

Mozambique News

Summer 2012

From the Picketts

Salvation

A youth from church began speaking to Benjamin, a traditional healer (witchdoctor). Benjamin said he was having difficulties and would like to attend church. Two weeks later, Jim and our local pastor visited with Benjamin at home and prayed with him to accept Christ. He attended for several weeks, but for the last week, we have been unable to contact him. Pray that God would continue to speak to his heart. (We want to be honest that we face challenges in church work just as you do.)

In the meantime we invited one of our Wesleyan pastors, Amelia - a former witchdoctor herself - to come to our church. She gave a challenge to the children and teens to continue following God. Her testimony was that she had had health problems. People told her she obviously had spirits in her and the way to be healed was to accept the spirits and become a witchdoctor. She did for a time, but later accepted Christ. She told the youth that much of what she did was fake and it was for money as that was her job.

I (Karen) had a conversation at school with Mary*. She said that she couldn't believe in Hell because then she wouldn't be able to sleep at night for fear of going there. I told her we don't need to be afraid, that God promises when we accept Jesus we have eternal life. I shared the bridge design of Romans 6:23. She said she wanted to accept Christ, so we prayed.

In both of these cases other people did much of the preparation, but we were blessed to be a part of God's work.



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- *Praise for salvation.*
- *Praise for an increase in children's Sunday School attendance*
- *Praise the Lord for a good school year at Christian Academy (k-12). We are on summer vacation until August*
- *Pray for a work team coming from Muncy, PA to help construct a church and do children's ministry*
- *Pray for the young Nampula Wesleyan district that the Mozambican leaders will make wise decisions*
- *Pray for Jim and Pastor Chico as they visit people in the neighborhood each Thursday afternoon to invite them to church*

* Name changed to protect privacy

John 15:16a "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."

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Carissa turned thirteen in April!



Fish fry for Children's Day lunch on June 2

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be firm (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord], knowing and being continually aware that your labor in the Lord is not futile [it is never wasted or to no purpose]. I Corinthians 15:58 Amp

WORK TEAM ARRIVING

A Wesleyan church will be built here soon.



The believers are currently meeting in individual homes. Pastor Latim (who we told you is working on his

Master's degree in Theology) is on the right. We have a team from Muncy, PA coming the end of June to assist the Mozambican believers in building a church here. (The frame and tin roofing can be constructed for \$5,000-\$7,000 depending on the size of the property.) Please pray for our assistant National Superintendent and Jim as they organize materials and prepare cement pillars to be ready for the team. Pray the team's time will not only be a blessing for the local church, but also for the team members themselves. They will also be involved in children's ministry and other activities.