

# Westerholm e-Mail News

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Hey Everybody!

We arrived in Montepuez Friday afternoon and have been getting settled back into our house. We were delayed in Nampula because we needed to register our car. Unfortunately the finance department shuts down the first through fifth of every month, so we had to wait until Thursday. This put the pressure on us since Friday was a holiday and if the paperwork didn't get done on Thursday we would have had to wait until Monday. While we were in Nampula we stayed with a new missionary family in our organization, the Been's. We had met them once in Portugal, but it was good to see them and get to know them better. We are excited that there is another family working for the Lord in Mozambique.

We were glad to be back in Montepuez, and as usual there is always something unexpected we come back to! The night before we arrived someone attempted to rob our neighbor, and, apparently, her guard was in on it. She saw him, but not the other accomplice. When she questioned him, he said one of our guards was helping him. I really don't believe this and think he was just looking for someone convenient to blame. Even though I wasn't here at the time, somehow I became involved and I ended up listening to everyone give their side of the story (full of tangents and unnecessary details).

Our house was in good condition except that ants had moved into our bathroom and after spraying for the past few days I think we got several thousand out of the way. Since it is the rainy season the house was damp and stuffy and our bedroom has really needed airing out. Having come back now, we were really glad that I had returned in November and finished all the work on the house that was needed. The dogs were really happy to see us and they looked healthy. Our workers were all glad to see us as well and have enjoyed meeting Maggie.

Maggie is doing well and seems to enjoy things here. The first night we were in Nampula however, was really difficult. She cried for almost half of the night and we couldn't seem to do anything to help her. We think now that it was due to the heat as she had been accustomed to cooler climates (and she slept a lot on the plane). She has already adjusted though because yesterday when I was putting her down for a nap she was crying until I put a blanket on her. I couldn't believe she was cold as I was dripping with sweat, but she snuggled the blanket and dropped right to sleep.

Our team is doing well and is wrapping up the food project. Almost \$40,000 was raised from various churches and individuals across the USA. Now the famine is coming to an end. Corn crops are coming in and there has been plenty of rain this year. Only a few areas remain where the crops are not coming in.

We are doing well. I have been a little sick with some stomach problems, but nothing serious. I think it is just a matter of adjusting back to the food here. We picked up delicious fruits and vegetables on our way back here guavas, oranges, bananas, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc. Our coconut tree is full of coconuts and the lemons are ripening on our lemon trees. Amy is doing well and taking care of Maggie and me.

Another bit of information...the plane we flew up on with Missionary Aviation Fellowship was really full and heavy. The pilots decided we would have to change our schedule and fly into an extra airport in order to refuel. Even so it was necessary for us to leave over half of our luggage in South Africa until their next flight up here in May. So in May we will have to go to Nampula again and pick up the rest of our luggage. Right now we have everything we need though and are borrowing a thing or two from our teammates. Even with the luggage that we left behind our car was still full, so it was a bit of a mixed blessing that we didn't have all of that luggage to deal with. I think that is most of the details. We love and miss you all! God bless!

Chad