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Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique

On the road again! After three months of waiting for our car to be repaired, the parts finally arrived and I was able to pick it up. It has felt like the doors have been open wide for me to do so much more work than I had previously been able to do without a car. Now it is common for me to visit four different villages in one day! While I was in Nampula picking up the car I also took advantage of the opportunity to have the Metto hymnals printed. I am pleased to have all the final revisions completed and to see the hymnal distributed to area churches. One morning when I arrived at a Christian's house, I found his family and several friends gathered around a hymnal learning to sing new songs. The hymnal is already being used in the Churches of Christ, the Church of the Nazarene, the Union Baptist Church, the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and the Assemblies of God. Now all that is left is to distribute the recordings of the songs in the hymnal, so everyone can learn how to sing each of the 125 songs.

Another exciting project that we have begun this month is teaching people how to build Lorena Stoves. Most Metto families cook their food by placing a pot on three rocks and lighting sticks of firewood underneath. The Lorena stove is easily built using readily available materials and allows someone to cook two pots simultaneously with only one stick of wood. The advantages of the stove are many: it uses less than a third of the firewood (great for women who have to gather the wood as well as for the trees), it is much safer for children (many children are burned by falling into the fires whereas this stove keeps the fire in an enclosed area), the stove has a chimney which keeps smoke out of the eyes of the person cooking, and the pots set into a space so that the person cooking doesn't have to hold the pot while it is hot (convenient where oven mitts are a rarity). One woman who had a stove recently built at her house said she had already moved her kitchen to where the new stove is. Wherever we build the stoves, a crowd naturally gathers. People want to see this new way to cook.

I have continued to preach and teach in various churches each

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Cosme's family gathers around their new stove

Praise God For:

- ◆ Our car which is running great!
- ◆ The new Metto hymnals being used in the churches
- ◆ The stoves that are being built in the villages
- ◆ The new believers baptized in Mesa
- ◆ A successful Bible School



A new brother from Mesa being baptized into Christ

week. This past month a four week school was held at the Igreja de Cristo and six students came to study the Bible. I taught a class on James where I tried to emphasize the importance of humility in leadership. I have continued to teach the Train & Multiply program in Nanhupo and in the Nanjua area. Santos, one of the students in the Nanjua area has wanted to try to start a church in his village of Mesa. For the past month we have been working in his village evangelizing and this past Sunday we baptized three people who wanted to become Christians. Lord willing, the five Christians in Mesa will soon begin to worship on their own as they try to establish a church in their village.

With little more than a month until our furlough the work here is becoming more intense. It is always difficult to leave the churches, not knowing how they will fare "on their own". With limited time, I am trying to invest in the leaders who will be continuing to build up the church after I am gone. It is humbling knowing that God is the one who is in control and the role I have is simply a guide who points people to trust in Christ. Sometimes I wonder if

some of the Christians I work with put their trust more in the missionary than in Christ. On the other hand, I am greatly encouraged by the growing faith of some of the believers who I have been closely discipling. It is exciting to watch as they learn to share their testimonies of how God has transformed their lives. Seeing the fruit of repentance as people give themselves to Christ is the reason I have come here. It is refreshing to see the work of the past several years come together.

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Construction of a church building in Nanhupo



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Margarita's Mundo

Hi everyone! This month has been really great! The weather has been getting warmer and we have been having lots of picnics in the yard which I love! The best part about when the weather gets hot here is that mango season begins!!! I really love to eat mangos! They are a bit messy but so worth it. It is early in the season so they are still a bit expensive (4 cents a piece right now, it gets much cheaper!) Mommy and Daddy have been splurging and buying as many as they can since we will be leaving soon to go visit in

America and I have been eating as many as they will give me! We also had a big party last Tuesday night for Halloween and we all got to dress up! Mommy asked me what I wanted to be this year and since I enjoy pretending to tend sheep I asked if I could be a shepherdess. Mommy put together a little outfit for me and then Daddy found me a staff in the yard that looks just like the ones from my Bible story books. I was very excited about my costume. Then Mommy and Daddy dressed up as my sheep, I liked to hear them say "Baaaaaaa!" Mommy even helped me pick out a special memory verse about Jesus being the good shepherd. At the party we had a cake walk with lots of prizes, we sang songs and played games, it was great! Mommy says I have had a verbal explosion lately and she likes to hear me talking. Sometimes she laughs at the things I say like when I talk about peeling the pants off the banana. I am also beginning to learn how to answer the phone, I love to pretend to talk on my play phone but when it comes to the real thing it is too fun to just pick up the receiver and push the buttons! So if you hear a bunch of loud beeps when you call us, it is probably just me enjoying myself! See you next month!



Maggie plays in her ballerina outfit



Mommy sneaks a picture with Maggie

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The kids dress for our Halloween party (That's me on the far left!)

Please Pray For:

- ◆ The last few weeks of ministry in Mozambique before our furlough
- ◆ The new Christians in Mesa
- ◆ Amy's pregnancy to continue well
- ◆ The Bible school students as they teach what they have learned in their home churches
- ◆ The Lorena stove project to spread and develop.

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