

# Smith's e-Mail Newsletter

Sunday – March 30, 2008

Hello all,

We are way behind in writing our newsletters and so this time we are just going to give you a quick update. We have been back in Mozambique for about 6 weeks now. It was wonderful to be in the States with friends and family for Joshua's birth. Everything went so well. We were glad that we were able to go back for that. All three boys are healthy and doing great right now. Luke and Andrew have enjoyed being back home and being able to play outside a lot with their friends. Things are settling back into a routine for us now. We have gotten back into our work schedule and have enjoyed it. We have made some much needed changes to how we do things.

The Howells left a month after we got back so we were sad to see them go. They'll be gone for 4 months. Thankfully, the other three families should all be here together the whole time they're gone. We appreciate our teammates beyond words. It would be really tough to be here without them.

The Sunday before last we worshipped with the Utivira church for the first time. Although Jeremy has been going out there weekly on Tuesdays, they hadn't started meeting on Sundays yet. It was a joyful experience to be there for the opening of their church. Please pray for this little church. We worshipped with both churches together at Upaco this last Sunday for Easter. It was a neat time, although we didn't get home until 6:00 pm since they had a special meal planned. That makes for a pretty long day for both us and the kids. Please keep praying for Upaco. They need to grow spiritually. The town of Upaco is a "party" town with lots of drinking, dancing etc. It's hard for members of the church there not to get sucked back into these things. Satan has a foothold in that town. Please pray that He will be bound there and that the light of Jesus would shine instead.

Lately Jeremy has had to make lots of hospital runs. On Tuesday he took a pregnant lady about to give birth to the hospital. Today he took a dead man's body back to his town. Monday he attended a church funeral. Tomorrow he will help take the women who came to the funeral back to their town. All of these transportation runs are an important part of our ministry here. In times of sickness and death are when people are the most vulnerable, needy, and therefore open. We hope to minister to people by being kind and generous with them.

We covet your prayers daily. This month please pray for the following things.

1. Physical and spiritual health for our family and team
2. Spiritual maturity in all the churches we are working with (especially Upaco and Utivira)
3. People from other villages to express a desire to hear the gospel
4. The Train and Multiply sessions that Jeremy is doing with the 4 churches in the Chiure area.
5. Complete fluency in Makua

We'll write more later.

Sincerely, Jeremy and Martha