

The Greville's Newsletter November 2021 to February 2022



The end of 2021 was a busy time for Pro•Vision International. It was decided at board level to take an office at Macadamia Medical and Health Centre at No 56 Impala Street, White River. This will be an extremely convenient place to work from, and for holding meetings of up to seven people. The office is now set up, furnished and functioning and we are enjoying the facility and convenience.

On 20th November we held our last board meeting for the year, and it was a revue and celebration of God's goodness to us in expanding ministry and increased support. That evening we had a celebratory dinner at Ted and Joy's home, with many of our staff and volunteers joining us. The evening closed with a time of worship and praise to our faithful God, led by Leon and Elmarie. It felt as if Heaven had come down.



Board meeting in session



Sandra, Lesley, Shalom



Sandra and Kosy



The three musketeers, Mark, Mumba and Karl.



"Pray for each other....."



Young Rafael, Jessica, Mumba, Sarah-Jane, Kosy Jnr
Kosy Snr, Jacoba, Joy, and Ted



Charles, Shalom, Jayden, Elmarie, Jacqui, Damon
Kosy, Jacoba, Joy, and Ted



Joyful group of the Lord's servants

Early in December we headed for Johannesburg for some ministry commitments, to spend time with family and grandchildren and to collect brother Justin (a cerebral palsy person) who was to spend four weeks with us over Christmas and New Year.



Our granddaughters Naomi, 6, and Hannah, 4, arranged an art exhibition in Warwick and Rachel's lounge, of all the "artwork" produced at school over the year



Sandra with Naomi and Hannah

We are so proud of our son Adam: In February he was admitted as a Notary Public, and his practice is growing.

Our grandson Luke in New Zealand was six months old on 28th February. He is a beautiful, happy child. All credit to Clare and Gary.



At the end of February Geraldine accompanied Peter to the Netherlands to help him settle into his new home. He will be working there with his new employers for the foreseeable future

The Christmas/New Year period is always a time of increased workload for us. Apart from church and family commitments, yearend functions and celebrations, our different ministries and projects carry on, and we have to ensure that support is timeously distributed, and that the many orphans under our care are looked after.

For Christmas day we always look for individuals or couples who would otherwise be on their own, and invite them to join us. We had a happy party of seven to celebrate our Saviour's birth.

In mid-January we travelled to Johannesburg to put Justin on a plane to return to Pevensey Place at Underberg in KZN.

The ministry work.

El Roi Clinic, Msholoji, White River

The ministry of the clinic has carried on without interruption throughout the past year of Covid, ministering to hundreds of the poorest of the poor with primary health care services, such as pre-natal and post-natal care, dietary advice and provision of healthy basic foodstuffs, geriatric care, diagnosis and treatment of malaria, bilharzia, AIDS, Covid, and other conditions. All of this at no cost.

The patients that come to El Roi are treated with respect, love, patience and compassion, to a degree that they are quickly aware that there is something different about Jacqui and her volunteer nurses. This gives the opportunity to reveal the message of the saving power of Jesus Christ.

The containers that have been converted for clinic use are awaiting drier weather, to be placed on the stand in Msholoji.



Prayers and devotions before
clinic starts for the day



Completed container conversion



Inside the container, - two
consultation/treatment
rooms per container

Basin cabinet in each room

Jerusalem Ministries (JM)

Jerusalem Ministries is a multi-faceted work operating in and around Port Elizabeth.

Twenty-three men, recovering addicts, are being ministered to at the White Lodge Restoration Centre. Over the last twenty years or so, hundreds of men have passed through White Lodge and returned to society as gainfully employed, useful individuals who are contributing positively to the community.

The Diocese of Port Elizabeth of the Anglican Church of South Africa hold the title to the White Lodge, but the couple who left the property in a bequest to the Diocese stipulated that they should make the property available rent-free to JM in perpetuity, for the purposes of running the Restoration Ministry. The Diocese has now offered the property for sale to JM and we are hopeful that we will be able to raise the funds to conclude the purchase.

The Human Dignity Centre (HDC), which was situated on four hectares of land west of Walmer township, was the home of a primary school, an adult skills training centre, and an after school care centre. Over a two week period during the initial Covid lockdown, the centre was burgled and stripped, to the extent that only the bare walls remain.

A temporary facility was built in the grounds of a church in the township, but the authorities ordered JM to dismantle it as it did not comply with the regulations. The HDC property has been put up for sale, and the hope is that the proceeds of the sale will be sufficient to erect a new building in a more suitable and safer location.

The National Freedom Network

The National Freedom Network is an organisation working from Johannesburg, and coordinating with more than one hundred other organisations throughout Southern Africa and around the world, working to counter human trafficking, forced prostitution and enslavement. Due to the nature of their work we cannot comment too much on their activities. Suffice it to say that human trafficking is the largest industry on earth, with billions of dollars changing hands daily.

Every effort, every avenue and every resource must be used to combat this great evil. Our founder and director, Ted Carr, is responsible for mentoring and coming alongside the self-sacrificing leaders of this visionary organisation with our M cubed model, Mentoring, Management, and Money.

May God prosper, protect and give them favour in this awesome work.

The Starfish Project

The work of the Starfish Project is the rescue of abandoned babies, to feed them, clothe them and take care of them, until a foster home can be found for them, or better still, adoptive parents.

We know that children are a gift from God, and that each of us is made in the image of God. So in God's eyes, an abandoned baby has as much value as a world famous artist, perhaps more so, just by virtue of their vulnerability.

This awe-inspiring work is headed up by the founders, Cecil and Janice Spenser, from Pretoria. Responsibility for the M Cubed implementation is with Ted Carr.

Provisao Mozambique

The work in Mozambique under the able leadership of Mark and Les Harper, has been abundantly fruitful. They are involved in initiatives throughout Mozambique.

Live School

The Life School aims to engage new or young believers and take them through a thorough discipling course, give them a solid Bible knowledge, and equip them with practical experience in outreach and sharing the Gospel. The Life School classes normally consist of about twenty students and have been held in Maputo, Xai Xai, Beira, and several other locations. A number of students have graduated since the School's inauguration.

National Missionary School

This initiative seeks to take more mature believers who feel that they have a calling to Missionary/Evangelism work within Mozambique, and equip them for their life's calling.

Refugee Relief

Since the radical Islamic insurgency began in Cabo Del Gado province several years ago, and is now intensifying exponentially, Mark and Les have been involved in assisting the refugees to move to safer areas, and to provide them with blankets, clothing and food.

In addition to this they have been encouraging missionaries and pastors who have chosen to remain in the area. Mark and Les have made a number of trips to the North taking food and emergency supplies, and encouragement to the Christian communities there. It is a harrowing round trip of over 3000km over the worst roads imaginable.

Our Father's House

Mark and Les, with the help of volunteers, take care of about twenty orphans who are called Royal Treasures. They are clothed, fed and schooled at Our Father's House.



Royal Treasures enjoy a day at the beach



The Royal Treasures with Mark and Les and volunteer helpers



Live School graduates proudly showing off their certificates



Mark and Les with National Missionary candidates

Youth With A Vision, Zimbabwe

This ministry is principally to orphans and the aged. It takes place in five different locations around Zimbabwe and is headed up by Pastor Bonface Mutudza. Approximately eleven hundred orphans are cared for, fed, clothed, and schooled.

There is an agricultural project at Mazoe, north of Harare, producing grain and vegetables which contribute substantially to the feeding of the orphans countrywide. This season has seen the highest rainfall for many, many years, and a record crop is expected.

Over the last two years, in spite of the difficulties posed by Covid, two boreholes have been sunk, one at Mazoe, and one at Derembwe. They have been equipped with well pumps powered by solar panels, storage tanks and irrigation networks. A third borehole is presently being sunk at Chivhu and is expected to be operational before the start of the dry season which begins in a couple of months. All this has been achieved through the generosity of donors in Memphis, Tennessee and Washington DC.

The orphans not only have the benefit of having their physical needs taken care of, but they are taught from the Bible, they learn life skills, and the value of a life of faith and trusting in God, is imparted to them.



Corn, as high as an elephant's eye





Water tanks being erected at
Derembwe

Messiah For Kenya Children's Home (MFK)

MFK Children's Home, under the direction of Pastor Isaac Obwacha, cares for two hundred and ten orphans. There are one hundred and twenty one girls and eighty nine boys.

Due to the shortage of suitable accommodation, the building of a home for the girls was commenced in 2020. Initially the building made rapid progress until a slow down in donation funding was experienced. The contractor, and the building materials supplier, who are both members of the MFK, were so keen to see the home completed that they continued to work and supply material, even in the absence of payment.

When we at Pro•Vision discovered this, a considerable debt had accumulated. We instructed MFK to cease building until the debt had been settled. Due to a generous gift from a Canadian donor, a large part of this debt was cleared. Presently, there is still a further amount to be settled before building can be resumed.

Meanwhile, the children are being accommodated in the homes of members of the community. We are hopeful and prayerful that funds will soon be available to complete the work, and that the children can be brought back together again.



The girls home in its present state.

Pastor Isaac



We are hopeful that with the general easing of travel restrictions this year, we will be able to travel to Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Kenya, the United Kingdom, the USA, and Canada in the near future.

Our travel agent advises that with the backlog due to Covid it could take five months to obtain a US or Canadian visa. We will put it in the Lord's hands and trust Him for favour and the right outcome

Thank you all so much for your faithful support and encouragement during these difficult times. We pray that our loving and faithful Father will protect, bless, guide and lead you in all things.

With much love

Damon and Sandra