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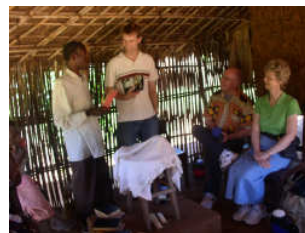
Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique

We have been excited to enter what we are calling our "time of visitors"! (In Metto that would be "ukati waletto"). Two elders from Aaron and Mika's sponsoring church arrived and spent a week here. It was refreshing to hear their encouragement as they shared a fresh perspective on our work here. Aaron and I traveled two hours to Pemba to take the elders to the airport since that same day my parents arrived. It has been really fun having my parents here so that they can see, hear, smell, and taste everything that has become so familiar to us in the past few years. We are not the only ones enjoying the visitors; all of our Mozambican friends share how encouraging it is to see Christians coming from all over the world to visit here.

We are continually encouraged by the maturing of the church in Nanjua. It is slow, but the church seems to be making strides and heading in the right direction. Several months ago the church received a letter asking for them to plant a new church in a neighboring village about a two hour walk away. We planned for a day when I would go out to Nanjua and we would go together to the village to visit and meet the people there. The church expected that I would drive out in my car, but instead I took one of the taxi vans that travels up and down that road. My plan was we would all walk together to the village and I would get to enjoy some time together with the church members as we walked. It was funny to see the shock on people's faces when I arrived in Nanjua without my car! When we all got together to talk about our plan for the day, the church leaders informed me that another denomination had actually gone to the same village to start a church there only a few days earlier! (This was remarkable because there are very few churches in this area). The village had then decided that they didn't need two churches there! We decided not to go to the village right away, since it looked like the Lord was closing that door. I think the timing was best, because this would have been a little premature for the Nanjua church to take on the responsibility of helping a new church get started. We are praying that later on this year we can begin to plant another church in one of the many villages surrounding Nanjua that don't have any church.

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Harry & Marcia Westerholm are welcomed at church in Nanjua

Praise God For:

- ◆ Chad and Amy recovering from giardia
- ◆ The safe arrival of Chad's parents
- ◆ Safe travels as we went to Nampula
- ◆ The Mark Bible study has finished and went well
- ◆ Slow but steady language learning



Chad teaching a class on the book of Mark at the church in Napai

Since I was out there and had plans to stay for the whole day, we decided to discuss the location of some land for the church to begin building. We visited the mayor of the village, who said that there were several possibilities for getting free land in the village. We are praying that God will provide a good piece of land for the church.

It is exciting to see things progress in Nanjua, but there are also difficulties there as well. One family has quit coming to church since I left for my back surgery. We visited them a few weeks ago and they told us they were "taking a break" from going to church. It is disappointing because Amy and I really thought that the wife had some leadership potential. There is also an old lady in the church who suffered a stroke late last year. Since then she has been paralyzed on one side of her body and has no way of getting around. Every week we make a point to visit her house after the church service and pray over her. It is really sad to see people who have little access to good medical care when they suffer a problem like this. We were also saddened when we arrived at church this week and spoke with our friend Africa. His wife has been expecting and she gave birth last week, but lost the baby. This is the third baby they have lost in the past several years. We also heard that the wife of one of the new believers who is considering being baptized was caught in adultery this week. How are we as Christians to respond to situations like this? Each day we are confronted with similar issues as we struggle to imitate Jesus. We pray for wisdom and compassion as we speak the truth in love.

It has been a great blessing to have my parents visiting with us. We had a lot of fun on Sunday taking them with us to Nanjua. The church was really excited to receive visitors from so far away. They have been adventurous and eaten all the Mozambican food including a fruit called "cow's heart". They have enjoyed taking pictures of all the sites that have grown familiar to us. The kids in the village all love when Dad takes out the camera and crowd around him to see the pictures on the display screen. It is fun for us to have visitors who can share a fresh perspective on the things that look so familiar to us.

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Margarita's Mundo

Hi again everyone! I am pleased to announce the arrival of my Pop-Pop and Grammy to Mozambique! I have not seen them in awhile and I am so glad they are here. I was a little scared at first but the more time I spend with them, the more I like them and we get to play a lot together. We have gotten to do a lot of fun things with them. We drove around town to show them around and they also went visiting friends with us. They even came to church with us on Sunday and ate shima and matapa for lunch. I haven't started walking yet, but I am crawling with light-

ening speed! I am still waiting for my moment to make my big debut. I have been having fun playing out in the village. Some of the kids have balls that are made out of old clothes or plastic bags and cords and they are really fun to play with. I



Visiting at Manuel & Elena's



Maggie & Pop-Pop

like to roll them and throw them back and forth with other kids or with Mommy. I have been jabbering a lot and I like pretending like I am talking on the phone like Mommy or Daddy. Mommy says I am busy at play and I do have a lot of cups to stack and Legos to put together and take apart again, I sure do have a lot of fun! See you next month!

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Visiting at Miguel & Joanna's

Please Pray For:

- ◆ The backslidden couple in Nanjua
- ◆ The new lady who was baptized in Nanjua
- ◆ The interns arriving later on this month
- ◆ The church in Nanjua as they decide where to build
- ◆ Africa's wife and their family in the loss of their baby