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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas



All of us must realize the true meaning of Christmas was never found under the tree but was nailed upon it.

and a Very Happy New Year 2014

Luke 2:8-14 That night, some shepherds were out in the fields near Bethlehem watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord was shining around them. The shepherds were very afraid. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid. I have some very good news for you--news that will make everyone happy. Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is the Messiah, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a feeding box." Then a huge army of angels from heaven joined the first angel, and they were all praising God, saying, "Praise God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please him."



Charlie

Helping Others

This December finds Jacob and Jaynie on two different continents. Jaynie left the end of September for the USA, so she could help with our latest grandson, Charles Kristopher Lee Sharpe, son of Adam and Jenni Sharpe. Jacob is now visiting their eldest daughter, Nicia Irwin, and her family in Spain. He arrived December 10, 2013 and will return to Mozambique January 6, 2014. Jaynie will return to Mozambique the end of January. How very precious it is to spend time with family. We cherish the memories that God has allowed us to make.

Guests in Mombedzi Um

We have had the pleasure of sharing our home with many others this year. We were living communally more often than not. Jordan Bullard, from Indiana, enriched our lives by staying with us for three months.

Paul and Melonie Fudge, from Metro Church in Longwood, Florida, came in August. They also traveled with us to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe for the All African Missionary Conference. A team from Jonesborough, Arkansas volunteered to come and minister to us. The sessions were very enlightening, the speakers encouraging, and they lavishly showered us with "goodies" from the states. Thank You.

Paul & Melonie Fudge

Jacob's Visit to Moma

Jacob traveled a day and a half to reach a tiny village in the bush about 20 kilometrs west of a small village called Moma. The local leaders took the initiative to organize this event. Over 700 people attended with approximately 250 being men. The remainder were women and the youth who serenaded us with song, seemingly the entire night. They were overjoyed with our presence and having the opportunity to hear God's Word. Thirty-five congregations were represented. In this area the church families meet on a monthly basis, but the location is on a rotating schedule.

12 people were added to

His Kingdom that day! The churches are maturing and demonstrating their growth. In the past, the missionary was asked to speak, and then was asked for financial support, however, Moma did not ask for monetary gifts. They were able to fund this seminar by themselves. They support their own Bible Schools, and the manifestation of an improved economy was exhibited in their possessions of around 80 bicycles and 50 motorcycles amongst the 700.

They requested that I speak on the old and new covenants. On Sunday, I preached on I Corinthians 15:1-4. It's imperative to understand the importance of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. After the morning message on Sunday, the angels in heaven rejoiced as 12 more were added into the kingdom of God. We rejoice with them! The congregations had 4 requests.

- 1. How could they buy hymn books in the Lomwe Language?
- 2. How could they obtain audio bibles in the Macua language?
- 3. Where could they find books printed in Portuguese on winning Muslims to Christ.
- 4. Would I be able to ask a mission organization called SIL, located in the city of Nampula what the price would be to print 5,000 Lomwe Hymn Books.

I was able to locate and send 24 books concerning the conversion of Muslims to Christianity. Praise God for His provisions.

Praises

- 1. For the money God has provided for buying 60 audio Bibles, so that people can hear and obey God's Word.
- 2. Thanks to all our visitors for their love, support, and encouragement.
- 3. The rains have started and we praise our Lord for His faithfulness in supplying the planting time with the much needed water.
- 4. Praise to God for protecting everyone during the severely strong winds recntly. The roof was blown off the evangelist's home and 30 tile from our home, but both are repaired now.
- 5. Praying that the time we have been separated will be a blessing to many people, even though it has been difficult for both of us.
- 6. Praise that our little Jack Russell, MaGee survived a Puff Adder bite on his head. This is one of the most deadly snakes in Africa. I was walking about a yard from where the snake was lying at the time.

Thank You Lord!



7. Praise the Lord for a one time donation from Grape Grove Church of Christ on behalf of Bob and Betty Roger's estate.

In His Amazing Love.

Jacob and Jaynie Michael

Dead Puff Adder

MaGee