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**God Calls Us to “Prepare the Way” and Promises
“I Will Be With You” As Face Challenges of 2010**

***Dr Filimao Chambo, Regional Director for Africa, &
Dr David Graves, General Superintendent in
Jurisdiction for Africa***

On 05 January 2010, Dr Filimao Chambo and Dr David and Mrs Sharon Graves met with the Africa Region ministry staff with a challenge to look for God at work and to be prepared for God to work through them in 2010. Dr Chambo reminded the staff that “we can experience much joy and peace in the New Year as we continue to serve the Lord together and as we answer His call to prepare the way so that others may find Salvation”.

Dr Graves, in a devotional from Joshua 3, said, “As we begin 2010, we are moving into new territories with new doors and new challenges. Some will be good, others painful, some spiritual and exciting!

“God’s announcement to us today, as it was to Joshua and the children of Israel in Joshua 3, is that He will be with us and will guide us on the journey, ‘Then you will know which way to go since you have never been this way before’ and, ‘...I am with you as I was with Moses.’

“God also speaks a word of instruction through Joshua which also applies to us; ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.’ Our responsibility is to consecrate all parts of our life totally to the Lord. His response is amazing things! God provided for the children of Israel during the 40 years in the wilderness – water from a rock, manna, quail, soles of shoes that did not wear out. And He will provide for us in 2010.

“Next God tells the children of Israel to take 12 stones from the Jordan and to build a memorial for future generations as a reminder of the amazing things that God had done for them that day. When Neal Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Edwin Aldrin Jr, landed on the moon on 20 July 1969, they erected a memorial to show they had been there by planting an American flag on the surface of the moon. We as Christians must plant our flag as a memorial to where we have been and what God has provided for us. Our flag will say, ‘Jesus is Lord!’”

**See the Amazing Things God Has Done in
2009 & Be Agents of Hope and Transformation
in 2010**

Dr Filimao Chambo, Regional Director for Africa

Dr Filimao Chambo, Regional Director for Africa, reminds the Africa Church that God has provided many opportunities for ministry and service in 2009, and as we responded, God did amazing things on the continent of Africa! Thousands heard the message of salvation at JESUS Film showings, children’s and youth camps, and through other outreach ministries, and asked Christ into their hearts and lives. There were 537 new churches organized and 262 new starts (preaching points) established. Our membership grew to 457,382. and 6,134 men and women responded to Gods call to the ministry by enrolling in Bible and Theological Colleges and the University to prepare for service. Pastors and laypeople, along with other church leaders, disciplined new and growing Christians and mentored others, challenging them to grow in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, thus becoming strong disciples of Jesus and ready to disciple others. Work & Witness teams travelled to sites all over Africa to help build churches, district centres, and child development centres for teaching and ministry, and to witness through VBS and other programmes. NCM provided food for flood, famine, and HIV/AIDS victims and dug wells so that people would have clean water and come to know He who brings the water of life, Jesus. Africa Nazarene Publications continued translating Sunday School and discipleship materials into over 22 languages and translated and printed holiness books for pastors to use in preparing sermons and discipleship. Radio presenters across Africa present the message of salvation to people in their local languages, crossing borders and boundaries, preparing the way for salvation.

I stand in awe as I consider how the Lord uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary mission in Africa. As we begin 2010, I encourage each of you to continue to allow the Lord to do His will through you. I pray that we will be catalysts of scriptural holiness revivals across the continent and be committed to discipleship. May we be agents of hope and transformation to all people, and may our walk in holiness be grace to all people so that they will see and experience the glory of the Lord.



Seminário Nazareno em Moçambique Plans for 2010 & Celebrates Graduation

Dr David Restrick, Dean of Academic Affairs

The first week of December saw the culmination of a year's work at Seminário Nazareno em Moçambique (SNM). The annual meetings of the area facilitators of the SNM extension programme, IBNAL (Instituto Bíblico Nazareno na Africa Lusophone), took place on 01 and 02 December in Maputo, Mozambique. Reports were received from the various areas and plans were discussed and put in place for the new year. Activities continued on 03 and 04 December with the annual meeting of the SNM Board of Trustees. The trustees received reports from the administrators of SNM, and plans were established to study the possibility of a partnership with the Nazarene University of Brazil to offer a bachelor in theology degree in Mozambique in the Portuguese language.



On Saturday, 05 December, SNM celebrated the 18th graduation exercises. Rev Jon Scott, Principal of Nazarene Theological College of Central Africa, and a former faculty member of SNM, was the speaker for the occasion. Nine graduates received their Diploma in Theology and one graduate received the Certificate in Biblical Studies. Four graduates were recognized and certified to serve as monitors in the extension programme of IBNAL.

As a part of the graduation service, SNM Director, Rev Margarida Langa, announced the inauguration of the Nazarene Secondary School whose classes will be conducted on the campus of the Seminary beginning in January 2010. Special words of congratulation and greeting were brought by the president of the Maputo City Council, Mr David Simango.

SNM has more than 300 graduates actively serving in the Church of the Nazarene across the Africa Lusophone Field.

JESUS Makes All Things New

--JFHP Prayer & Praise, 23 December 2009

"James was captured by the Holy Spirit," said the team member in Liberia. "James did not know where the people were going but he followed them to the JESUS Film showing. He did not return home the same man. James is a new man in Christ. He is leading many others to meet the Lord."

NYI Africa Holds Youth Summit

Mr Japhet Opondo, Africa East Field NYI Coordinator

From 26 - 30 October 2009, a Youth Summit was held at the Regional Office in Johannesburg, South Africa, for NYI representatives from each of the Africa fields, and hosted by Africa Regional NYI President, Mr Kenneth Phiri.



The representatives included Antenah Adisu – Horn of Africa, Frank Mills - West, Zebe Mazambi - French Equatorial, Jacob Regan – South, Admirado Chaguala - Lusophone, Mike Lilema – Central, and Japhet Opondo – East. We were blessed to have Global NYI Director Rev Gary Hartke with us, and were joined by Regional Director Dr Filimao Chambo, Assistant to the Regional Director for Church Planting Rev Howie Shute, World Mission Communications Regional Coordinator Mr Phil Anderson, NCM/HHA Regional Coordinator Rev Cosmos Mutowa, and Regional Literature Coordinator Mr Salatiel Munedzimwe, at different times during the meetings.

The main purpose of the meetings included the following:

- Coming together to make plans for Africa Region's Youth
- Strategizing for the ongoing development of youth ministry in Africa
- Evaluating and Developing NYI vision and mission that supports the Regional statements
- Getting to know one another, since new NYI field coordinators had been appointed
- Coming up with a template which will guide Africa Region youth ministry
- Discussing challenges that Youth Ministry is facing in Africa
- Discussing the NYC Africa 2010 Event
- Reviewing responsibilities of field NYI coordinators.

Rev Hartke took us on an exploration of NYI evangelism, discipleship, and leadership, and the GLOBAL GOL2010 in coordination with the upcoming 2010 World Cup Soccer Tournament. Rev Shute led a session on VISION AND MISSION, helping us to see the destination God has for us to reach. Rev Hartke also announced that the next Third Wave event will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2011, followed by a Field NYI coordinators meeting.

I thank the Lord for giving me this opportunity to be inspired by other youth leaders from other fields of Africa, and returned to Nairobi motivated to continue on in my ministry to the youth!

Mr Kenneth Phiri said, "As much as we planned, we had a great time! I was reminded that 'Many are the plans of man, but the Lord's will will always prevail'" (Proverbs 19:21).

God's Message Will Not Be Stopped

Rev John Yual, Sudan Mission Coordinator

A village in a remote area of Western Equatoria, Sudan, had never heard the story of Jesus. The practice of African Traditional and Islamic Religions are predominate in this area. When the Church of the Nazarene leaders found the village and shared the gospel message, some accepted Christ.

The first formal training and discipleship for the new believers was to take place on 25 July 2009.

On their way the bus the church leaders were travelling in slipped off the hard road and into mud. They tried without success to get the bus out, but it was not going to budge.



Instead of feeling defeated, they spent the night in the bush and in the morning started a long 5-hour walk in heat

and dust, arriving safely at their destination.

The three-day training took place as planned with 47 in attendance; 10 pastors and 37 new believers!

We praise the Lord for this opportunity to see new people come to Christ and be discipled in their new faith.



From the Word

"Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods" (1 Chronicles 16:23-25).

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First District Established in Senegal

Rev Tim Eby, Assistant to the Africa West Field Strategy Coordinator

The year of 2009 marked a new phase of development in Senegal. In October, the first district of the Church of the Nazarene was established with Rev Tim Eby serving as District Superintendent until national leaders are ordained. After nearly 18 years with just one church, we now have five churches in both the cities and villages.

During the year, God helped us organize the village churches and to launch a new mission area in the south of Senegal called the Casamance. This area has very few churches, but with our new pastor, Alberto do Santos, we are praying that God will help us open two or three new churches in the region.

In November we celebrated the baptism of eight new believers. Several have come from other religious backgrounds and now face being ostracized by their families. We continue to teach courses every month and to hold leadership development training both in Senegal and across the West Field. These are both exciting and challenging days. Continue to pray for the work as we frame the future for the Church in West Africa.

Prayer Requests - Please pray for:

Ruthie Zimmerman who learned last week that a mass on her bladder is malignant. Ruthie was also diagnosed recently with a brain tumour. Please pray that the Lord will bring healing to Ruthie's body and pray for her family as they care for her. She is the mother of Denise Anderson, missionary serving in South Africa. Pray for Denise and Phil as they prepare for home assignment, and for Denise and their two daughters, Makenzie and Morgyn, as they leave South Africa on Thursday to fly to Pennsylvania to be with Ruthie. Thank you for your prayers.

Rev Chalema: Rev Chalema, Malawi Central District Superintendent, suffered a stroke on 25 December 2009. He is showing signs of improvement, but remains paralyzed on his left side. He has physical therapy three times each week at a government hospital in Lilongwe. The District would like to send him to a hospital in Blantyre. Please pray for God to touch Rev Chalema and restore health to his entire body. Pray also for his family and the district at this time.

Dr Filimao Chambo as he leads the Africa Region.

Dr David and Mrs Sharon Graves as they travel and conduct District Assemblies and ordination services on the Africa Region during the month of January.

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