

Smith – eMail News

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Hello Everyone,

Sorry that we've taken so long to write this message. We've been recuperating from our trip and trying to get settled a little bit. Today is the first opportunity we've had to do email. We had a few adventures on the way over, but overall we are thanking the Lord for all his blessings and provisions.

First of all, I (Martha) didn't have another wave of chills, fever, and headache. I felt fine on the whole trip. We are pretty sure I had malaria and that the medicine got rid of it. When I first started having symptoms we didn't believe it could be malaria since I'd been outside of MZ for so long. I checked cdc.gov and it said that someone can get malaria up to a year after being infected. All of my symptoms matched exactly and I was getting worse and worse. We tried to postpone our flight but the only options were to wait 2 weeks and pay over \$1,000 or wait a month and pay \$200. We decided to go ahead. We had brought malaria medicine with us and so I started taking it. By the next day I was feeling much better. Thank you so much for all your prayers about that!

When we got to the airport at DFW there were very long lines and chaos due to bad weather in several parts of the country. We thought we would miss our first flight and therefore all subsequent flights. In the last 40 minutes a lady let us cut many people in line and got us checked in. When we got to the gate we saw the flight was delayed 3 hours which would again make us miss our next flights. We talked to someone and they quickly put us on standby to another immediate flight. We got on and therefore made all of our other flights. Praise God!

The boys did well on the flights. The second one was a little harder on us all since we were already really tired but then it wasn't really night time by our internal clocks. After being awake for a few hours both boys went to sleep the rest of the way.

When we landed in S.A. we waited at baggage claim for over an hour. By the time all the bags were out none of ours had come. We reported that and got our rental car. We crashed at the guesthouse, trying to get over jetlag.

Tuesday we called the airport and all of our bags had come in. They delivered them to the guesthouse. They even gave us over \$200 because of the inconvenience. It all worked out well. We also reserved tickets to fly to Nampula. The soonest they had for us was next Monday, so we'll be hanging out here in S.A. for awhile. I guess that will give us some time to rest and get our body clocks adjusted and do some much needed business.

Yesterday we went and bought our airline tickets up to Nampula. The soonest we could leave is Monday, so I guess we'll be here for a week. Hopefully by then we'll have readjusted to this time zone and had some time to refocus. We spent all afternoon with the Gardner's who live in Nampula and are coming back from furlough, as well.

Thanks again for all your prayers. We'll keep in touch. We love you!

Love, Jeremy, Martha, Luke, and Andrew

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