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Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique

When you study the life of Paul in the New Testament, you quickly realize that he surrounded himself with many co-workers in service to the Kingdom. Paul always seemed to have someone alongside him: Barnabas, Silas, Luke, Mark, Timothy, Titus, Gaius, Aristarchus, Sosthenes, Epaphras, Tychicus, Epaphrodius, Demas...the list goes on. We are blessed as well to have teammates who are working together with us in leading people to Jesus. I would like to use this month's newsletter to give you a wider perspective of the work that our whole team is doing.

The closest city to Montepuez of any size is over 100 miles away. Montepuez serves as a hub for a multitude of smaller towns and villages nearby. The main focus of our team's ministry is working in these rural villages surrounding Montepuez. Four roads lead out of Montepuez; each family on our team works in the villages along one of these roads: North (Howells), East (Westerholms), South (Rolands) and West (Smiths).

While Amy and I are blessed to travel down a paved road to Nanjua and Nanhupo, our teammates get to have a real off road experience as they drive bumpy unpaved roads for hours each week. Traveling outside of Montepuez on any road, one will find dozens of villages with no church or only a church of a few believers. Most of the villages have at least 500 people, but some have as many as 10,000 people living close together in an area the size of a few city blocks. It is in these villages that our team is working to bring the word of the Lord.

The Howells have been working in two areas. To get to one area is a real chore, taking up to two hours in the rainy season. In Nakwaya, a church split resulted in two churches in neighboring villages. The Howells have been working to help these churches resolve their conflicts and develop spiritually in order to be a light to those around them. In Chipembe they are working with several believers who had been converted in Montepuez and then moved to the village. The Christians there were not worshipping together, but now a church has been established there. Recently, Alan has

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The Makua Metto Team
Smiths, Howells, Rolands, Westerholms

Praise God For:

- ◆ Blessing us with teammates to work with
- ◆ The growth of the village churches
- ◆ The recent evangelism being done in Ntiviri and Inkunama
- ◆ Progress in our team's language abilities
- ◆ The receptivity to the gospel



Baptism In Montepuez

begun teaching in a nearby village where about forty people come each week to hear the word of the Lord.

The Smiths routinely travel west about forty minutes and turn off the beaten path to a large village called Opajo. The church there has now grown from a few believers who weren't worshipping together to an established church of about 15 people. Jeremy is beginning to focus on evangelizing a neighboring village while continuing to teach in Opajo.

South of Montepuez, the Rolands are working in Mithale, where a church had been planted a while ago but had dwindled down to just one youth. In the past year the church there has grown slowly numerically, but continues to mature spiritually. The Rolands have also been involved in planting two other churches nearby in Menhuine and Unidade that are developing well.

In total there are 11 churches that our team is working with regularly and two villages where we are beginning to teach. There are 10 other churches that are located further away where we several times a year. We receive numerous invitations to plant new churches and teach in existing ones. The requests simply outnumber the days of the week!

The churches we deal with are all relatively new and deal with issues that are common to new Christians: drunkenness, greed, divorce, legalism, domestic violence, polygamy, and witchcraft. We also have the opportunity to see godly leaders emerging who are people of prayer and faith with hearts to evangelize the lost. Having teammates who share similar experiences helps immensely as we learn from each one's victories and defeats. Perhaps that is the benefit that Paul saw as he traveled with his companions.

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Margarita's Mundo

Hi everyone! I just saw that Daddy & Mommy's news letter this month talked about our team so I thought I would write a piece highlighting the little teammates like me! I have a lot of little friends on our team, there are six of us in all. Luke & Andrew Smith and Josiah Roland are the boys and Abby & Ellie Howell and I are the girls. We get to see each other a lot and I enjoy playing with them so much! Mommy usually visits one of our teammates in the late afternoon



Maggie & Ellie Howell

and I get to play while Mommy visits. We just started a new Mommy's Day Out program too where I get to spend two hours a week with all my friends and one of the team ladies singing songs, reading books and playing games. That is really fun! One of my



Team kids playing games



Maggie having fun with Josiah Roland

favorite events is Tuesday nights when our whole team gets together for dinner. We play and eat and then we have a worship time where we sing all the fun kids songs we can think of and then we have Bible class! My little friends are really great and there are two more little friends on the way for the Smith family and the Roland family! How exciting! Well, I've got to get back to playing now, I'll see you again next month!

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Maggie really gets into her new legos!

Please Pray For:

- ◆ The spiritual maturing of new Christians
- ◆ God to raise up Spirit filled leaders in the churches
- ◆ Wisdom for those seeking to understand the message of the Bible
- ◆ God's blessing on the new villages where our team is working
- ◆ Our team retreat next week as we seek God's will together

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