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# Westerholm Family News

## Ministry in Mozambique

In spite of the 95 degree weather, we celebrated Thanksgiving in a way that really made us feel at home. The Beens, our colleagues in Nam-pula, visited us; along with two missionary families that live about an hour outside of Montepuez. We were also blessed to have our team mentors, Sam and Nancy Shewmaker join us from Rwanda. Thanksgiving requires a good deal of forethought since most customary foods cannot be purchased locally or even in the country. Thanks to a lot of cooking from scratch and ingredi-ents from out of town and overseas we enjoyed: turkey and dressing, cran-berry sauce, deviled eggs, pineapple casserole, sweet potato casserole, apple pie, and (my favorite) pumpkin pie. Altogether there were over 30 of us at our Thanksgiving celebration!

Our visit with Sam and Nancy went really well. We enjoyed their company and their encouragement. Since they have lived in three different African countries and have visited many other countries, they have a lot of wisdom to share from their varied experiences. They really encouraged us to not think small about the work we are doing but to trust God to do great things beyond our abilities. We were also glad that they were able to make it here at all, since their travel agent accidentally booked them to fly to Pemba Island, Tanzania instead of Pemba, Mozambique!

This month I finished teaching the worship seminar. Through the seminar we were able to record and transcribe 41 different Metto worship songs. The students really seemed to enjoy the seminar and others wanted to participate, so I decided that I will repeat the seminar in December. This time it will be a week long intensive class and I will work with people from rural churches rather than city churches. One challenge I faced dur-ing the first seminar was that many churches worship primarily in Portu-guese. Most of these songs come from Brazil and many were translated from English hymns. While this can be beneficial sometimes, it usually means that the songs people sing in the churches are stylistically very dif-ferent from the traditional Makua music. I am hoping that through this

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Jeremy teaches church leaders at the provincial conference

### Praise God For:

- ◆ The birth of Elijah Yuuki Roland
- ◆ A successful provincial confer-ence
- ◆ A great visit with the Shewmak-ers
- ◆ The songs we were able to col-lect for the new hymnal.
- ◆ The growth of the church in the past five years.



A new brother is baptized into Christ at the conference

hymnal we will introduce melodies into the church that are local and lyrics that are Biblically based.

For the past five years the Churches of Christ in Cabo Delgado have had a conference in the Fall where leaders come together from all over the province. This year over twenty churches were represented. Five years ago there were only seven churches in the province, so we rejoice at the nu-merical growth. It is not as easy to measure spiritual growth, but I do believe that we are seeing godly leaders emerge among the Metto churches. It was good to spend three days together at the conference with these dear friends.

This year we decided to teach on giving and how the church should use the money from the offering. I taught on why we should give, Alan taught on what the money should be used for, and Jeremy taught on basic bookkeep-ing. It seemed like our teaching was very basic, but it was very needed. Many times churches don't keep records of how much money is collected and then the money stays with one church leader who may or may not use the money for the good of the church. Since the offering money often "disappears" we are encouraging the churches to arrange a money box with two locks. Each church will choose three people to be responsible for the finances, one who keeps the box and two who keep the keys. Lord willing, this teaching will lead churches to use their resources more effectively and know where their money is going.

Our teammates, the Roland, just had a new baby boy, Elijah, who was born this month in South Africa. The Smiths are also expecting in Decem-ber, so they have just left for the States. In the meantime we are here wait-ing for rain to come so we can enjoy a break in the heat. We hope all of you are enjoying the cool weather. God bless!

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## Margarita's Mundo

Hi everyone! I have had a lot of fun this month. We had a big Thanksgiving celebration and lots of fun friends came to visit. At Thanksgiving I ate turkey and jello and a deviled egg, the best part was hanging out with all the kids! I have been learning a bunch of words lately. When Mommy and Daddy sing songs or read books to me they leave a word out every now and then for me to fill in. They are

very proud when I can say the words, they say they like to hear my cute little voice, it makes them smile! I am going to miss my friends Luke and Andrew while they are in the States. Luke was so sweet to let me borrow his motorcycle while he is gone which is so much fun! It is a little



Maggie and Daddy on the front steps of our house

black plastic motorcycle and I can just manage to get on and off and push the motorcycle up and down the sidewalk with my feet. I like to say "vroom, vroom!" when I am turning around and trying to pop wheelies on the front step. Mommy just taught me the song head and shoulders, knees and toes the other day, now that is a funny song. I can hardly stop laughing when Mommy sings it especially when she sings it really fast! I hope that you all have a great holiday season, see you next month!



Maggie reading stories with Karunia Been

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Maggie with her friends at Thanksgiving

## Please Pray For:

- ◆ The safe arrival of the new Smith baby
- ◆ Our car to be repaired this month
- ◆ The second worship seminar that will be this month
- ◆ Our team as we consider our plans for the coming year
- ◆ One of our Christian friends in town who just suffered a stroke

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