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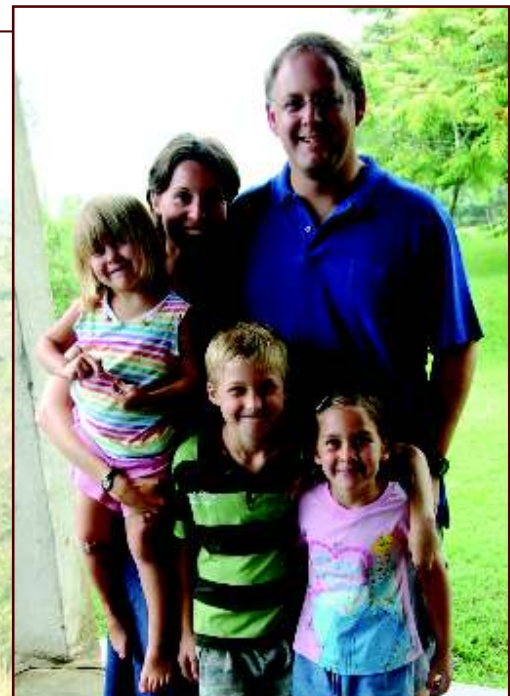
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## Missionary Families

Our family continues to enjoy the privilege of sharing the gospel and seeing lives touched through God's Word. **Pieter** (91/2) is in Grade 4 this year. Whenever he is able, he loves going to villages with Daddy. After school he loves to play rugby with his team against other schools. **Sarah** (8) is in Grade 2 and also enjoys going to school and playing with her friends. When South Africa recently had elections, she thought that political *party* poster in town actually meant that people were invited to different *parties*!

**Katelyn** (4) enjoys attending play school in the morning. She is very skilled in tracing and making detailed pictures to hang on our walls. During the long summer break in December, the children love it when we take them camping and swimming. They bring us great joy and are growing so quickly! Thank-you for all of your prayers as we raise these little ones. May God bless your families too!

- Luan & Susanne Goosen



We are doing well as a family, and we are now used to the life and ministry here in Mozambique. Last April we completed three years of ministry and we thank God to allow us to be part of his work, and especially for the way He has been taking care of us, meeting our family's daily needs as well as for the ministry. We are now used to the Portuguese and Shangaan languages, culture as well as long travels for the ministry. Our children are also getting used to life here. Nicole will be 10 this year and she is doing well at school; she is now in Grade 4 in a local school here in Maputo. Joshua will complete 5 years this year. Immaculee has seen these last three years as a success on her part as she balances her ministry with ladies in Boane with family responsibilities.

-Anastase & Immaculee Nzabilinda



## One Body, One Family, One Temple

We often call you partners, which means you support and pray for ZEMA missionaries. We often remind you that we are working together in fulfilling God's call to teach the Bible to the millions of amaZioni in Southern Africa. You may be in the U.S. and our missionaries are in Southern Africa but we each need the other for anything to be accomplished. We have a good relationship but I have been reminded recently that we are more than partners, we are family. Our bonds are stronger than just working on the same project, they are deeper than having a sense of purpose and commitment or calling. We are part of the same body. The Apostle Paul explains, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of

God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:19-21). These metaphors which Paul uses to describe who we are as the church have brought us together to serve as a family and each of us are part of a building God is constructing for his glory. We are part of God's worldwide family. I hope you enjoy a little bit of news from your relatives in ZEMA today.



Dr Mike McDowell

*Mike*

*What an amazing time to see our children grown and seeking God's direction and plan for their lives. And how encouraged and blessed we are that they continue to share their lives and aspirations with us. Ryne has been manager for "receiving" at a Spar grocery store for almost 2 years. Corbin has just finished his first year at Moody Bible Institute. And Kyle is in his last year of grade school, beginning high school in 2012. We are delighted to see our children growing into capable men who love and desire to serve Jesus.*

- Greg & Carlene Seghers



We have been busy with visiting supporters in RSA, have been to East London, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Port Elizabeth. It has been a long haul, however it has been good to catch up with folk that are involved in our lives, and the ministry. Nathan has had enough of being out of his comfort zone, and is a different child when at home. After our Port Elizabeth visit, it will be missions week, with 6 visiting teams, then we will be back into our normal routine. Each place we have been to, has made us even more aware of the need for more workers. We met new Zion church leaders, ( and we were not even looking for them) with the potential for many more ZEBS classes.

- Barry & Louise Adkins

There was a time.....when we could tell you ALL ABOUT OUR KIDS.....and as they could not read.....they were not embarrassed.

NOW, it's different, and while we would love to tell you ALL ABOUT THEM, let's just say that we're really proud parents who are not really enjoying the 'empty nest' quite yet!

- After studying for five years in Bloemfontein Christopher has decided to stay on there next year and has signed a contract with an Accounting firm in Bloemfontein.
- Gregory is now in his second year at the Baptist Theological College - believing that the Lord will open the right doors of ministry at the right time
- Naomi has settled well into varsity life and is getting the marks to make a parent proud!

Then of course come the 'ou toppies' (being translated ...'old folks'). 2011 will be remembered as the 'Year of the Long Knives' as both of us had to undergo surgery. We learned in practical terms what we have spoken so often about - God's Grace is indeed sufficient, His healing hand is powerful and His mercy is great. We thank all who have prayed for us, and we are trusting now with these matters behind us, we will see a very productive second half of the year.

- Richard & Geraldine Akers



The Lord has blessed us with a great start. After spending some time at Sunbury and in Johannesburg, we are now settling into King William's Town in the Eastern Cape. It's been a joy learning the ropes of ministry and working together with the Goosen Family. A great avenue for making new friends has been plugging into our local church and two weekly Bible studies. We are excited to be settling into our new home here and preparing for the birth of our first child, due to be born September 1! We thank the Lord for these blessings. Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Jon & Lauren Emanuelson



We praise God for our three daughters and their families. Our two oldest are married and we have three grandsons. We are especially blessed to be able to visit them on a regular basis whenever we have to go into South Africa for meetings. They have also been able to visit us. We do pray often for our colleagues who have family overseas and far away who cannot see them as often as we can - and then we remember how blessed we are!

We have had quality time with each of our grandchildren this year. Kirsten and Haydn had to go away on a business trip and asked us to in their home to take care of 15 month old Riley. We traveled through during the week and Andy traveled back to Swaziland to teach over the weekend. We had a great time with him - he does not want to miss anything that is going on. He has great ball skills and enjoys any time he can spend out of doors. Quintin and Andrea and their sons spent about ten days with us over the Easter holidays. It was wonderful to be able to show Carson, who is 4 1/2 where we live. Raiden, 18 months, loved picking fruit off the trees and riding his bike down the slope next to our home. They loved being able to play in our huge grounds and to have a picnic by a river. We were so blessed to be able to take them to the local hotel and play Putt-Putt, swim in their pool and have a meal at a discounted price as the manager regards us as their neighbor.



- Andy & Heather Sullivan

### Coming Soon . . .

**ZEMA Picnic**  
**June 26, 2011, 1pm**  
**Shiloh Park - Exchange Club Shelter**  
**RSVP: ZEMA@zema.org**  
**847.872.7363**

### Coming Later . . .

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**with E-NEWSLETTER in the subject line. We will let**  
**you know when it is available! Thanks!**

Our reality: 3 children, 3 continents, 3 years ... till now. We are currently in the USA for our home assignment. Besides our normal "work" we are abundantly blessed to have quality family time ... seeing our eldest daughter Marie and her husband, Jonathan, in London on our way over, living close to our son Matthew, seeing brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins and Tim's mother have only increased our blessing. We are savoring the times together and saving up memories for the future.



Please pray for:

- Marie and Jonathan – God's will for their future
- Matthew as he returns to Moody full-time in the Fall
- And Rachel as she starts her Freshman year at Wheaton College

- Tim & Luann Kuehl