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Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique

Returning to Montepuez has brought to mind many memories from the car accident last month. Once word had gotten around that we had returned, people continuously came by our house to see us. It was encouraging to see that all the Christians who visited us made a point to pray and thank God for his protection over Amy and Maggie. As we recounted the story we could always depend on hearing someone say, "Nluku Muulupale." (Metto for: God is big!) or "Graças a Deus." (Portuguese for: Thanks be to God!).

Our car is in the shop at Toyota and they have begun to work on it. When I called our car insurance company I was pleasantly surprised to hear that the paperwork our teammates had turned in was sufficient. They had already arranged with Toyota to fix the car and Toyota had already ordered parts when I called them. When I asked the insurance company what more they needed from me, they simply said, "All we need to know now is how your wife is doing." I was absolutely amazed that it went so quickly. I have grown accustomed to things like this taking lots of time and paperwork here in Africa, so it has been a great blessing that everything has gone so smoothly!

In the meantime, I have been finding alternative means of transportation—mainly walking. When you have to walk everywhere, Montepuez seems a lot bigger. This is especially so, since some of our friends live on the outskirts of town which can take almost an hour to get to! Occasionally, when some of my friends see me walking, I get a ride on their motorcycles. On Sunday I took a 'chapa', which is the public transportation, to get to Nanjua. Most chapas are fifteen passenger vans which are filled with twenty people (not counting children). I even learned a new Portuguese word, "sardinhar" which means "to cram people into a chapa like a can of sardines". Needless to say the trip to Nanjua was an experience in and of itself.

The church in Nanjua was doing pretty well. Attendance was down, some church members were sick and some have not been consistent in coming to



Amy and Maggie Say "Cheese"

church. When I arrived everyone was already at the church building getting ready to worship. Everyone wanted to hear about how Amy was doing. The accident had happened near Nanjua, so they had heard about it even before they knew that it involved Amy. While we were gone, Nanjua finally had its cell phone tower turned on! The church had managed to make a call to our teammates when I didn't come for a scheduled visit and heard all the details of the accident. It was good to be back there and they were glad that Amy was doing well.

Now that we are back, I finally have begun teaching my seminar to develop a Makua-Metto hymnal. The seminar has begun well and there has been participation from the Nazarene church, the Evangelical Assembly of God, the Pentecostal Holiness church, the Church of Christ, the African Assembly of God, International Assembly of God, and the Union Baptists. It was really neat to get everyone together and listen as people shared songs from their churches. There are a lot of Metto songs that are sung in the different churches, but since the churches rarely worship together many songs are unknown. The students were all really excited to teach one another different songs and learn others. Every song that we sung was new to at least one person.

We have studied verses in the Bible such as Psalm 47:1 ("Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy."), Psalm 105:1 ("O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples."), and Psalm 148:7,11-12 ("Praise the Lord from the earth...Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!") Each of these verses is inviting all peoples to sing praise to God. The students soon saw the importance of singing praises to God in their own language. God is inviting people in all the earth and in all languages to unite in praise to him. We are thankful for the small part we have in making that happen.

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Our car after the accident

Praise God For:

- ◆ The help we received from the Christians in South Africa
- ◆ All the Christians who came to visit and pray with us
- ◆ No hassles with car insurance
- ◆ Good participation in the worship seminar
- ◆ The endurance of the church in Nanjua



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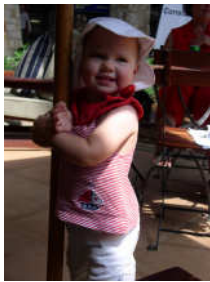
Margarita's Mundo

Hi everyone! First, I want to thank all of you for praying for me and especially Mommy after we were in the car accident. God answered so many prayers! I like praying too, I like the holding hands part when we are about to eat, and lately I like the saying "Amen!" part the best. We were in South Africa for a month or so, there was a washing machine where we were staying and I got to help Mommy with the laundry which was so much fun!

Even when I wasn't helping her I would pretend to put the clothes in and shut the door, add the soap and push the buttons just like Mommy does. After Mommy was feeling a lot better we came back home to Montepuez. I was so glad to see my doggie friends, especially Philo, he is my favorite.



Maggie at her "office"



Maggie in South Africa

I was also glad to see my little teammates: Luke, Andrew, Abby and Ellie. Josiah is gone to South Africa right now so I miss seeing him but Mommy says he will be back soon. I started going to pre-school again and I love it! I have even learned to say the word pre-school and I am learning so many words right now like please, Bible, cow, duck, cat and thank you,— although I prefer saying thank you in Afrikaans, "Dankie"! I had better go for now, see you next month!

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Maggie playing fetch with Philo

Please Pray For:

- ◆ Continued blessing over the worship seminar
- ◆ Our family's health (we are a bit under the weather)
- ◆ Arlindo, a backslidden church leader in Nanjua
- ◆ Our teammate Mika Roland whose baby is due this month
- ◆ Our car to be repaired thoroughly and promptly

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