

Employed to make
paper furniture!

Belinda Wilson

Our Neighbours Ministry (ONM) in Bulawayo Zimbabwe recently began a new small business empowerment project to assist people in desperately vulnerable situations to become self-sufficient.

A group of people were assessed and eventually 5 people were selected to attend training in Appropriate Paper-based Technology (APT), being taught by a lovely couple from the UK who came all the way to Zimbabwe to do this (as God led them over time).

Four of the five people being assisted live in the squatter camps that ONM does outreach to, and all 5 were unemployed.



APT uses used cardboard, newspapers and some very basic materials to produce basic furniture and other useful household objects.



The pictures show some of the training, and 2 of the stools and 2 of the bins that were made by people during training. This was their first attempt!

ONM and this small group of people have already taken the first steps in this new business utilizing APT products. Stay tuned for more exciting news soon! Praise God.

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Stretched to
capacity

Sarah Rhodich

Dear Grace Church,

Hope you're all going well! It's all been happening here this last month!

* We've had assignments coming out of our ears (but have thankfully both done pretty well with them),

* we've been continuing to get to know everyone here & are enjoying the social aspects of life on campus,

* we celebrated Scott's 26th birthday during class coffee break & by 16 of us surprising him by taking him go-karting nearby,

* our neighbours had their first baby (yes we're getting some sleep!),

* we're settling into a little church community called Wel-lowgate Chapel,

* we celebrated our 3rd wedding anniversary (on 1st Nov),

* we had our first week-long term break which we spent in Germany visiting my Grandparents & other extended family

* and we're now getting full swing into Term 2. So never a dull moment!

We're learning lots & whilst we often feel stretched to absolute capacity we're so thankful to be here so that we can grow & mature as people and be further equipped for whatever God has in our future.

Stretched to capacity

Of course the reason we are here is to prepare us to live & work cross-culturally. So many in the world are disadvantaged in various ways - they may have limited access to health care & education, they may be stuck in cycles of poverty, they may be without opportunity to learn to read or write, they may have no access to a Bible in their own language, they may never have had the opportunity to hear about Jesus or they may be Christians persecuted for their faith.

These are the people who pull on our heartstrings and who we believe God has laid on our hearts to serve in some way. No doubt we'll feel like we're giving nothing compared to all we will learn from

them, but we want to partner with people living in tough places in the world and perhaps be the bridge to much needed resources and opportunities they lack.

We still don't know exactly where we will end up but at this stage are thinking somewhere in Asia. We sure would value your prayers as the months fly by that God would start to clarify our future direction for us in the time we are here (2 years in total).

Thanks so much for being part of our lives! We appreciate you greatly! Your encouragement prayers & support mean the world to us! Thank you!

May God be your strength and your joy and encourage you each day with the amazing-ness of Who He is!

Love in Christ



Palwano Good News

"It's very dangerous if people don't listen! They need to know the way back to God or they are lost!"

The two of them went over to Dave and Julie's place after that, where Mulita, a lady, was telling Dave she didn't want to listen to the teaching. Dave said, "Cousin, we aren't going to force anyone to listen."

Tossito promptly said to Mulita, "You know, you really should listen! There is a second death and only God can save us." She looked right at him... "Oh?!" she said. "Hmmm. I'm going to think about it."

Chatting the Gospel Meanwhile, we are taking every opportunity, over meals, sitting on the porch, hanging out at people's houses, to talk over what the people have heard. Some seem like they couldn't care less, while others are gripped by the truth.

Tossito and Pilno said they are going to be telling people they need to listen. Pilno said, "We need to listen together, so that we can be of one mind. This is truth!"



Prayer points Please pray for Dave as he prepares and teaches the lessons to many groups. Pray for his health especially.

Please pray that an upcoming Immigration interview will go well so that my visa can be renewed. I have to go to Manila in a couple of weeks to do that

Please pray for Pastor Job and Anna as they preach the Gospel in the lowlands.

Please pray for a solution for our communication issues, that somehow, we can get internet again in the village. We are greatly hampered without it.

Much love in Christ, Till the whole world hears!!

Good News from Palawan

Elise Long

Dear Partners in the Gospel, Greetings from Menti! Thank you for faithfully praying!

The Gospel begins. On Monday morning, I said to my literacy class, "This is a day we've been waiting for. This is the reason God sent us here. Today, Dave will start telling God's story to all who want to listen."

So on Monday afternoon, (7th November, 2011) the public **teaching of God's Word finally began.** In all 22 adults gathered, and some children, in various different family groups. They listened intently.

Dave began by telling the people that in the beginning, there was no one and nothing, only God, and that God was always there. As he described the character of God, everyone was listening intently and heads began to nod in agreement.

"God had no source, and will have no end. He didn't suddenly appear. He always was.

"He needs nothing- not food, or air, or water. He is Spirit

"In the beginning, there were no stars, no sun, no moon, no earth. There were no trees, no ocean, no rivers, no animals, no air, no people. Only God. And He was always there."

Pilno said, "**Banar! That's true!**"

Teaching No.2 As the people left to go home, we encouraged them to come to each teaching time, so when we got ready for them again on Wednesday, we were discouraged that of the first group, only Pilno and Mulok came.

Another eight came in the next group, with a couple of new listeners. So they heard the second lesson, and were amazed that God's Word was written by so many people over such a length of time.

The people react Over lunch today, Tossito and Lito, one of the other language helpers, said to another guy, Pitio, "We all need to know what God says. Palawanos and white people.

"We are all separated from God. We are like the Israelites trapped at the Sea that's Red. Only God can make a way for us to be saved.

PNG is getting closer

Rachel Carlson

Dear family and friends,

It is a little over **2 months before** we intend to **depart for PNG.** We are extremely busy with all the preparations required for our departure. We are **trusting in God** for his plans for us for the next year. It is a very **uncertain time** as we pray and wait to see how God will provide the financial support that is required before we can depart for PNG.

We are packing a crate for PNG. This will include a few kitchen items, manuals/textbooks for Peter, clothes for two years for each of the children, and a few reminders of home.

We have been able to sell other vehicles to pay for a '92 GQ Nissan Patrol, which we plan to eventually ship over to PNG. This will be a blessing as it is difficult to get reliable vehicles in PNG to travel to surrounding areas for ministry, for Bible dedications and other events.

To save on import duty, we will not ship the Patrol over until we have owned it for at least a year.

Praise Points

Granting of our visas only 10 days after we sent the application!

Peter passed his latest exam on 26 October 2011

For our prayer and financial support team

For a visit from Rachel's Mum to help with our preparations

Prayer Points

For physical and emotional strength and good health in all our preparations

For financial support to meet the requirements of Wycliffe by end of November 2011 – we need a further 41%

Love from Peter, Rachel, Elise, Susannah and Joel



Photos from Tasmania

From the top,
Jeune reading from the Word,
Damien teaching on their mission
trip to Hobart,
and the Murray clan at the wedding.



From the
left there
is Todd,
Denise,
Damien,
and
Matt.



FROM THE EDITOR



As a result of proposed changes in the leadership of Grace Church in the New Year, Ross Nancarrow has taken over the chairmanship of the Mission Impact Team, Grace's Missionary Committee.

Ross has indicated that he wants to take time to review the work and ministry of the MIT. The review may not be complete until the New Year.

That review includes:

- all MIT functions,
- the Grace Mission Family and how it is supported and promoted.
- Mission education in the church

The review also includes this magazine, "Mission Impact.", its content, distribution and effectiveness. Therefore this edition will be the last for a little while. Depending upon the result of the review, it may appear again in the New Year

Undoubtedly, the results of the review will be publicised to Grace Church when complete.

Grace Missions Family



Peter and Rachel Carlson. Are members of Wycliffe, heading towards service in the field of Missionary Aviation. They anticipate moving to Ukarumpa in PNG next year. Their up-to-date news and prayer needs are on page three

Compassion. Grace Church has a partnership with a Child Development Project at Merida, in the Philippines.. Please pray for the kids, families and project staff of PH 938.

Flavia Nalwanga Is a girl in Uganda supported by the Children's Ministry through International Needs.

Damien and Jeune Murray at W.E.C. college in Tasmania. They are studying towards a degree in cross cultural ministry. They anticipate missionary service with an unreached people.

Ross and Donna Nancarrow. Ross and Donna are home in Port Macquarie, they continue their love and commitment to ministry in India and Nepal..

Our Neighbours Ministry. In Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Martin Barrow leads "Our Neighbours Ministry", which includes Grace's special field, Isaiah's Home of Love, a babies home. Another ministry is shown on the back page.

Palawan. NTM missionaries have been living with a tribe in the mountains of Palawan Is. (Philippines) studying their language and culture. Grace supports this ministry with special interest in the medical clinic. On the next page read how the Gospel has begun its impact on the tribe.

Scott and Sarah Rohdich. Sarah and Scott are in Grimsby, England to study and prepare for missionary service. Their end goal is to minister with NTM to an unreached tribe. The front page begins their current story.