



**Muerasse Family News - Dec 2019 - Jan 2020**

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**Greetings**

Belated Happy New Year wishes to you all. We hope you have entered 2020 well.

We have safely returned from the UK after enjoying Christmas and New Year there with Lisa's family and catching up with some friends too. More of that later...

We return to the rainy season full on!!..

**Children's Club**

Just before we left for the UK (21/11), we had our yearly Christmas Party.



The Discipleship Group performed the nativity play to the children after team games and finished with party food and prayers. We had about 170 children attend and great fun was had by all!

**The Boys**

The boys were very blessed this Christmas time, with gifts from the Canterbury Baptist Church and some Ladies from a Mozambique bank... and made some Christmas cookie too!



YWAM, a local mission here, received

a team from Holland recently, who came to teach football and share the good news of Jesus.



They came to visit our Boys, teach them a few tricks and run a mini tournament with



other village children, on the nearby school pitch! They stayed the whole day and enjoyed eating lunch together.



Our first day back and our Boys were playing football in the garden, when Quelvín received a hit to his arm. He is left handed and has broken his left arm just above the wrist!





## Ladies and Babies

It has been great to see the new babies that have been born in the last 2 months or



more, give them their welcome pack, share the good news of Jesus and pray for the families.



Four of the ladies from the last two weeks have said they would love to hear some bible stories and pray with Lisa. Please pray that their hearts would be open to receive and believe in the Saviour of the world!

## Cardboard Furniture!

Americo is an Occupational Therapist for the Niassa Province. Mary has got to know him recently and he was very interested in her cardboard furniture making.



Adaptations to wheelchairs and pushchairs are made to aid Mums to have mobility for their disabled children.

He has been enjoying learning alongside Mary.

## Administration...

We are blessed to have Guys skills as an accountant. He oversees the team accounts on site, feeding back to our Trustees in the UK with all records required.



## Food Project

The Rabbits and Guinea Pigs have suffered during the heavy rains and some have died.

Now that we are back, Orlando will be looking at their shelter to see how improvements can be made to prevent this in the future.



The Maize is growing well and in a few months will be dried out to mill for the staple food of Chima (cooked maize corn flour).

## The Team

This the year when our team mates have their time in the UK visiting their churches and family and friends too.

Mary and Guy will be going first from March - June/July. Their Son and his wife will be having twins at the end of April, siblings for their 1 year old daughter, Esther!

Then Clare has her home assignment time July to September.

We will be holding the fort and will also be enjoying visits this year from friends in April and Lisa's Parents in August.

Mary and Guy, after serving the Lord on our team at Pastos Verdes for nearly 5 years, will be returning to the UK to settle in October. They feel it's time to return and help with/ enjoy their three Grandbabies. They will be missed and leave a huge gap in the ministry!

**We are therefore looking for 2 or more new team members to join us. If you or someone you know has been considering mission work and this sounds like a job for you, please contact us - our details as above.**



## Family Life

We have had a great time and much needed rest in England as a whole family.

We had Christmas at Lisa's brothers and New Year celebrations at Lisa's



parents with an Aunt and Uncle.

We have done lots of things whilst away from Ice Skating, visiting Leeds Castle, Carol Services, a huge family party, Trampolining, Gymnastics and Table Tennis for the children, to choir for the girls, walks in the woods, visiting friends and family....



We are thankful to be safely home with all luggage in tow and have adjusted to the muddy rainy season!

There are many repair and maintenance jobs for Orlando to do, both for the house, guest house and car!

Lisa has been cleaning the whole dusty house room by room, unpacking, chucking out old stuff, getting school uniforms and stationary for the new year and catching up on Admin....

We are all struggling with health- colds, achy and tired bodies...



Lisa, whilst in the UK, was able to follow up on her medical report/request to see a ENT Consultant. She has polyps and may need surgery in the near future. She has received medicines, drops and sprays in the hope of shrinking them. Before we left she was able to have a scan of the sinuses and awaits to hear back from that.

Please pray that she doesn't need to have an Operation, as this would complicate things this year if she has to have another trip to the UK! We are trusting for healing!



The children start back at school on the 4th February.

We will be teaching again at INTEL, the Theological College near to us, on Inductive Bible Study method. We will start teaching once a week for 8 weeks on 11th February. Your prayers as we prepare and start this are appreciated.

## Please Pray For:-

- Complete healing for João's leg and for the Operation to go well and the plans for it
- Quelvin's arm to heal quickly and well
- Protection, wisdom, energy and direction as our family and team serve the Lord here.
- The villagers to have open and hungry hearts to want to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- Healing and good health for our family and Lisa to be healed of her polyps.
- Mary and Guy as they prepare to leave and settle in the UK, for their transition to go well.
- The Lord to call the right people to come and join our mission team and serve here
- Preparation and teaching at INTEL to go well
- Home assignments for Mary, Guy & Clare to go well