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Westerholm Family News

Ministry in Mozambique



There is a common song in Makua churches called "Nampili Pili". The gist of the song is "two things, two things, something's gotta give". It's a song about being wholly devoted to God and not having a divided or hypocritical lifestyle. Besides being a catchy tune, I have often thought of that song in recent months as I balance ministry and house construction. Often I feel like one prospers at the expense of the other yet I am pleased to see progress in both areas and God's grace shown in my weakness.

When I travel to visit Minheuene I always pass through a neighboring village called Nacole. People in Nacole kept seeing my truck passing through their quiet village and they heard I was heading to Minheuene to work with a new church. One day several people from Nacole decided to walk to Minheuene and ask the Christians if they could have a church in their village too. After teaching through the Old Testament and the life of Christ, three people gave their lives to Christ in Nacole. Last week two others shared that they also wanted to follow Jesus. Even more encouraging has been the way the two villages have worked together. They decided that since both groups are small, it would be advantageous to meet together as one group on Sundays switching locations every other week. That means that every Sunday one group of Christians walks eight miles just to have fellowship with other believers.

About the time I began working in Nacole God opened the door to work in another village near Montepuez called Napalavi. A short term mission group had come to Montepuez in July to encourage each church in Montepuez to plant a new church. Some of the members of the Montepuez Church of Christ went with the mission group to the nearby village of Napalavi to evangelize. They met a number of people who were interested in hearing more. As in most church plants, making the initial contacts is sometimes the easy part; the harder work is the follow up. I encouraged Amisse, one of the evangelists who had gone to Napalavi to make a



Herman in Nacololo

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Armino baptizes a new believer in Nacole

Praise God For:

- ◆ The new church plants in Nacole and Napalavi
- ◆ Maggie starting Kindergarten
- ◆ Our new teammates the Ber-ger's
- ◆ The cooperation between the churches in Nacole and Min-heuene
- ◆ Raising up Armino and Amisse to spread the good news to people who have never heard.



Sharing Hand Clap Games, Visiting in Nacololo

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plan and continue working there. Amisse decided to start a Bible study in Napalavi borrowing my bicycle and riding an hour each way to Napalavi every week. We were so blessed Sunday to see 18 people from Napalavi baptized.

Both in Nacole and Napalavi I have purposely taken a secondary role in the evangelism and teaching. Though I am available to encourage and offer input, two believers, Armino and Amisse, have done most of the work in these villages. This is part of the vision that we have been working toward since the beginning: Makua believers evangelizing and teaching other Makuas who have not yet heard the good news. There is still a lot of learning, teaching and mentoring to be done for all of us as this process continues, but it is encouraging to see the vision taking root.

Developing and training leaders is a tremendous task, and growth takes time. For the past few months I have also been focusing on training the leaders from Nanjua, Mahera, Nacololo, Minheuene, and Nacole. Once a week all the leaders from these villages meet together to encourage each other and share their struggles and victories. We are working through a practical pastoral training curriculum for church leaders called Train and Multiply. The lessons consist of a theological study as well as homework where the leaders put what they have learned into practice in their own congregations.

In other news, construction is going well and we have a roof over two new small structures. We have had many visitors over the past few months from interns, to several missionaries visiting the area, and a visitor from our sponsoring congregation. All of these visits have been an encouragement and we have enjoyed having company. While I feel stretched and pulled in different directions with all that is going on, I am reminded of the song "Nampili Pili". As long as we continue fully devoted to God, we can rest in knowing that He is working in all things to His glory.



A recently completed cob structure at our property



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Margarita e Isabel



Robert, Allison and Miriam Berger at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Team Teacher house

Maggie's Quotes of the Month

"Mom, I get it, give thanks is like Thanks-giving!"

In kindergarten class:

Maggie-"Ms. Allison, is there a number called Pi?"

Ms. Allison-"Maggie, what made you think of that?"

Maggie-"I was just eating a mango at lunch yesterday and it just came to me"

We had actually told her about the number Pi but she wanted to ask Ms.

Allison just to make sure it was true :)!



Maggie enjoying Sunday lunch with our dear friend Sara Grizzle



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Ellie Howell, Allison Berger and Maggie on the first day of kindergarten

Please Pray For:

- ◆ The Bergers as they get settled into life here in Mozambique
- ◆ The new believers in Napolavi and Nacole to grow in their faith.
- ◆ The Train & Multiply leadership teaching
- ◆ Chad as he balances ministry and construction

One of the most exciting events of this year was Robert, Allison and Miriam Berger joining our team! Robert and Allison were members at one of Jeremy and Martha Smith's sponsoring churches in California. They became friends with the Smith's and then with our whole team when they came to visit Mozambique a few years ago. We invited them to join our team and we were very excited when they committed to come to Mozambique for one year. The Berger's are a positive and refreshing, God centered family and they have been such a blessing to our whole team. Robert and Allison have begun visiting and making friends and learning Makua and they are excited about what opportunities God is going to provide for them this year.

Allison is also a wonderful teacher and she is teaching our team kids in the Makua Team School this year! She has two classes, one for the three oldest kids 2nd and 3rd graders and a kindergarten class with Maggie and Ellie Howell.

Maggie loves kindergarten! She says recess is her favorite part (she takes after her Dad). She also likes math, writing in her journal and unit time when the kids from all grades get together to study different topics like environments. She has learned to count by 2's and 5's and 10's and how to make patterns and how ice can form valleys, etc. It is so fun to watch her grow and have so much fun learning so many new things.

Jane has also started preschool two days a week. She is studying a different letter of the alphabet each week. She does crafts, sing songs, plays games, read books and has a snack all connected with the letter of the week. She loves pre-school and is having a lot of fun learning all of her letters.

Jane's Quotes of the Month

"Be patient." -When Chad called and Jane picked up the phone and went to get Amy

Team night Bible class Chad asked the kids who sits on thrones? The other kids answered kings, queens, princes, then Jane excitedly yells out "Mermaids!"



Sharing a hug before the first day of school

"IIIIII Willlllllll" when asked to do something

"Yum, ummmmm, yummmmy! Yum Yum!" when sampling her cooking in her pretend kitchen

