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35 YEARS OF THE 2ND COMMANDMENT

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"I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink." - Matthew 25:35

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LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR FOR 35 YEARS... BY JOCELYN LOGAN

The devastating famine in Ethiopia in 1985, killing 1.2 million people, led charities to react. The song "We are the World" written by Quincy Jones, and sung by gifted artists, brought world-wide attention to the tragedy. Tom and I reacted. We gave to a national charity, only to find out 40% went for overhead. We had to find another way. Marion Medical Mission was founded to use 100 percent of all donations for their designated purposes and all undesignated donations to the mission field in Africa.

Heal the Sick

1985-1990 – Newly founded Marion Medical Mission provided hospital supplies, volunteer surgeons, and built a medical clinic in Zaire (now the Republic of Congo). Tom saw an eleven-year-old boy take the first steps of his life. Hundreds of life-changing surgeries were performed in Zaire, Ghana and Malawi.



Give Them a Cup of Water

In 1990 Tom and Jocelyn were with Dr. John Knowles, a missionary doctor at the Ekwendeni Mission Hospital in Malawi, when they came across an unfinished well. Dr. Knowles was upset, the village was promised a well if they provided the labor. No one came. Another broken promise. Tom turned to Dr. Knowles and said, "Why don't you build the well?" Dr. Knowles turned to Tom and said: "Why don't you?" We realized a lack of safe drinking water was the root cause of many diseases faced and the resultant death of small children. As a result, MMM shifted its focus from curative to preventative medicine by building water wells to provide villages with a sustainable source of safe drinking water. MMM started in Malawi in 1990 with 13 wells with the assistance of missionary Jim McGill. Last year, 3,140 wells were built covering roughly 60,000 square miles in Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia, providing almost 400,000 people with clean drinking water.



Take Care of My Sheep

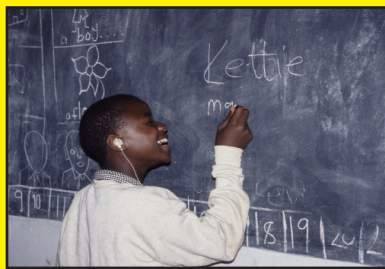
1992- Rev. Lloyd Tembo, Head of the Embangweni Mission Station, Malawi, took us to the rural village of Chizimya where 137 children were seated on the sandy ground under a big tree, reciting the alphabet. An untrained teacher was paid 50 cents a day by the community. The villagers explained that if they built 2 teacher houses and a 2-room school block, the government would provide 2 trained teachers. MMM gave the village the roof tin and cement, and the village did the construction. In response, the government gave them 4 trained teachers, not 2. Over the years, MMM in partnership with the community, built 8 teacher houses, a Headmaster's house, 8 School blocks, a library, a boy's hostel and a girl's hostel. It took 14 years to complete. Today 1200 students attend Chizimya Full Primary School (Standards 1-8).

1994- When Tom and I arrived at the Embangweni Mission Station, Rev. Tembo rushed us to a meeting with Chief Mzukuzuku, the General Secretary and Moderator of CCAP and a government official. They had heard MMM was willing to build another school. They were excited about building the first school for the hearing

impaired in Northern Malawi. Hoping MMM would help provide the funding, they started the school 2 weeks earlier using borrowed buildings, with 23 children, a teacher and a Headmaster. We watched as the children were taught to make their first sounds. They needed \$23,000 to build the first primary school blocks. MMM didn't have the money, but we agreed. God blessed us. MMM built the first primary school blocks, a hostel for girls and a hostel for boys, 8 teacher houses, a guardian shelter, and a tailoring training center and a carpentry vocational training center. MMM provides seed and fertilizer to the school for the hearing impaired each year to help build food security and agricultural training.



From 1992-2016, Marion Medical Mission, working with local communities, built 9 schools in Malawi. MMM has provided over 5000 Secondary School Scholarships and Embangweni Hard of Hearing transportation scholarships.



Feed the Hungry



During the 2015-2016 famine in Malawi, it was heart-wrenching to see children scramble to desperately pick up kernels of corn dropped by a passing maize truck, and a baby screaming because her mother had no breast milk. Marion Medical Mission purchased and distributed 47,000 bags of maize for \$17.54 a bag. Each 110-pound bag of maize was to feed a family of 6 for a month. We witnessed vulnerable families fortunate enough to receive a bag of maize share with others in need. How could they eat when their neighbor was also hungry?



The Impossible is Possible, Only Together

Since 1990, MMM has built 39,040 wells in partnership with village communities, serving an estimated 5 million people, including 3 million children. The children no longer die from waterborne diseases. The village

people are healthier and can work longer in their fields producing more food, meaning less starvation. Many thousands are alive today who otherwise would not have made it, and are able to live, go to school, and work.

When we started building wells in 1990, the cost was \$500. A similar well can cost up to \$3000. However, MMM wells require the villagers do what they can ... they make the brick, provide the stone, sand, and unskilled labor. Local subsistence farmers make the Mark V galvanized steel pumps in 3 workshops (one in each country where MMM has a well-building program) and they manufacture the downhole parts. The cost to build an MMM well for an entire rural village in 2020 is just \$450 (less than what it cost in 1990).

The stewardship and commitment of the U.S. volunteers, the 4 African Coordinators, the 21 African Field Officers, 100 Installation Supervisors, the African well builders, village communities and especially the donor community, makes the impossible, possible. Together, they go beyond what is expected of them, loving and serving God's people, following the Second Commandment.

2020 GOAL:
3,000 wells
this year!

\$450
builds a well.

Fund or help
fund a well for
an entire
village.



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NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES

BY TOM LOGAN



This year, heavy rains in January, February and March caused massive flooding in the Karonga District of northern Malawi. Homes, businesses and crops were destroyed, leaving many living in tents without adequate basic needs. On March 18, just as quarantine was being enforced in the U.S., Marion Medical Mission's Coordinator, Mr. Vyalema Khosa, sent word that many were starving. MMM immediately responded, providing \$25,000 to purchase maize (corn) to feed the hungry. 850 110-pound bags of maize were purchased, each bag to provide a family of 6 the food needed for a month. By March 21, the maize had been purchased and distributed, 8,500 miles away in the African country of Malawi. It took only 3 days.

Marion Medical Mission put the word out and many responded. **Our funding goal was reached in record time.** As a result, we were able to send a second \$25,000 on March 30th, and this time 1025 110-pound bags of maize were purchased. By April 1st, the maize had been distributed; a 2-day turn around, from purchase to distribution.

In a matter of a few days, 1,875 bags of maize were purchased and distributed providing over 11,250 people the food they needed for a month; a cost of \$4.44 to feed a hungry person for a month.



Marion Medical Mission's African Coordinators, Field Officers, and Installation Supervisors are the best! None better. They represent honesty, leadership, compassion, heart, skill, expertise, efficiency, effectiveness, and teamwork.

Jesus said loving your neighbor as yourself is like loving God, the first and greatest commandment.

Make love your aim. The time is now. What you do speaks so loud I can't hear what you say. When we pray we move our feet.

Marion Medical Mission's African Staff

They are the best of the best. There are 21 Field Officers, 12 of whom have been with MMM for over 10 years. They love their people and are proud of the impact they have made. Each Field Officer lives in an area that averages approximately 2,800 square miles. Last year they were responsible for the construction of 3,140 wells; that is an average of 150 wells per Field Officer. Their contracts require 100 wells be built each year, and their pay is the same whether they build 100 wells, or 150. Last year they were the key to providing a sustainable source of safe drinking water to an estimated 392,500 people (235,500 children). These wells mean the children no longer die from waterborne diseases. These wells mean the village people are healthier and work longer in their fields producing more food meaning less starvation; not just the year the well is built, but the next year and the next.

Together with the rest of our African staff (Installation Supervisors, builders and the villagers themselves), the Field Officers have built over 39,000 wells providing safe drinking water to an estimated 5 million of the extreme poor. Think about it! 5 million people got the message Christians in the United States shared the love of Jesus with them. It is a God thing. This is Holy Ground.

This is the fire that burns but does not consume. Jesus says loving your neighbor as yourself is like loving God.

Join us in this impossible journey blessed by God. Only together can we be who God created us to be.

We need your help in funding our Field Officers this year. You are important, you are needed, and you make a difference. When we pray we move our feet.

WE MAY BE ISOLATED, BUT WE CAN STILL JOIN TOGETHER TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE.

MMM WILL BUILD 3,000 WELLS IN 2020 -- JOIN US!



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