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Whenever we are with Mozambicans Mama and Daddy always say "Nao Para" about me. That means I never stop. It's true. There's so much to do that I have to stay busy. I run circles around "Mama" and "Dai". I get up each morning at 5:15 so I don't miss out on anything.

My favorite thing right now is airplanes. Whenever an airplane flies over our house I run shouting "apaine, apaine" to whoever's closest and beg them to take me outside to see it. Mama made me two lego airplanes, which I play with constantly. I also love playing soccer outside in our back-

yard. I'm pretty good. I back up, say "1,2,3, go" run, and kick it hard. When we go outside to play we take our puppy, Lady, out of the garage to play with us. She licks my face to tell me she loves

Luke's Life

me. I say "Lea me lo, Lai".

As you can probably tell, I have started talking a lot. This makes Mama and Daddy laugh all the time. I try to think of a new word to surprise them with everyday. Lately they haven't understood some of the stories I've tried to tell them even though they pretend they do.

There are lots of important people in my life. I just had a visit from my "Pawpaw" and "Pawpaw". I was scared of them at first, but once I got to know them a little they were a lot of fun. You can tell from the pictures that I did lots of fun stuff with them. I also love to play with my friends Abby and Asher. Abby had her one-year birthday not too long ago. I can't wait until she has another one!

One very important person to me is our new baby. When Mama asks me where the baby is I point to her tummy.



Then she asks what we're going to do when the baby comes out. I hug my arms tight to my chest and groan a big bear hug sound as I sway back and forth. I'm not real sure what they are talking about, but they think it's cute when I do that so I keep on.

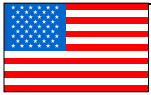
We started going to a new church here. I like it. It lasts a long time but Mama says I have to stay calm inside for at least an hour and then I can go outside and play. I do a good job and usually last about 1 hour and 15 minutes before I'm ready to get out of there.

I guess that about summarizes my life. I will write more some other time. Thank you.

Love, Luke



Asher, Abby and Luke enjoy posing at Abby's first birthday party.



Trip to the U.S.

We have decided to go back to the U.S. to have our baby. Most other missionaries here fly to South Africa and end up staying out of the country for at least 3 months waiting for documents etc. We thought through this and decided that if we had to be gone that long we'd much rather spend a little more money to be able to be



with our families. Also, Martha's sister, Kathryn, is having her first child about three weeks later so we'd be able to be there for that. We brought this idea before our sponsoring church and they agreed to let us make the trip back. Here is a quick run-down of what we'll be doing.

- Dec. 10th – Fly to California
- Dec. 16th – Leave for Fort

- Worth
- Jan 18th – Baby's due date?
- After Baby's Birth – Trip to AR
- Feb. 21st – Fly back to California
- Feb. 28th – Leave for Mozambique

It feels like it's going to be a whirlwind trip, but we are really looking forward to it. We hope to have plenty of time to spend with family and other friends.



RECENT NEWS

Martha's parents came for a short visit at the beginning of August. Along with getting to spend time together as a family they were able to use some of their training to work with our team on decision making, goal setting, and other team dynamics.

Our family has taken Makua-Metto lan-

guage classes back up. We have a lady come to our house from 8:00 to 11:00 during the week. We then go out in the afternoons to Metto homes to practice what we've learned.

We have taken on several new ministries here in Nampula. We have committed to work- ing with a specific church

here in town while we're here. Jeremy has spoken there many times. We have also been invited to several of the members' homes. Other churches farther out in the "bush" have also asked us to come and work with them. Finally, we have committed to helping do some renovation work at the church center here in town.

Jeremy and Martha celebrated 6 years of marriage on August 8th at a lake-side restaurant.



Jeremy talks to Florencio, the leader of the Muhavire church

5 PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray that we will be given permission to reenter Montepuez soon.

Pray for the health of our whole family, but especially for Mama and new baby.

Pray for perseverance and understanding as we strive to learn Makua-Metto.

Pray for the new ministries that our family and team have taken up here in Nampula.

Pray for our team as we continue to work on our vision and strategy. Pray for strength and unity during this time of transition.