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**Prayer Requests**

Pray for vibrant Makua churches, with men, women, and children of all ages loving God and people well.

Pray for physical and spiritual health for our family and team.

Pray for the evangelism & prayer courses Jeremy will be teaching.

Pray for wisdom as the Bergers decide whether or not to stay another year.

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## Well Digging in Africa



Mozambique has one rainy season per year. That usually lasts from about mid December to mid March. The rest of the year it doesn't rain at all. Therefore Mozambique looks lush and green for about 4 months out of the year and dry and

brown for the other 8 months. Because of this, by October and November people are really hurting for water. Many of the rivers, ponds, and wells dry up and people have to walk long distances to find water or pay high prices for it.

We had a lot of difficulty with getting water to our team property. One of our missionary friends nearby tried to help us dig a well using a small rig. He hit rock and the drill wasn't able to go through it, so we had to give up on that. After several more months of hauling water in with our cars we decided to have a company with a huge rig, that can easily penetrate rock, come in to dig a well on the land. This cost over \$10,000 dollars, but we were able to raise that thanks to generous supporters.

The crew found 2 veins of water and finally stopped drilling at 67 meters (~220 feet) deep. Although they hadn't hit a major vein, they were confident that the amount of water they found would be plenty for what we needed.

We are thankful to God for supplying a well and the money to dig it. Hopefully the water issues on the land will now be resolved. Oh, and it was also pretty fun to watch the huge well drilling machine doing its thing. The boys (and their Daddy) sure enjoyed that!



# A New School for the Kids



For the last 3 ½ years we've been having school for our kids in one of the rooms in the guest house in our backyard. Jeremy has been working hard to get our team school house constructed. On Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> we had the opening



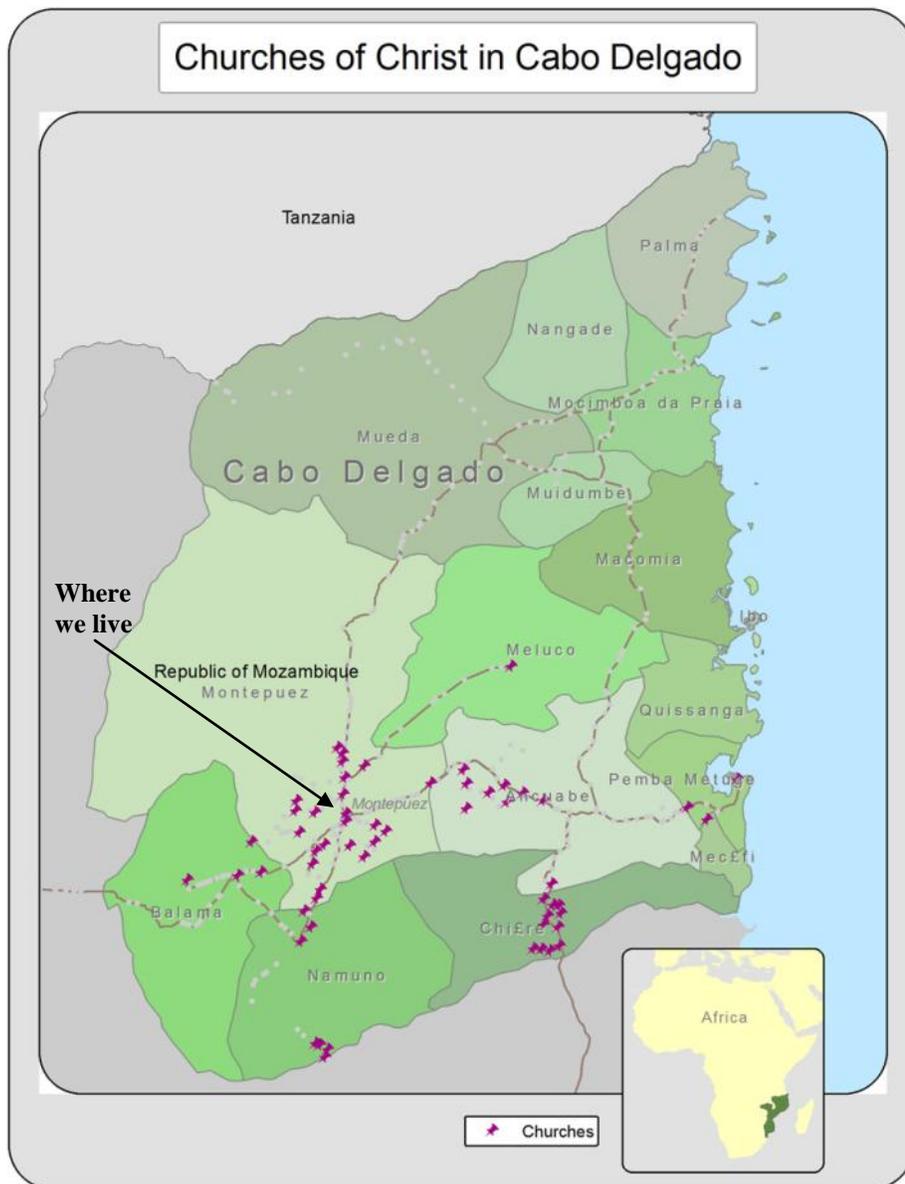
ceremony for the new school building. The kids and teacher have really enjoyed having school there the last few days and Jeremy has enjoyed spending more time in ministry rather than construction.

## Mapping out our Work

Churches of Christ in our Province (read State) of Cabo Delgado continue to multiply and expand. This last year several churches reached out to other villages close by and planted new churches of their own! A sign of good things to come, to be sure.

Through a grant by ESRI, we were able to get a top notch mapping program and Robert Berger our new teammate has used his mapping and computer skills to generate some maps for us about our work. In this map the different shades of green represent different districts (read counties) of which we are currently working in six.

Montepuez, where we live, is also where the majority of the work is being done. Unfortunately not all the churches represented here are doing well and we must pray that the Lord will continue to raise up great leaders to lead them.



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We are in the second year of our five year plan.

We are praying for a great movement of churches planting other churches and reaching the whole of the Makua Metto population. Leaders will disciple and train other leaders. Women's groups will be a large part of the church's work. Children will be taught by their parents and by the church to follow God.

The first year of this plan required us to build some residences and a school building for our children's education while we maintained the work we had started in the first seven years here.



Meeting with the church at Minhauene

So, now in our eighth year in Mozambique we shift gears away from building homes to building a leadership base for the future of this movement. Recently our team decided to divide up the 50 or so churches that we work with so the responsibility of each church could be assigned to an individual.

Each teammate took charge of working with 4-5 clusters of churches with each cluster having about 3-4 churches. Jeremy will be taking two of the clusters through an intense 4 month study and practicum on prayer and evangelism starting this month. In the other two clusters Alan Howell and Jeremy are continuing a discipleship group/ school.

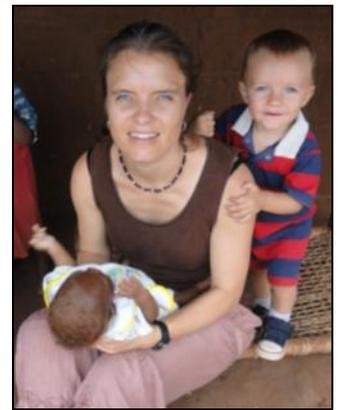


The farewell song after church at Unidade.

Martha helps lead a women's class with Rachel Howell here in town. This group of women also travels on overnight trips to visit other ladies across our Province.

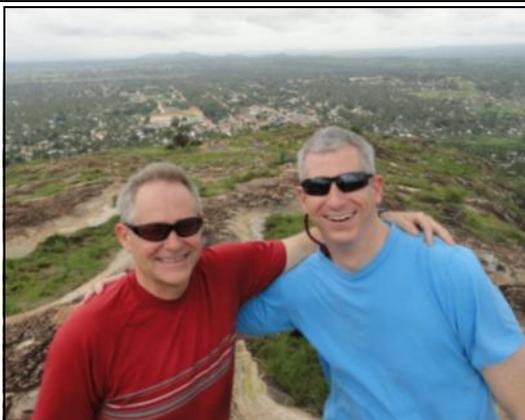
Jeremy also will be starting a Bible study for men in the city of Montepuez. We will be studying 1 Peter with the leaders of the two churches here in town.

All in all, it feels great to transition away from building to the heart and soul of what we came here for— training men and women to lead others to Christ and disciple them. Pray for us in this great endeavor! We need ever bit of help we can get!



Martha gets to name a newborn

**Southwest Church of Christ sends two brave souls to the heart of Mozambique**



Grant McDaniel and Chris Harrell from Southwest Church in Jonesboro, AR came to visit us at the end of January. What a wonderful visit! We had a lot of fun and felt very encouraged by their time here with us.