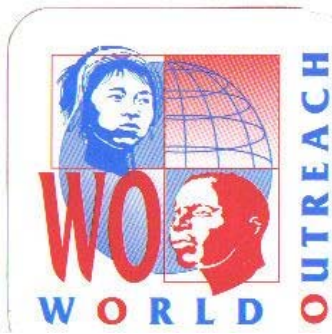


World Outreach

Maforga Christian Mission, Mozambique

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April 2008 Newsletter

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings. We hope this finds you all well. The last few months have been a bit of a roller coaster of a journey with lots of exciting things happening but we have also met with more than a normal share of frustrations!

Vision for the North

This has become our primary focus over the last few months and we are really excited. Steve has been up to Neherenque three times this year to start to establish a link between there and Maforga. On his second trip he took Michael, one of the Maforga boys with him as an opportunity to give exposure to the Makhua-Nahara people, meet some of the youth from the area and experience a different part of Mozambique. At the end of April we attended a World Outreach retreat in Nampula. The focus was on how to reach the Makhua-Nahara people with the gospel. It was a worthwhile few days brainstorming and strategizing and was wonderful being with other people with the same heart to reach the Nahara people.



Easter 021 - Michael (Maforga) with Chabane (Neherenque)

Clinic

The clinic is temporarily closed until a Mozambican nurse can be sourced from the department of health. We have stepped down from managing the clinic, primarily because Rebekah is now full time raising our children. Thank you for all your support of this valuable service, through your gifts 8,550 people have received medical treatment.

Rebekah has started a nutritional and health education course for mothers with malnourished babies. The first course was run from the clinic and 11 mothers completed the 10 weeks. It was great to see so many of the children regain good health as a result of the course. We are promoting the use of the leaves from the Moringa tree, which grows well here. The leaves are of high nutritional value thus providing a sustainable solution to the problem of malnutrition. Rebekah is now running the course in our neighbouring village – Chigueda.



April 2008 014 - nutrition and health education group

Melita is still with us, her wound continues to heal slowly but she is very patient!

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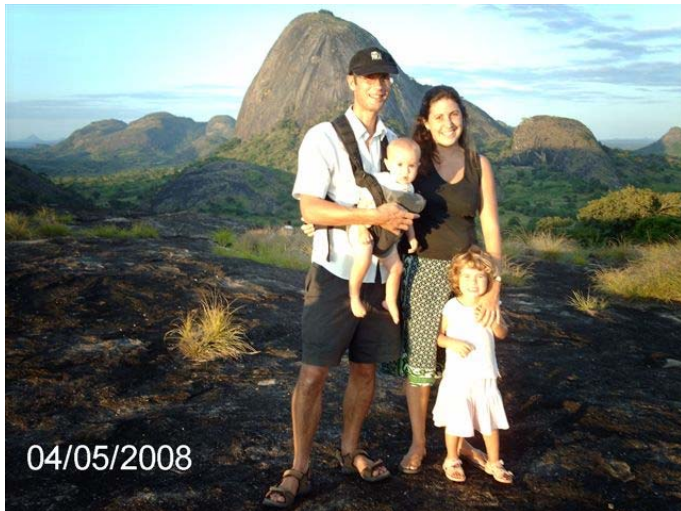
Family

We had a few days break after the WO retreat and went to visit friends whom we got to know in Portugal. They live a very beautiful area of Mozambique called Ile, half way between Maforoga and Nacala. They also have 2 girls (3 and 2 years) so Nyasha had a wonderful time playing. Ruth is training for the Olympics – a new category speed crawling! Both are healthy and happy. Unfortunately Ruth has not slept well since we went away at Christmas time and we are very tired from the months of very disturbed sleep.

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Ile 037 - visiting Ile

A highlight of the last few months was a visit from Rebekah's sister in February. She was going to South Africa with work and took a few days holiday to come and see us.

Thank you for your love, support and interest in our ministry here in Mozambique.

God Bless
Lots of love
Steve, Rebekah, Nyasha and Ruth

*"And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly
with your God." Micah 6v8*