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# Westerholm Family News

## Ministry in Mozambique

We thoroughly enjoyed my parents' three week visit this past month. We gave them an eye full of Mozambique, and we had fun experiencing life together. We took a trip to Nampula during the second week to attend a missionary conference there sponsored by the Mozambique HUB. Missionaries from all over northern Mozambique gathered together. Amy and I enjoyed attending a marriage seminar while my parents watched Maggie. It was also fun for my parents to visit with some of the missionaries closer to their age. In addition to the marriage seminar there was a vet, dentist, and computer technician who came up from South Africa to offer their services. Our dog Scotty had a tumor on his eyelid, so the vet operated on him and removed it. Our teammates Aaron and Mika took advantage of the computer technician when their toddler Josiah vomited on their laptop while watching a DVD. Thankfully, the computer survived!

About a week before, Amy noticed a crack in one of her teeth. We were thankful that a dentist was coming! Unfortunately, the dentist couldn't bring all the fancy equipment that most dentist offices have. He set up shop in a kitchen, reminiscent of a scene out of the old west. Looking at the tooth, he said it would need to be pulled unless Amy went to South Africa. We decided for Amy to go ahead to South Africa, and in the meantime the dentist could start the work. Since he didn't have the nice reclining chairs or the suction tube, Amy had to sit upright in the chair and continually spit into a bowl as he worked. That was when Amy began to feel lightheaded, so the dentist had to stop what he was doing and recline the chair back so she wouldn't pass out! That process was repeated several times during the appointment. We then went and bought plane tickets for Amy and Maggie to go down to Johannesburg. The timing worked out well because Amy was able to get on the same flight as my parents. Amy was able to show them around Johannesburg, and they got to spend a few more days with Maggie.

After getting back from Nampula, my Dad and I started to do a little home repair project. Our kitchen counter was comprised of small black pebbles in

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Chad and his Dad take a try at pounding corn

### Praise God For:

- ◆ Providing a dentist and vet
- ◆ The church in Nanjua starting their building project
- ◆ A great visit with Chad's parents
- ◆ Providing for Amy to travel to South Africa
- ◆ The interns who are visiting



Maggie helps Pop-Pop with the tiling project

white cement that had chipped away over time. It was nearly impossible to clean, so we decided to tile it. Since there is no Home Depot or Lowe's in Montepuez, we had to buy our supplies at a hardware store in Nampula. Normally in the States you can rent a tile cutter, but that wasn't an option here, so we bought a glass cutter and used it to cut the tiles. After we cut all the tiles, we laid down white cement, but the cement we bought had gotten some humidity in it, so we had to sift the cement before we used it. Finally, when we put the tiles down they weren't holding to the cement. Fortunately, I had seen someone laying tiles here previously and noticed that first they soak the tiles in water before putting them down. We tried that and they started to stick. My Dad got a taste of culture shock working on this project!

The church in Nanjua is doing well. They had asked me last month for money to buy land for their church building. Our team has decided not to buy land for churches in the villages, so I communicated this to the church there. They seemed disappointed, but I knew that they would be able to come up with something on their own. This past Sunday they showed me some land that one of the church members was giving for the church to use. They have already started to gather materials together for the construction. It is exciting to see them using their own resources, giving sacrificially, and taking steps toward establishing themselves in the community.

Last week we received a group of five college students from the States who are here for a seven week internship. We have enjoyed their fellowship and youthful energy. This week the three guys are staying at our place. Amy and Maggie will get back next Wednesday, so it will be just us guys for the next week. The interns have dubbed this "man week". Amy was very helpful to me and made a meal schedule for all the days while she is gone. Still, I imagine the interns will enjoy the food more once Amy returns! Until then, hopefully, we will all survive "man week"! (See page 2 for the intern's point of view!)

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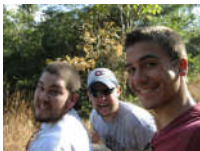
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## Interns' Mundo



After a two-day plane ride and an overnight stay in an African airport, we arrived safely in Pemba. Then it was a two hour drive to the town of Montepuez where we were warmly greeted by the team here. Already, we have experienced some of the joys of being in a foreign country. After a week only three of us have managed to get under the weather a little bit. We are thankful that our illnesses have been short, and we are ready to get back to experiencing life as a missionary again.

We have been able to see much of what the Makua team is doing here. They have not tried to create any false atmosphere of what life is like, allowing us to experience all of their team meetings and interact with the people with whom they interact. One highlight of our stay was going to a nearby game



Interns visiting a Mozambican friend



The game park we went to. Can you see the animals? Neither did we.

park. It was refreshing to be out in the beautiful African countryside, even if we did have to fight off clouds of Tsetse flies. One of our most frequent activities has been language class. The five of us interns have discovered the struggles of learning an African language. It has been really great to see how a team on the mission field works together, and responds to the needs of the Churches and Christians here. Please continue to pray for us

and the team here as we learn what it means to be a missionary.

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Chad and his Dad visiting our friend's field

### Please Pray For:

- ◆ Amy and Maggie's safe return on Wednesday
- ◆ Continued spiritual growth in Nanjua
- ◆ The upcoming Bible study in Nanhupo
- ◆ God to speak to the interns through their experience here
- ◆ Continued growth in language study

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