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# Westerholm Family News

## Ministry in Mozambique

There are few arguments for becoming a disciple of Jesus more convincing than the witness of a changed and transformed life. People are attracted when they see the work of the Holy Spirit developing characteristics that were unknown before. A few months ago I wrote about a brother named Cosme, who had repented from his drunkenness. One of his neighbors had said Cosme's drinking was incurable. However, Jesus can cure all our soul's diseases. Cosme's oldest son was following his father's example of sin; a few weeks ago he decided to follow his father's example of repentance. However, that is only part of the story. Also Cosme's daughter and Cosme's brother shared that they wanted to be baptized. I felt so much joy to see the many ways God is bringing about change in this family. The life changing power of knowing Jesus is demonstrating the Kingdom of God in yet another corner of the world.

Although I haven't had a car this month, I have still stayed quite busy. Last week my teammate Aaron and I went to the city of Pemba and taught a seminar for the churches in that area. Since it is a two hour drive from Montepuez, we don't visit those churches too often. They were really excited that we were able to teach and stay there for three days. The seminar ended on a good note with five people dedicating their lives to the Lord. Early Sunday morning we had a beach baptism which was witnessed by fishermen and people out for a morning swim. Personally, one of the most exciting aspects of the seminar was when I heard a song sung by the church about Daniel in the lion's den. I had encouraged a friend in Nanhupo to write a song about Daniel in the lion's den, and he had taught it to others who had taught it to others until it made its way to Pemba. This was a great encouragement to the value of the hymnal to the churches here.

We finally finished recording all the songs for the hymnal this month, over 120! Five young men had volunteered more than fifty hours, in addition to their school and work responsibilities, in order to record all the songs. It was a huge task, but we all had a lot of fun in the process. Alan had put some

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A New Brother is Baptized into Christ in Nanhupo

### Praise God For:

- ◆ Finishing the recordings for the hymnal.
- ◆ A successful start to the Train and Multiply Program.
- ◆ The new Christians in Nanhupo and Pemba
- ◆ Health for our family
- ◆ The interest shown in the churches for the new hymnals



A baby sleeping while Mom listens to a sermon

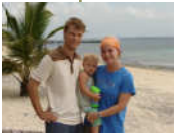
of the songs we recorded on his ipod and played it in his car while some Mozambicans were riding with him. Even the people who weren't Christians began singing along! When they got to the village, the Christians asked Alan to play more of the songs so they could learn them. They sat in Alan's car for an hour listening to new songs that focus on Biblical truths and glorifying God. "When can we get these songs?" they asked. Thankfully, I am in the very final stages of formatting the hymnal and we hope to have the hymnal in hand in the next few weeks. It has been a long process but one that has been well worth the work.

One of the other exciting programs I have recently begun is called Train and Multiply. Train and Multiply is a type of ministerial training that is designed to help equip church leaders to work in the area where they live. Rather than taking them away from their homes to train them, they stay in their ministry context and are mentored as they serve their church. Four men from the church in Nanhupo have begun to study and six from Nanjua and Marimano will begin studying this week. It is really exciting to see the reactions to the studies by the people involved. All are eager to participate in the studies, and the guys in Nanhupo enjoyed discussing their studies with each other throughout the week.

Getting around without a car is still difficult, and it limits my ability to visit churches, cutting into my time significantly. An hour's worth of driving can take up to four hours when I am riding public transportation. However, I am grateful for the fruit I am seeing in this ministry. I can't attribute it to my efforts, but fruit doesn't really work that way anyway. Plants produce fruit when they are in the right environment and, as Jesus taught, when the branches remain connected to the vine. I pray that as we continue seeking to strengthen our bonds to the vine that the fruit of this ministry will continue to multiply. As we train people in the word of God my prayer is that the Holy Spirit's work will multiply in their lives and the lives of those around them.

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## Margarita's Mundo

Hi everyone! This month I went on my first picnic! It was in our yard and we invited Martha, Luke, Andrew & Joshua. We got to play outside and then Mommy and Martha brought out a blanket and some yummy food including chocolate chip cookies for dessert, hooray!!! I really like picnics! I have also been helping Mommy a lot in the kitchen. We make bread, pancakes, cinnamon

rolls and all sorts of yummy food! This month Mommy let me crack the eggs all by myself! Mommy says I crack eggs like a professional chef because I only use one hand, hit the egg on the side of the bowl and then squeeze!

Mommy is helping me improve my technique and I think cracking eggs is very fun! I have been singing this month and I can sing several songs all by myself like Jesus Loves Me, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and Happy Birthday. I got to help Mommy make a birthday cake for Mika for her birthday party yesterday. Mika really likes this show called Star Wars so for her party we all dressed up as characters from the movie, it was very fun. I was an Ewok with pink ears! I am still attending pre-school every week and I enjoy it so much!



Maggie has pre-school with her babies

When I arrive home after pre-school I like to line up my baby dolls and stuffed animals and sing songs with them and read books just like I got to do in pre-school that day! They seem to enjoy it! See you next month!



Team Kids Dress Up For Mika's Star Wars Birthday Party

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Maggie takes a ride in her 'car'

## Please Pray For:

- ◆ Amy to continue to have a healthy pregnancy
- ◆ The editing, printing, and distribution of the hymnals to go well.
- ◆ Us to raise financial support to continue our ministry
- ◆ Our car to be repaired quickly and well
- ◆ The people studying in the Train and Multiply program in Nanhupo, Nanjua, and Marimano

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