

Smith's e-Mail News

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Personal and Family

Our family has enjoyed settling a little more into a routine this month. We have daily language classes now and other regular activities. It's nice to have things be a little calmer. We really appreciate all the prayers from you all during these transition phases.

Martha and baby are doing well. We have been going to a doctor here to get some prenatal care. It's quite different from what we got in the U.S., but it's been nice to have some blood tests etc. to make sure everything is okay. Luke talks about the baby often even though he probably doesn't have any idea what he's talking about. He has done so well through all the changes we've been through. He's a little trooper.

We were permitted to go back to Montepuez for a short time to get some of our personal things, which has helped a lot with settling in here.

Mission Work

It has been good to get back into learning Makua-Metto again. We found a lady here from Montepuez and she comes to our home in the mornings to work with us. She has also taken us to different neighborhoods in town to introduce us to other Metto people who we can practice daily with. It has been a good experience.

We are continuing our work with the Muahivire church. We are starting to feel more and more a part of that church. It has been good to focus on one group of people rather than trying to spread ourselves out into several churches, since we're just here temporarily.

In the next few weeks we will be taking two weekend / week trips out to the more rural areas in the Zambezia and Nampula provinces. These will be for the purpose of encouraging churches there and of introducing ourselves and what our plans are for working in Cabo Delgado. In this way we hope to form connections with churches here.

In our last update we mentioned that we would give a summary of a typical week for us here. Below we have outlined our major activities during the week. Of course this changes some weeks depending on circumstances.

- **M, W, Th, F** – We have language class from 8:00 – 11:00. We then take time during the day to study what we are learning and then go out each of these afternoons to practice with people in their homes. We squeeze in errand running etc. in between class and practice.
- **T** – We have a team meeting in the morning, to work on goals, vision, strategy etc. In the afternoon we have committed to helping with some renovation work at the Christian center here.
- **W & Th** – We meet for “girls” and “guys” time respectively for same sex accountability and prayer.
- **Weekends** – This varies greatly. On some Saturdays we have gone out visiting church members, having a youth fun day, or taking trips out to rural churches. Every once in a while we have a Saturday off to ourselves. On Sundays we go to Muahivire church in the morning and then in the evening the missionary community here has an English service together.

This is a very general run down of our week right now. We hope it helps give an idea of what our time is like during this interval Nampula period.

Thank you for your support and prayers for our family and the team as a whole. We appreciate you so much.

With love,
Jeremy and Martha Smith (& Luke and baby)