



**World Outreach**  
**Maforoga Christian Mission**  
**Mozambique**  
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Dear Friends and Family

The winter has suddenly ended this week and with it has come the emergence of snakes from their hibernation and forest fires. Everywhere is very dry and dusty and the smallest spark can be carried far by the wind. The next few months we will wait for the rains to come to water the dry land. But first let us look back on what has been happening since we last wrote.

Vision for the North

Steve has been asked by World Outreach to coordinate the Kairos course ([www.kairoscourse.org](http://www.kairoscourse.org)) in Mozambique. This is an 8 session course whose vision is to see the whole church mobilised for cross cultural mission to the world's least reached peoples.



Linda Harding (WO UK director) and Jan Weir came out at the end of July to run the first Kairos course in Mozambique at Maforoga which 3 of the older boys from the orphanage attended. Steve helped to facilitate and then travelled with them to

Nampula to run the course for the WO missionaries in the north. Between now and the end of the year he will run the course with the assistance of the 3 boys at Maziotela and in Quelimane for church leaders.

Medical work

Unfortunately a nurse still hasn't been found to work in the clinic, so Rebekah goes down for an hour a day to see any of the workers or older children from the orphanage that are sick. There is also a steady trickle of malnourished children and people suffering from burns or other wounds. Melita is still with us, her wound continues to heal slowly and we are thinking that she may need skin grafting.

A highlight this week for Rebekah was witnessing the birth of a baby boy. She had just finished in the clinic and was taking Ruth for a walk to get her to sleep when she passed a lady on the side of the path in pain. About 10 seconds later a baby was born! Being able to assist the lady was a real privilege and an experience she will never forget.



The nutrition and health education course in our neighbouring village – Chigueda was a great success and Rebekah has continued to go out once a week since the course finished telling the women bible stories and praying with them. At the end of July she attended a seminar on natural medicine run by anamed ([www.anamed.net](http://www.anamed.net)). Anamed is a Christian organisation that aims to enable people in the Tropics to become as self-reliant as possible, particularly with regard to their health. They have researched traditional herbal cures for common sickness and developed recipes for treatments. Week by week, Rebekah is passing on to the women in Chigueda what she learnt from the seminar and the anamed books. It is just the beginning of a journey of discovery of plants which grow naturally in this area and the many ways they can easily be utilised as medicine.

### Family



Rebekah's mum has just been out for 4 weeks which was a wonderful time especially for her to spend time with the girls. Ruth took her first steps although still can only manage 3 then reverts to her speed crawl! We went

away to the coast for a week which was very relaxing and great time to be refreshed and spend time together as a family without any interruptions.

### 2009 plans

Some of you may be aware but for those who are not, we are coming home for Christmas this year and then our sending Church in Glasgow (Bishopbriggs Community Church) have asked us to spend time with them for the first part of 2009 to strengthen the relationship

between us so that they can better support us in the future. Steve will also study a module at the International Christian College in Glasgow on Islam. Although not looking forward to the cold wet weather we are excited about being in a caring, supportive and positively challenging environment that our church will give us. In many ways we are at a cross roads in our ministry in Mozambique and believe that our time in Glasgow will bring clarity to our future direction.

### Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Esther for sending out our newsletters and prayer emails over the last 3½ years. We are incredibly grateful and wish her well in her medical studies. If anyone would like to take on this very valuable role then please get in touch, in the mean time Rebekah's mum has agreed to cover it.

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

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