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Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique

The word missionary is derived from the Latin word *missio* meaning 'sent'. All mission work is the result of God's people sending out some who are among them to do the work of the Lord. In this sense missions is not the work of a missionary, but the work of the whole church. Recently I have been humbly reminded of this through the visit of Gary and Mary Ealy from our sponsoring congregation in Cordova, TN. Introducing representatives of the church in America to the church in Mozambique created a bond between the people of Christ in two distant continents. Paul must have realized his role as 'one who was sent' when he consistently traveled with Christians from various cities and sought to forge relationships between geographically distant churches. The mission was never about him, but about the growth of the kingdom of God.

We didn't waste any time in breaking the Ealys into life in Mozambique since the day after they arrived there was a power outage for about 72 hours! The brothers and sisters here were greatly blessed by the way the Ealys jumped right into learning all they could about life in Mozambique. Mary built relationships with many of the women and learned about the work they do as she pounded and sifted corn, swept with Mozambican brooms, and (most difficult of all) carried a bucket full of water on her head. Both Gary and Mary traveled with me and befriended people in each of the nine villages I work in and Gary became semi-efficient in eating corn-meal mush. Their visit resulted in much encouragement: first for our family, second for the churches, and third for Cordova Community Church who has supported our work since the beginning.

We are enjoying seeing the fruit of another season of growth. In May the church in Nacololo began worshipping together for the first time. Many people came to church that Sunday and have been attending our weekly Bible study through the gospel of Mark. Evangelism in Minheuene has gone well and I always enjoy the lively discussion during the lessons and the good turnout. In Mahera we recently had six baptisms and I have been experimenting with a new tool called the Saber. It is basically a wind-up powered

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Chad and Leti studying through literacy materials

Praise God For:

- ◆ A great visit with Gary and Mary Ealy
- ◆ Leti's excitement about reading
- ◆ The new churches in Nacololo and Minheuene
- ◆ A great time with our eight interns.
- ◆ Safe travels as we drove across the country for an annual missionary retreat



Using the Saber in Mahera to teach on Genesis

mp3 player which has recordings in the Metto language that teach through the Bible in eight lessons. Using this type of multi media presentation usually draws quite a crowd!

In Nanjua I have been working with one of the church leaders, Leti, teaching him to read for the past few months. One week, in the middle of the lesson, he said, "I can do this! I'm getting the hang of this." Having completed the literacy books, we have now been reading through Biblical texts together each week. It is exciting to watch someone who has been a Christian for four years finally able to read the Bible for himself. I am hopeful that we can co-teach a literacy class later on this year for the church in Maremano, where most of the believers are illiterate. Difficulties are still present with a number of the churches, so it would be inaccurate to say that all is going smoothly, but I am encouraged by the overall momentum.

Donations to this ministry can be written to Cordova Community Church with the memo "Mozambique" and sent to:

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Singing with a hymnal in worship as we gather around the communion table

While it is not possible for all our supporters to come and visit, it is encouraging when some see up close what we are privileged to see each day. We are appreciative of all the churches and individuals who give generously to this ministry, knowing that most will only see the fruit of this ministry in heaven. Thank you for sending us and sharing in this ministry!



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Internship 2010



Jon puts the finishing touches on a lorena stove

Each year our team hosts a six week internship program for university students interested in missions. The purpose of the internship is to educate about various aspects of cross-cultural ministry, expose the interns to the needs in Africa, and to plant seeds for some to become missionaries themselves.



Zach having fun mudding a church building

For six weeks the interns shadowed us, following our daily routines of visiting villages as we plant churches, teach, and train leaders. We also put them to work making compost, building a lorena stove, mudding a church building, baking experimental breads using cassava flour, canning sauces from fresh tomatoes, and helping put on a special event for the youth of Montepuez.

One of the other major aspects of the internship is studying the language and culture of the Makua-Metto. The interns learned how to say a number of phrases and quite a few Metto hymns. One of their biggest adventures was when each intern spent a weekend by themselves with a Mozambican family in a village.

While it was very difficult (especially to communicate!) they all agreed it was one of the highlights of the internship.

One of the most fascinating parts of the internship was when we took a six day journey



Ted stands on our car as it was stuck in the mud on survey trip.

to survey the needs of the Makua-Shirima people. The Shirima speak a different dialect of Makua. In the districts of Nipepe and Maua, we found about 120 villages without a church. There is a great need for God's light in that area. Without missionaries to work there, little is likely to change in the coming years.



The interns were always a big hit with the kids in the villages!

Our prayer is that through the internship God will raise up missionaries who are willing to go and work with people like the Makua-Shirima.

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Alan translates for Zach as he encourages a church in Cuamba

Please Pray For:

- ◆ The new churches in Nacololo and Minheuene
- ◆ Our summer interns who are seeking God's leading for their future
- ◆ The churches here to be salt and light in their communities
- ◆ Our family as we have been informed we will have to move out of our house sometime this next year
- ◆ God to raise up missionaries to the Makua-Shirima

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