



Jeremy, Martha, Luke and Andrew Smith

**Volume 2, Issue 4
May, 2005**

**Contact
Information:**

Write to:
C.P. 140, Pemba,
Mozambique, Africa

Phone:
(011) 258-82-6400680

Email:
Smithsinmoz@hotmail.com

Web site:
www.makuateam.org

Prayer Requests

1. The Howells and Westerholms, our teammates who are currently traveling in the U.S.
2. Clarity and perseverance as we and the Rolands continue learning Makua.
3. Luke and Andrew as they adjust to the new schedule, having baby-sitters etc.
4. Open doors to return to Montepuez.
5. That the Lord will be glorified in MZ, through our team.

MISSION TO THE MAKUA
Cultivating Christian Communities

To see more pictures... go to www.makuateam.org

Salama?

At the end of April the Lord blessed us with a great opportunity– a chance to attend a formal Makua language course. It is the only one of its kind and is only offered every two years. Most Makua speakers do not know how to read or write their language– much less the rules of their grammar. That is why this course which focuses on Makua grammar is so special. So, a week after we heard about it we moved out of our home to a small community called Anchilo which is about 20 minutes outside the city of Nampula. The course is taught by a catholic training center– where priests and nuns go to learn about their new country, Mozambique. The course lasts four months and includes room and board. Here are some pictures that help tell the rest of the story:

Home, Sweet Home

The cost of the course includes this quaint 3 bedroom home with a small kitchen (no appliances) and an indoor bathroom. We converted one of the bedrooms into a living room/ office. We have electricity and running water.



Chow Time



Three square meals plus two tea times are provided for the students. The meals are buffet style and everyone gets to be in the dish washing rotation. The food has a great mix of Mozambican cooking plus a Mediterranean flavor since the priests and nuns that run the center are mostly Italian.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Three times a day we go to class to learn Makua grammar with our teacher Luis. Our other classmates include priests and nuns from Poland, Brazil, Portugal, Peru, Paraguay, Congo, Togo, and Ireland. Of course between Mika Roland (our teammate) and us we add Japan and the USA. All classes are held in Portuguese—the second language for 10 out of the 12 students, not to mention the teacher!

OUR NEW FRIENDS

Sister Lurdes from Peru takes a turn holding Andrew and Josiah Roland, the first kids to come stay at the center-ever!



Father Casimiro from Poland shows Luke how to make one of the many turtles at the center come out of its shell and walk.



Sister Nicole from the Congo loves on Andrew during a break from grammar class.



Luke's Babysitters



While we go to class Luke stays at home (200 yards/meters away) playing with his babysitters Karina and Madalena. Karina, the daughter of the Mission Aviation Fellowship Pilot in Nampula, comes two days a week. Madalena, a Makua woman we knew, stays with him the other three days. This is the first time Luke has stayed away from us for so long and his parents seem to be adjusting well. :)

Practice what they teach



Besides grammar classes we have a group time that gives us a chance to converse in Makua. The village of Anchilo also gives us a chance to practice with all those around us.