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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following things in your prayers:

1. The new preaching point in Ntivira.
2. For strong leadership in all the churches we're working with.
3. Continued fluency in Makua.
4. Spiritual and physical health for all on the team.
5. Martha and Mika Roland's pregnancies.
6. Wisdom as we teach and disciple people here.

MISSION TO THE MAKUA

Cultivating Christian Communities

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

Changing Pace

In my younger days I used to run 10 Kilometer races. I wasn't the best but I really enjoyed it (for those of you who don't understand how running could be enjoyed please bear with the illustration). There are several points in a race where it is natural to change the pace. After getting warmed up in the first few kilometers of a race it was natural for me to lengthen my stride and speed up a little.

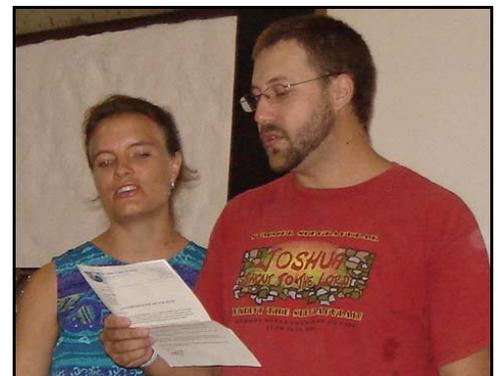


A makua couple join in worship

This is similar to the point at which our ministry is at now. For several years now we have dedicated ourselves to learning two languages, Portuguese and then Makua, in order to be able to communicate clearly the message of God in Christ. At last we have come to a point where we can lengthen our stride and do the work we came to Mozambique for.

Practically this means that we have stopped formal language learning except for one day a week and have started going in many directions to encourage a church planting movement among the Makua Metto people. Sundays we continue to work with the Opacho church. On Tuesdays I take a men's group from the Opacho church to Ntivira, a village they selected in which to plant a new church. Thursdays Martha helps lead an important ladies' class that is gaining ground in a culture where few women participate in church. On Fridays I will start teaching an English class in our town of Montepuez at the request of our governing official. Saturdays a men's group meets to study the Bible in Montepuez.

Other plans are coming into focus as well. Picking up the pace has been fun and exciting but will not be without its hardships. Pray that the Lord will give us the stamina and the courage to use the language and cultural tidbits we have picked up to strengthen the Kingdom for God's glory. JS



One of the biggest privileges we have is to pass on the knowledge that has been passed on to us. The missionary internship we hosted this summer was a time where college students came to learn about what mission work is like. They stayed in our homes for 7 weeks and followed us around doing what we did. We hope the pictures below give you an idea of what the internship was like.

Reliving the missionary internship through pictures

THE INTERNSHIP WAS ABOUT...

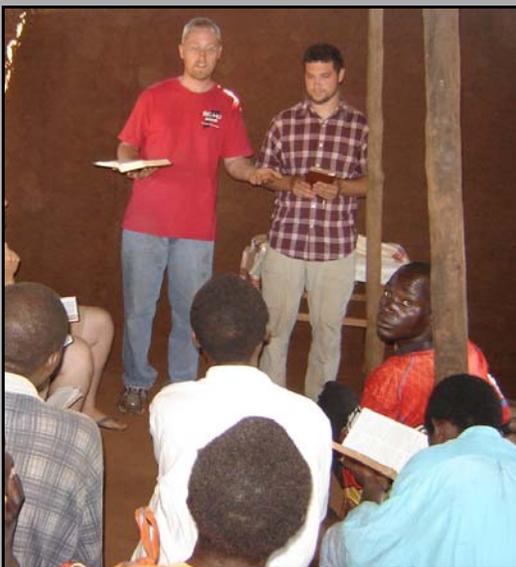


...finding new friends everywhere.

...“helping” others by learning to pound their grain.



...knowing a cute missionary kid when you see one.



...preaching through an Interpreter.



...sitting for hours at people's homes not knowing what to say.



...being surrounded by tons of kids.

...holding your first chameleon.



...learning how missionaries live day to day.



...being glad the canoe ride was finally over!



...going where few cars have been before.



...learning language with your new friends





...surveying new ministry opportunities among different people groups.



... searching the African wilderness but never seeing a single Elephant.

...learning about ministry in different cultures.

...fun times together.

...teamwork!



2007 Interns

(left to right)

Coulter Goodman
Crystal Winton
Aaron Shaner
Samantha Strange
Michael Landon