



## From the Director

As we draw to the end of another year, the Bright Hope World team would like to sincerely thank you all for your support, interest and encouragement of the work we are seeking to do amongst the world's poorest. It has been an exciting year at Bright Hope as we hear stories come in from our partners about what God is doing in their communities and how lives are being transformed. Just today two reports came in: From a Thailand partner—"Over 30 young men in a youth remand prison have become Christians and last week 6 were baptised in the prison toilets!" From an African partner—"In the past year we shared the good news of Jesus with 32,040 people. 24,055 were counselled, 8652 joined churches and 30 new churches were planted. We are also very excited about several new micro-enterprise projects which have recently begun in Africa and Asia.

This year I have made two visits to the USA to establish a ministry base there. We are excited to report that as from next month it will begin in Dallas, Texas. We will report more detail in our next newsletter.

We currently have approximately 40 new partnerships that we are keen to get underway but we are continuing to trust God for wisdom and guidance as to the right time to start these and the availability of funds/donors.

I would once again like to thank you for your partnership with us this year and wish you a very blessed Christmas and New Year.

*Rob Purdue*

### Prayer Items:

- 1) For Kevin and Helen Honore who have had a very busy year visiting many partners. Kevin is currently unwell with a severe malaria attack.
- 2) For Aaron, Suzy, Toby, Max and Katie Boddy, as they manage Maplehurst Farm and work in the community there in Zambia. Also for Jerry, Hayley and Sophie Field (based at Maplehurst) as they establish model gardens and train partners. They are all a long way from home and family this Christmas.
- 3) For our new US branch and Susy and Jack Warren as they head up the US team.
- 4) For Linda and John Maikowski who have established La Mai coffee in the US and for more USA churches to buy La Mai coffee and begin praying for Thailand.

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## New Partnership in Pakistan

**Sewing Centre in Rawat:** The town of Rawat is the gateway to Islamabad and is an old historic town. There are approximately 20-25,000 people living in Rawat, all fundamental Muslims with only approximately 30-40 Christian families in the town. Because of the Muslim domination all the Christians are very poor and the only employment they can find is cleaning jobs or repairing shoes beside roads. No Christian from Rawat has finished high school.



This partnership seeks to provide hope for these Christians by teaching women how to sew and thereby giving them a way of gaining worthwhile employment and financially supporting their families. A certificate will be given to the women who complete the course and at the end of the course each graduating student receives a sewing machine.

A pilot sewing programme in Islamabad where 20 women were trained had an incredibly positive impact in that community as for the first time many of these women are now able to support themselves and their families. It's exciting to be able to empower these people in this way.

For more information on this partnership see: <http://www.brighthopeworld.com/partnerships.asp?pid=152&Rawat-Sewing-Centre>

## Field Director's Report

It would be easy to report on recent activities by giving a travelogue of the places we've been but Bright Hope World is all about amazing people with little or nothing but a vision to transform their communities with grace. Anna and Penninah care for 28 children orphaned by internal conflicts in their country and abused by their own countrymen. Out of their poverty they take up the challenge of being authentic. Anna and Penninah start to help and others come alongside them; soon there are 30 other widows helping to care for the kids.

But the widows have no money; in fact, they have less than nothing. So they start a small micro-lending scheme amongst themselves and create their own income. Then thieves rob their savings. They start again; another 30 want to join and now there are 60; widows, vulnerable, very poor people doing something about transforming their community. In the process their own lives are transformed. They do it because they have been rescued by the grace of God, and now this grace overflows. They sing as they pray, they laugh as they cook and they dance as they worship.



Partnering with people like Anna and Penninah is the future of missions. It's every Christian and every church in every country doing an Anna and Penninah. Since returning to New Zealand from Africa and the USA we've been talking to more Anna's and Penninah's but our concern is this—there are still many here who just don't get it.

*Kevin and Helen Honore*

## God of the Impossible

We have recently received the following report from our partners in Mozambique:

*A couple of weeks ago, Ana--our Brazilian team member--sort of "bumped into" a neighbourhood compound of ladies, a couple of streets over from her normal route. They cordially invited her over, so she went into the yard. This resulted in a friendship of Ana teaching some English, them teaching her some Kimwani. One of the 5 ladies who stay together in this house, Z, was sick. Ana began praying for Z, in Jesus name. Not long ago, Z saw an angel dressed in white in her room. Then, just yesterday, Z was taken to a demonic ceremony practiced commonly by the Mwani (Muslim) women. In the ceremony, called a "pungay", Z's afflicting demon was identified, negotiated with, offered food to, and finally begged to leave. Z came home with slashes to her body and amulets around her neck and forehead. Obviously terrified, and apparently still oppressed, Z cried and screamed throughout the night. When Ana saw her the next morning, her heart was torn in two. She prayed over Z, and then requested that the amulets be taken off. Z's mom willingly rushed over and ripped them off of Z's body. They asked Ana to please come back and pray again later and read the Bible to them. If you had lived in Mocimboa for 7 years like we have, you would realize just how incredibly NUTS this whole story sounds at this point! The Mwani women are notoriously aggressive, resistant, practically impossible it seems, to ever reach with the Gospel. And yet here we have 5 Mwani's asking Ana to come back with prayer and the Bible. Hmmmmmm.....*

*So Ana, after team input, decided to bring in reinforcements, in the form of Patrick Nabwera, our experienced and gifted Kenyan teammate. The two of them went into the compound and gathered the ladies. They used a hodge-podge of Kimwani scriptures, Portuguese prayers, Swahili explanations.... They told the wonderful story of Mark 5 where Jesus heals and brings dignity and salvation to a demon possessed man. They told of God's great love from John 3:16. They challenged the ladies with Romans 10:9 on what it takes to be saved. One of them, named S, emphatically stated that she believes and wants to be saved. The others follow, and a prayer of salvation is lifted up! The beginning of a Mwani women's cell group!!*

*Now there are some hard realities to face: Two nights ago, Z (and probably her house mates, too) were directly involved in the spirit world of evil. They essentially were worshipping Satan. The fact that they have now pledged allegiance and reliance on Jesus means the Enemy isn't pleased. I am certain he will do all he can to destroy this new life. We've seen him do it before. But with the strength of Jesus on our side, we choose to believe in faith that these women will grow. YOU CAN BE A PART, by praying fervently.*

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