip expenses (after James Beard portion): \$598.03, includes R250(\$33.72) subsistence
 - c. Messenger for S. Musandiwa, \$50.
 - d. Gift of \$200 from family
 - e. Anonymous gift \$100
2. Personal exchange rate loss for **December @7.4125** = -\$172.52 (adjusted salary puts support gain for month \$417) = total gain of 244.48, leaving a balance of \$11197.39 for future support & exchange rate differences.
3. Regular income below:

Regular SUPPORT for: 2009	Oct. 2009 money, date, ck#	Nov. 2009 money, date, ck#	Dec. 2009 money, date, ck#
Huffman	400 9/21#3438	400 10/21#3516	400 11/20#3533
Southside, Somerset, Ky	330 11/4#7000964	330 12/7#7000975	330 1/5#7000984
N.32nd. St Paducah, Ky	800 30#9001315644	900 12/02#9001822454	900 1/5#90002319707
Eastside Mt. View, Ar	500 27#38583158	500 30#50340994	500 28#0060872416
anonymous #1	300 11/2#2646	300 30#2684	300 28#2690
Oaks -West Burnet Tx	1200 11/9#8338	1200 12/7#8365	1200 1/5#8391
Inman Pk., Winter Haven, Fl	200 11/4#5897	200 12/7#5904	200 1/6#5918
Oak Hill church,..... Ky	100 11/2#1035	100 23#1048	100 23#1059
Warren Boss	50 13#2323	50 13#2350	50 14#2430
Home Suite, Kentucky	667 11/4#38426553	667 12/7#54249254	667 1/5#0062786234
Tom Spargo		200 12/7#4609	200 18#4616
Eastside, Baytown TX	700 11/2#5094	700 12/4#5157	700 1/4#5193
Honeysuckle church, Ala	-	600 12/4#5829	700 1/8#5848

brotherly,
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