

## Exciting New USA Church Plant!

“We were sitting in an evening service in November 2017 at The Hub conference in Dubai. My 63-year-old husband, Jon, had just told me that God had dropped Spokane, Washington, USA in his lap. Jon was 100% sure God had just called him to plant another church!”, writes **Miriam Meek**.

*Miriam was surprised by Jon’s statement, as he had suffered months of ill-health which had seriously incapacitated him. However, after some internet research, he revised his medications. She continues:*

Jon’s symptoms began to subside as soon as he cut down on his medication, and within a couple of weeks he was off it entirely, and he was feeling much better!

We headed off to Kellogg, Idaho, USA to a Regions Beyond conference with Steve Oliver and Ray Lowe.

About two weeks later, we found ourselves in England for a three-month visit, primarily being a part of the Hope Church congregations in the London area. During our stay, we received many prophetic words. The consistent message was that Jon wasn’t finished with ministry, and that God had something big in store for us.



Jon & Miriam



Steve with the Meeks at the Destination Church Center



Miriam delivering flyers with the grandkids



Our older son, Jon II, and his family live in Spokane and had asked if we would consider coming to plant a church with them. After Jon’s meeting with God in Dubai, his previous answer “No. God hasn’t called me to Spokane,” suddenly changed to “Yes”. As the months have flown by, I have watched God open doors and add His blessing to this new venture. He provided us with a home in the Spokane area and helped us sell our home in Missoula. He has opened up a facility where we can worship, and He has given us a small team of people to help us start Destination Church in September 2018.

*Please pray for people from the underprivileged Hillyard area of Spokane, where the church will be meeting, that many will come to the opening meeting (and subsequent barbecue in the park), and that many will hear the gospel and become followers of Jesus.*

## Jubilee Church Worthing: Interns 2017-18



**James** – My Impact highlight was definitely having the opportunity to speak at Alpha; telling people about the hope that Jesus brings was a real privilege. It is incredibly rewarding seeing people come to know him.

This year has given me the opportunity to reflect and think about what I love doing and am gifted in, so I've decided I want to pursue Youth work and I know God has a plan for me.

**Joseph** – For me the highlight of my year has been the prayer Jubilee Community (small group) that I joined. The course was hugely instructive, but I also felt I learnt so much from the wisdom of other members and the leaders.



I have grown closer to God and my prayer life felt like it was propelled to the next level. It was also a great opportunity for me to get to know a wider variety of people in the church on a deeper level and I was moved out of my comfort zone, which had big benefits. Next year I will be joining Trinity Victoria and attending University College London to study History.



**Ben** – I love travelling so getting to spend a week in India was a real highlight for me. I loved meeting with the people, building friendships, gaining insight into their culture and lives and seeing how Jesus has transformed them.

I have been accepted onto a course to train as an Electrician from September and will be working alongside this as an Electrical Apprentice. I will still be living in Worthing so will continue to be a part of Jubilee and want to keep serving in certain areas, like the Soup Run and Winter Night Shelter.

*Rachel Tostevin, Jubilee Church, Worthing, UK*

## Trip to Tanzania

**Phiwe Selema**, who is based in Grace Community Church in Harding (South Africa), had the opportunity to visit Tanzania for three weeks in June 2018.



The purpose of his trip was to strengthen and build relationships with those he had met previously and to preach and teach. He was able to visit several churches in Tanzania and Zanzibar doing just that, and spending quality time with the leaders.

He was encouraged to see the openness and hunger for revelations from God, and people being changed. He stayed with leaders of the different churches and all of them were very hospitable and generous.



Zanzibar is totally Muslim, and Christians living there and trying to preach the Gospel face very real challenges. Please do keep praying for our brothers and sisters from Tanzania as they seek to reach Islamic communities in their nation.

*Niroshini Jayawardena, Maseru (Lesotho)*

# Maputo, Mozambique

A group of 10 of us from **South Africa and Lesotho** had the opportunity to visit **Maputo in Mozambique** from **13-16 July**.

After travelling for almost 13 hours, we reached Maputo and were warmly welcomed by **Calmito Gujamo**, who leads the work in Mozambique. We were ushered straight into a meeting where people were waiting eagerly to see and hear from their new family members visiting from miles away! Paul Simpson shared a message from Luke 4 spurring all present to share the authentic gospel.

Some facts about Maputo - It is the capital and most populous city of Mozambique. It is located near the southern end of the country, within 120 kms of the Swaziland and South Africa borders. The city has a population of 1,101,170 distributed over a land area of 347km<sup>2</sup> (134 sq mi). The Maputo metropolitan area includes neighbouring city of Matola and has a total population of 2,717,437. Maputo is a port city, with an economy centered around commerce. The official language is Portuguese.



As around 18 Churches from Mozambique joined Regions Beyond, the Saturday session was spent with leaders. Paul Simpson and a few of our team members shared our values and we spent time building relationships.

On Sunday, several of our team Members had the opportunity to preach and serve in different churches in Maputo. What humbled us most is their generosity. Out of their lack and need, they gave. The youth in one church are responsible to see their church building established, so once a month they have an offering and preach. That Sunday, they collected enough for 14 bricks. Then the whole church gave towards their normal offering and another offering for the visitors - us. Amazing! We heard that the church would be celebrating a wedding and we saw their generosity once again as people brought in their contributions like rice, onions, oil, salt, and crates of coke to help the couple on their special day. We really saw the church being a true family! At the end of the service, they served us a generous meal. Ladies too got an opportunity to be together. The other members of our team, who visited various churches in the city, came back with the same reports of how humbled and challenged they were by the generosity of the people. They are certainly practicing Acts 20:35, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'.

As much as they learnt from us, we too left Maputo having learnt valuable lessons from our dear brothers and sisters. We are looking forward to a great partnership with our Regions Beyond family to spread the gospel in Mozambique!

*Niroshini Jayawardena, Maseru (Lesotho)*