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Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique

Several years ago Amy and I went hiking up a mountain trail in the Alps. We decided to just walk up a little ways, but as we climbed the scenery became more and more beautiful the higher we went. We would hike for a few minutes and then turn around amazed at all we saw. Hours later we were near the top of a beautiful mountain range! Our work here seems to be similar to that day on the trail. We work and go through our daily routine. The longer we go, the more things come into view which we had not anticipated.

April began with our annual retreat for the missionaries in our organization. We enjoyed several relaxing days at the beach and the company of fellow missionaries from all over the country. It was encouraging to see the way that God's Spirit is at work in various ministries that are touching countless lives. We are part of something that is much bigger than the work that we ourselves are doing.

One Saturday, as I arrived in Marimano, we found that the host of the Bible study was drunk yet again. We had no choice but to move the Bible study to someone else's house where we have been for the past month. This was disappointing, but God's hand was at work in this. As I started teaching in the shade of a large mango tree, some of the neighbors began listening quietly and intently. In the following weeks the number of people attending the Bible study or "sitting quietly" at the neighbor's house has increased. Each week 10-20 adults (and sometimes a dozen or more kids) listen to God's word being taught in their own language. We have now given an invitation to those who wish to follow Jesus and be baptized and we are awaiting the responses that will be given this week.

In Nanhupo, we finished studying through the Gospel of Mark and have now begun to study the book of James. I have noticed through this study that these friends are beginning to learn how to read the Bible for themselves and interpret it. This is exciting to see because whenever people read the Bible carefully they open a door for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives.

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The district leaders meeting in Nanhupo

Praise God For:

- ◆ The six new churches in Cabo Delgado
- ◆ The people in Marimano who are listening to the Bible studies
- ◆ Completing the Mark study in Nanhupo
- ◆ The encouragement we had at our annual retreat.
- ◆ The near completion of our car repairs



Christians in Nanhupo worshipping

The church in Nanhupo is developing a sense of confidence as they are reading and applying God's word in their lives.

One Sunday this month, there was a church leaders meeting in Nanhupo for churches in all of Montepuez district. Representatives from about ten churches came to Nanhupo for planning and encouragement. Seeing these ten churches represented made me realize that the work here is beginning to grow and take on a different feel. This was confirmed when my teammate Jeremy shared how two new churches have been planted in the Chiure district and the churches there are in the process of planting several other churches in nearby villages as well. Germino, recently made two evangelistic trips and began four new churches. Thus in the month of April alone, six new churches were started. I expect that in May we will see other new churches planted throughout the province. Of course you can't just evangelize people without discipling, so beginning a new church is just the first step in a long process. The work quickly becomes overwhelming. This has brought me to the realization that for our work to be most effective, we will have to invest our time into training up leaders capable of discipling others. I have known this for a long time, and this is what we have planned all along, but now it is a reality. I see that my abilities are severely limited by time and space. Now I must trust God to work through me to mentor leaders who can disciple others.

When I think of all the ways we see God at work here, I am reminded of the privilege we have to take in such "scenery". Walking is an everyday activity, but sometimes, like that day in the Alps, doing an everyday activity can yield astounding results. It isn't so much that we are special people doing something extraordinarily special, but that God has called us to be in a special place. We, like you, are living life, seeking God, and serving him as best we can. I pray that God may lead you to mountain trails in your life where you can see the works of his mighty hand.

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Margarita's Mundo

Hello everyone! This was an exciting month for me because I closed on my first house! (see picture at right) Mommy and Daddy were building some tee-pee trellises for plants to grow on and they built one to be a little play house just for me! I love playing in my little house; I can dig in the dirt and play with all my outside toys! You are welcome to visit me anytime! Mommy and Daddy also finished a project they have been working on to put raised

beds in our vegetable garden. After they were done, Mommy let me have a morning of fun, fun, fun when I got to go out and dig and rake in the garden! Gardening is a



Motorcycle Races at Pre-School



Digging in the garden

lot of fun. I love to dig and rake and pick the fresh veggies with Mommy. We also got to go to the beach this month with all the members of our organization. I had a great time swimming in the pool and playing on the beach. One afternoon Mommy and I sat on the beach while the tide was coming in. Every time the waves would crash in and splash us I would giggle and say "Big one, salty water!" It was nice to see so many kids from our organization and have fun with them each day. See you next month!

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Maggie's New Play House

Please Pray For:

- ◆ The last part of our car repairs to be finished
- ◆ Wisdom as we choose the villages where we invest our time
- ◆ The upcoming baptisms in Mari-mano
- ◆ The new church plants to grow and develop in their faith
- ◆ The upcoming district seminar we are teaching at in Nanjua

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