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Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique

I just bought 100 lbs of tomatoes for \$10. Yes, it is tomato season. In developed countries, we often just run to a grocery store and buy a can of tomato sauce or salsa when we are in the mood for Italian or Mexican. In Mozambique, it is a bit more complicated. Amy decided to make four huge pots of sauce and salsa from scratch and then can them for us to use in the future. At the end of a long day of cutting and cooking tomatoes, Amy had produced ten quart size cans of tomato sauce and salsa. It is amazing how much work can go into something as simple as a can of tomato sauce!

For the past month I have been making recordings of hymns for the hymnal project. Five talented young men from different churches in town have given their time to learn and record these songs. This is one of the last stages in the process before printing the hymnals. My goal is to give people a hymnal with tape recordings so they will be able to learn how to sing all the songs in the hymnal. This is also an important stage of the editing process, because if a song is difficult to sing, it is much easier to change the words before the printing. Recording the 130 songs for the hymnal has been no quick task! Unfortunately, I have faced numerous challenges in the recording process and it is going much slower than I had anticipated. Hopefully I will be able to finish recording the last 55 songs in the next week or two.

I spent my 30th birthday in Nanjua at the provincial conference for the Churches of Christ. The conference is an annual weekend long meeting for church leaders that rotates in location each year. Two difficulties that arise each year are a lack of food at the conference and the expense of the transport to get to the conference. This year there was enough food, but some churches contributed generously to the food and others came empty handed. Some walked or rode bikes for six hours to get to Nanjua while others came to us missionaries asking for a free ride; still others didn't come at all. All of this really frustrated me as it seemed some

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Maggie helps Mommy with the 100 lbs. of tomatoes

Praise God For:

- ◆ The recordings that have been done for the hymnal.
- ◆ The churches who sacrificed to make the provincial conference possible.
- ◆ The Howells safe return from furlough
- ◆ The ministry of Feliciano
- ◆ The Rolands towing us for 8 hours!



A Chameleon Visits us in our Front Yard

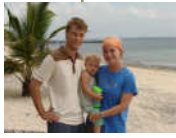
people were just taking advantage of the others and not willing to give anything themselves. I felt encouraged to see some new Christians making sacrifices and discouraged to see more "mature" Christians who were not willing to contribute. Although some good came out of the conference, it was difficult for me to see past the problems.

On Amy's Birthday we headed to Nampula to have a few days of rest and for me to make a visit to a town called Gurue. The timing belt on our truck was going out, so we had it replaced by a mechanic in Montepuez. However, as we drove it to Nampula, we broke down about an hour and a half outside of Montepuez. The Rolands were in Nampula, so they drove three and a half hours to come pick us up. They then towed us all the way to Nampula, where we finally arrived at 1:00 in the morning. The next day I took the car in to Toyota and they said the mechanic in Montepuez had placed the timing belt on wrong and had caused around \$3,000 or \$4,000 dollars worth of damage to the engine. Lesson learned: Never take your car to a mechanic in Montepuez.

Last month a man by the name of Dias Bento Feliciano died. Feliciano converted to Christ while visiting Malawi in the 1950's. In the 1968 he began the first Church of Christ in Mozambique. Under the colonial government he had spent time in prison for preaching the gospel. A few weeks ago a special "consolation" service was held for his widow, where people brought gifts to help his family. Aaron and I went to attend this service. We sat in a church service with about 400 people and were amazed at the maturity of the Christians in Gurue, many who have been in Christ for decades. It helped us see the possibilities that are ahead for the churches in our area. Like Montepuez, the churches in Gurue faced many difficulties in their early years, but they continued to serve the Lord and God has blessed their work. We too try to endure the difficulties of today, trusting that God will use what we do for years to come.

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Margarita's Mundo

Hello again! What an exciting month it has been! First, we had a big 4th of July party, where we played lots of games and had a water balloon toss! Then we ate some yummy

American food like hamburgers, potato salad and apple pie! Then Mommy & Daddy celebrated their anniversary with a family dinner by candlelight, then Daddy had a

birthday and then Mommy had a birthday! I have been celebrating all month long and today I get to go to another birthday party of our teammate Abby Howell, she is going to be 5, that is so old! This month I also moved from sleeping in my pack n' play to my big girl bed! I love my big girl bed and my fun sheets with pink flowers! We



Maggie & Daddy celebrate the 4th of July

are still waiting for our new baby to arrive. Sometimes Mommy asks me what I want to name our new baby and I always say "Baby Jesus!" I don't know too many baby names but I have seen Baby Moses and Baby Jesus so I thought that would be a good name for our baby too. Mommy and Daddy are amazed at all the new words I know, especially Mommy. Sometimes Daddy teaches me silly animals like porcupine, bison or moose and it surprises Mommy when I say them! Hope you have a wonderful day, see you next month!



Maggie's first water balloon toss

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Maggie gets a care package with a new flower hat

Please Pray For:

- ◆ Amy to continue to have a healthy pregnancy
- ◆ The hymnal recordings to go well
- ◆ Us to raise financial support to continue our ministry
- ◆ Our car to be repaired quickly and well
- ◆ Us not to become discouraged in the face of difficulties

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