

Dear friends,

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Once again, thank you for your faithful prayers and support. You play such an important part of my being here and it's a privilege to be in partnership with you.

The past few months have been busy but good. In August we had 3 new families join our team (these are the families that I visited in Portugal back in March). After a settling in time they started into NCLA (National Culture and Language Acquisition). To get them started, there were structured classes during the month of September and I was able to help out with those.

In October I made a trip to one of our village works (pictures) to visit a colleague who is on his own there. The main purpose of the visit was to be an encouragement to him but I also spent some time with him looking at his language study. It was encouraging to see that he is making good progress in an extremely difficult language. Pray for those around the world learning languages for the sake of the gospel.



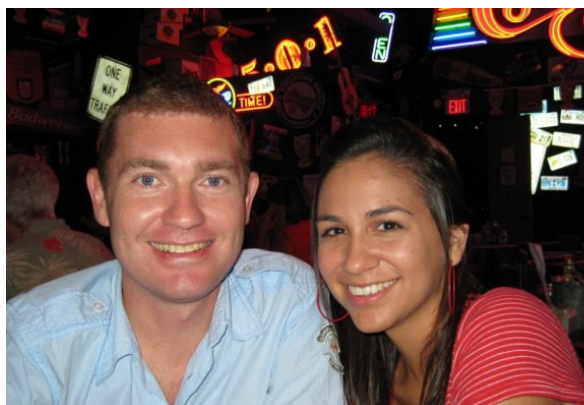
Things in the office are running smoothly for the most part. We are short-staffed (3 of us do the job that 5 used to) but are managing to get done what we need to do.

Presidential elections passed off peacefully last month. An opposition leader (the self-proclaimed "Obama of Mozambique") threatened a return to civil war if the results were not annulled, but it came to nothing. In fact, there was such an outcry over his comments, and even though he made them live on tv/radio, he has denied ever making them. But it is a reminder not to take for granted the freedom we have to be openly ministering in this country. It may not always be like this and so we must redeem the time!

Other news . . .

I'll be home for Christmas! I need to take care of some medical issues but the main reason is so that my family can meet Heather. We met in Egypt earlier this year and are now looking forward to finally getting to spend some time together with my family.

In Christ,
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