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Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique

About a year ago I started studying through the Gospel of Mark in the village of Nanjua. Having slowly taught about the life of Jesus, we have seen God's hand at work in the lives of the believers there as they are beginning to imitate him. We are transitioning to a new phase of our work there where I will begin to teach on some doctrinal matters such as: giving, leadership, prayer, baptism, etc. For the past year we have been in Nanjua almost every Sunday, but now we plan to worship with them on a biweekly basis. This will give us the opportunity to visit other churches that we have been meaning to visit and will encourage the church in Nanjua to step out on their own. Later in the year I plan on beginning some teaching in Nanjua on another day of the week to continue a weekly presence with the church.

The church has been continuing to construct their new church building. It has been neat to see nearly everyone in the church contribute to the work, although most of the work has been done by just two or three people. It has been a good test to see who has a heart of servant leadership. We would like to see the church appoint deacons soon, so this has helped to clarify who is leading the church in service.

Last Sunday, after our worship service, I visited a village near Nanjua called Nawa. There are no churches in Nawa and I am interested in beginning to build relationships there and begin teaching in the future. One of the church members had a relative there who was selling tangerines, so we went to buy some and to get to know some of the people there. I ate the largest and juiciest tangerines I have ever seen in my life and bought 200 for about \$8.

This month we also enjoyed a two week visit from Amy's parents. We decided to give them a quick introduction to life in Mozambique when the day after they arrived we went to a church about two hours from here that was hosting a conference. We thought the church would like having a guest speaker from the States, so we had planned for Amy's Dad to preach.

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Amy's Dad preaching in Milamba

Praise God For:

- ◆ The learning and growing among Christians in Nanhupo
- ◆ Safe travels for Amy's parents
- ◆ The involvement of the church in Nanjua in the construction
- ◆ Encouraging the local churches through teaching done by Amy's Dad
- ◆ Completing the teaching through the Gospel of Mark in Nanjua



Studying the Gospel of Mark in Nanhupo

However, when we arrived in Milamba we only found about fifteen people there (not many people for a conference!). We soon discovered that one of the church members had died the night before and the majority of the church was preparing for the funeral. We decided to postpone the church service and we went to the funeral instead. After the funeral, we finally began the church service at about 3:00 in the afternoon. By the time we got back it was 8:00 at night and we were all quite exhausted. Amy's Dad preached in English, I translated into Portuguese and then a Mozambican translated into Makua, the church seemed to really enjoy the service.

The teaching in Nanhupo on Fridays has been going well and I have enjoyed the discussions that we have had there. Sometimes I get asked interesting questions like, "Will you go to hell if you don't tithe?", "Is it a sin to go to the witchdoctor?" or "Is it a sin to kneel down to someone (like a king) or should we only kneel before God?" The study has been well attended with over ten people coming each week. One man who became a Christian just last week has even started coming with me from Montepuez to attend the study. All of the feedback that I have received about the class has been really positive, so I am excited to provide an opportunity for learning more about the Bible.

We have enjoyed the cool weather of July, especially days like today when it is about 70° F. We took advantage of Amy's parents visiting to help us with some yard work and advice on planting and transplanting flowers. Now our yard is really coming along and is on its way to looking really nice.

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Map of Mozambique



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Margarita's Mundo

Hi everyone! I just enjoyed a visit from my Granddaddy and Gran from America! They came all the way to Mozambique to see me and boy did we have fun! They got to see me walking and running all over the place and hear my favorite new phrases including "thank you", "uh-oh" and "Phiii-lo" Philo is the name of our newest dog and he is one of my closest friends! He is fun and he has a lot of energy like me! I like throwing tennis balls for him to fetch and I offer him all kinds of

things that I find in the yard that I think he would enjoy. Mommy is teaching me to pet him and tell him he is a good dog. Also this month Mommy let me pound corn for the first time. When I was little I thought watching people pounding corn was really funny! Now people seem to enjoy watching me give it a try. The pounding stick is called a "mwithi" and it is



Maggie pounding corn



Maggie having fun at the beach

really tall so Mommy has to hold it at the top while I pound out the corn. I want to learn how to winnow too and so does Mommy. Mommy says for her it might take quite some time but she thinks I will be able to learn fast. Mommy and Daddy have been impressed with how I am building with Lego blocks and putting puzzles together. I also love watching the cars, trucks and motorcycles drive by and making "vroom-vroom" noises! It does not get much more fun than that! See you next month!

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Maggie learns about pounding and winnowing corn

Please Pray For:

- ◆ Wisdom in the appointing of deacons in Nanjua
- ◆ The Christians in Nanhupo studying through the Gospel of Mark
- ◆ The lost people in the village of Nawa
- ◆ The church in Nanjua to stay strong and continue to grow
- ◆ Amy to recover from a cold

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