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Al and Velma: Moz—the early years



Their first home in Chimoio



Insight Resources International, Inc.

Corson's Concepts

In 2008 a new not-for-profit company was born: Safari Insight Missions (SIM). Its focus was to empower indigenous people in Christ within the context of their culture. SIM was intended to provide a foundation to grow worldwide. Our tool box consisted of the Holy Spirit's directives and the PHD work of the late Dr. Stu Cook. The vision for this ministry came from Al Corson through the guideness of the Holy Spirit ofter he went to Mozem

the guidance of the Holy Spirit after he went to Mozambique on an invitation in 2005. It was during the trip in 2005 Growing Human Potential One Worldview at a Time

that Al interviewed a church leader and realized through his interview the indigenous pastor had difficulty recounting the causes for events he had experienced. There were gaps in the thought process that made certain types of understanding and perspectives nearly impossible for the pastor to obtain. Later, in 2013, Al found out that this pastor was a practicing witchdoctor as well as a Christian Church Pastor. Challenged by the information he found from this interview Al went back to Mozambique and South Africa in 2006 and began a study of the history of missions in Africa and around the world looking for the transformation that is talked about in Romans 12:2. He noticed literally thousands of Churches that had been or were being planted, and yet there seemed to be no transformation of the people or the culture. Al's study took him to Portugal to study the Portuguese language, to South Africa to be discipled by Dr Stuart Cook, and most of all to Mozambique where he put himself into the hands of the indigenous people to learn from them what their worldview was. As the pieces of the puzzle Al was seeking started coming together, he saw the negative results of colonialism and the impact of academically-focused evangelism without real discipleship development. He also noted that the indigenous people were suffering from different types of suppression, including the unintended suppression of the missionaries, and identity loss. The need for an indigenous organization to address the monumental problem was clear.

In 2008, Safari Insight Mission was established. The name carried us for several years. Al's wife Velma joined him in Mozambique in 2010 just in time for us to introduce Dr Cooks Insight Seminars. Dr. Cook had passed away, but he had connected Al with a man that was not only a presenter of Dr Cook's material, but comprehended Dr. Cook's work. His name is Jason Nichols.

Jason presented the first two Insight Seminars in February and March of 2011.We realized two things before and during the seminar: first, that the indigenous people had been so suppressed their conceptual thinking had stagnated, their thinking was tangible, specific and compartmentalized and not intangible, diversified and conceptual. Keep in mind that God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, faith, belief, time, ownership, responsibility, and relationship are all concepts. The indigenous people had the *terms* but not the *understanding* needed to apply the ideas. Realizing this conceptual gap was a game changer.



Mission

from ICOM.

Activities

Jason will be traveling to vari-

ous churches on his way home

AL is at home with Velma as

she recovers from knee replace-

ment surgery. He plans to return

to Mozambique early next year.

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Corson's Concepts cont.

Jason, Velma and Al traveled to South Africa to do more seminars and on April 1, 2011 Velma was admitted to Milpark hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa for the battle of her life with Cerebral Malaria. This also took Al out of action until Aug of 2011, as he had to remain with Vel in the hospital. Velma was on total life

support for 21 days. She died 3 times and on day 21 they took her off life support to see if she could breathe on her own. Praise God she started breathing on her own with some coaching. As Al stood over her for the first time since they took her off life support, he asked her if she knew him. Her answer was: THIS WAS A SATAN ATTACK. WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO MOZAMBIQUE. She explained to Al she had gotten those instructions through her personal ex-

perience with Christ while on life support (during a



Velma at Milpark hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa

period with no recordable brain activity). She then had to relearn how to fully talk, eat, walk, and think; this took months.

In September of 2011, we changed our name to Insight Resources International. Al went back to Mozambique on his own and Velma moved back to the US, as she cannot be in a malaria environment. A second exposure to malaria would be lethal. Al continued his research into the lack of transformation in evangelized areas and started the discipleship of 4 men: Leonard (Leo), Jose, George and Tito. During his work with these men he discovered the native dialects they used were missing many concepts due in part to not being allowed to use their own language during



the colonel period. He also discovered their thinking had been so suppressed by the colonialist their cognitive habits became compartmentalized, allowing for limited conceptual growth. Al started living with the Mozambicans in 2012. He put himself in a position of learning from his indigenous peers and letting them take lead role in being responsible for him in Mozambique. This gave him the opportunity to ask questions and get honest feedback because they were teaching him while he was a mentor to them. This is discipleship: it is a two-way street of

Al and Leonard: Early years (Selva)

respect. Transforming together, if you will. Al moved in with Leo, working together with him at

IRI's office in Mozambique. George lives in the north west providence of Niassa. George was trained in land mine removal. Al went to work with George removing land mines in order to disciple George on his turf and understand what his life is all about. George is now working on his 4th new Church in 5 years.

Jose was a judge and a commander in the military. Al worked with Jose every chance he could working around Jose's busy schedule. Jose has taken his knowledge of discipleship into the Military and has evoked a



George and Jose

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them now for 5 years emri

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huge transformation in the thinking habits of the military.

Tito is a physically challenged man; when Al met him, he was a street beggar. Because of the seminars and discipleship, Tito now works for the local municipality he has started his own discipleship program where he works. It includes bible study, prayer time and devotions.

Also, in 2012 IRI was invited to Elim, Alaska by our daughter Annette Corson to visit with the elders of the community. This led to a return trip in 2014, and the discovery of generational PTSD imbedded in the indigenous people. Annette, a special education teacher, is working closely within the communities of Elim and Alakanuk, Alaska applying IRI's findings. She is also working on her PHD on loss of Identity of the Alaskan youth and its cause. I would also add that Jason has



Tito on his hand peddled 3 wheel bike

started working on his PHD; his focus is intercultural education, with his dissertation topic still to be announced. Stay tuned—we believe this will be a game changer in missions.



In 2013, Al, Jason and David Center was invited to Hong Kong and the Philippines by a missionary by the name of Ken Smyth. Al and Jason went to the Philippines and put on a seminar for 1 week and followed it up by an ABC thinking workshop for the following week. This opened the door for IRI to start working with Cross Cultural Missions based in Hong Kong. We have been working with them now for 5 years empowering them in new directions in Christ. Working with Cross Cultural Missions has introduced IRI to work in the Philippines and request to work in Myanmar and Thailand.

Ken Smyth, Jason and Al

This same year Leonard started a farm project of several hundred banana trees.

Along with this project he also started a discipleship project where he mentored and discipled 10 plus people in a transforming relationship with Christ. He used his banana plantation as ground zero for the discipleship project. Leonard has expanded his ministry to 4 farms and organizing a group of men and women to making and selling shoes and bags. He uses the income for all the business to expand his IRI Mozambique ministry. He is seeking to be financially free from IRI USA in 3 years and be a major mission developer in Africa for Christ. The original 10 people he started with at the banana farm have discipled close to 200 people in the past 5 years helping them to develop a transforming relationship with Christ, and many of those 200 went to their villages and discipled entire villages. The result is that during the last 5 years, over 350 villages and churches have been transforming from tra-

ditional programs to meeting places for developing a personal transforming relationship in Christ, both collectively and individually. We are seeing (that we know of) somewhere in the vicinity 40,000 people transforming to a relationship with Jesus Christ in the way described in Romans 12.

Because of Leonard's ability in Christ to disciple, he has mentors he has discipled traveling to Zimbabwe, Malawi and Zambia as part of his businesses, building discipleship relationships where ever they go in the name of Christ. Because of Leonard capability's through the Holy Spirit of mentoring indigenous Africans in Christ, IRI Mozambique has pastors coming from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Nigeria, and the Congo for training in ABC thinking in concepts and learning how to develop their own personal relationship with Christ and disciple others in the same.



Leo with Pastor Paulino

Not a bad track record for only 10 years in operation. It is awesome to witness the Holy Spirit at work. We need your help to continue to empower people in Christ and help them develop their direct

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Thoughts cont.

identity in HIM.

I will be leaving for Mozambique in Late February or early March 2019 and Leonard and I will be visiting many of the location in Mozambique I have shared with you. As I learn from these indigenous Mozambique people regarding their cultural relationship with our Lord, I will continue to share with you what I learn as I always have so that we all may celebrate in Christ together.

Please send us feedback and questions.

Al Corson

Vice President and Co-founder of Insight Resources International

Many of you have expressed a desire to see more photos of our adventure. Here they are. We hope you enjoy.



Velma with an orphan child



Mumvumbi village



Leo's shoe factory



Giving school supplies

Pastor Paulino and church (Macate)



Bore Hole for fresh water (Selva)



Hauling water in the bush



Leo teaching (Macate)



Open air market (Chimoio)

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Mozambique

Hong Kong and the Philippines



Jason, Al and Linda Smyth

Arriving at Marie's village

Entertained by the village

children



Cityscape: Hong Kong



On to Marie's. (We're not there yet)



Always time to eat!



A meal with friends



Our first Philippine group



Marie's outdoor kitchen (and brother cook)



We at Insight Resources International hope you had a Great Thanksgiving. We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas.



Year end giving can be done on line or via mail. Please remember IRI in your giving. We are planning to ship the tractor and other items but are still in need of funding.

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Please Pray for these Things:

- ☑ Jason as he travels from ICOM.
- ☑ Please pray for Al and Velma's heath as they continue to work in His kingdom. Specifically for Velma's knee replacements and recovery.
- ☑ We are very thankful for the gift of the commercial sewing machine, tractor and disk needed in Moz. Our greatest need concerning these items now is funding to actually ship them to Moz. Your prayers and donations are greatly appreciated. Anything you can do to help will be a special blessing to Leo and the brothers and sisters in Moz.

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Tractor Update

Due to the size of the donated tractor it could not fit into a shipping container. We were able to trade it in on a more powerful but smaller in size tractor that was shippable. There was, however an additional cost of \$8000 which we need to raise. We are still also raising funds to purchase a container to ship the tractor and of course the cost of shipping. Those two items will cost an additional \$10,000. Good news: a double bladed disk, which will eliminate the need for a separate plow, was purchased and donated by one of our supporters. Please be prayful concerning these needs.

The greatest thing that you can do for Insight Resources International is to actively pray. We believe that Prayer is the cornerstone of this ministry and without it we cannot stand against Satan's attacks.

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