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# **Muerasse Family Newsletter - Feb - March 2023**

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### Greetings

We greet you all from a very green and very wet Lichinga. More on the floods later on...

As we continue to share with others the love and the gift of life Jesus offers... We are reminded in

2 Peter 3:8-9 that to the Lord one day is like 1000 years and vice versa, that He is not slow to fulfil His promises, but is patient as He doesn't want anyone to perish, but all to repent and be saved.

### Literacy

Lisa and Esperança spent 2 afternoons in the village last month to find children from school years 3-6 who couldn't yet read or write well and who



would like help at our Literacy classes.

Esperança has been teaching them the sounds and

names of the letters, introducing two letters each Lesson, learning to write it, know what starts with it, and know it's name and sound.



She has 48 Students this year; 25 in the morning and 23 in the afternoon, twice a week. They will soon be going on to learn syllables.

### **Mums and Babies**

A friend of another local mission was sorting out their ministry storage and found lots of baby clothes and knitted jumpers/hats that they no longer use and gave them to PV, knowing we have this program.

Lisa has spent many afternoons. when free,



sorting out the 16-18 sacks/ boxes into sizes and storing

in our cupboard. We have also received several parcels from knitters in the UK and so our



cupboard is very full now. We are so thankful that we can continue blessing Mums and their new babies and children.

## **Food Program**

The maize is very tall now and once dried out at the end of the rainy

season (May..) will be milled into flour for the Boys to make their xima.

Our ducklings have grown to almost adults size now and we some more that have recently been born too!



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It is good to bring the numbers up again.





Beans have been planted and are growing well with the lighter rain at the end of the season.

Lots of other seeds will be two months. planted soon, now the

heavy rains are over. We hope to have many vegetables in the garden for the boys and local villagers that are in need.

### **Cyclone Freddy/Floods**

Another cyclone hit Mozambique twice in March, along with many other Southern African countries: Madagascar, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, as well as some Islands before reaching us.

We've been told that almost 700 died, almost 600 are missing and about 800,000 misplaced. have now come to The rains have been very heavy this year and many are still reliant on the charities helping on the ground, with lots living in tents. Please settling in slowly and pray for those affected.

We have also been dealing with an outbreak of Cholera, which is killing many in Malawi. Please pray for those affected here.

### The Boys

Our year 7 boys have settled in well to their new Secondary School and the others into their new classes too.



Now that COVID restrictions have lifted, PE is allowed again. So all of them needed PE kits, as they've grown so much in 2 years!

We made a fun trip out of it by looking around the second hand clothes market and drinking yoghurt at a



friends nearby shop afterwards!

More PV Family birthdays have been celebrate these last





with a nice meal, cake and singing/praying for each of them.

After a long 6 month process, 3 new boys live in the home.

They are

are learning Portuguese, new ways of living and getting to know the other boys and those of us who care



for them. Please pray that they will feel at home quickly and loved by us all.

We are still waiting for Social Services to find us 2 more boys. Then our home will be full. Orphans are hidden away in the villages and sometimes abused/used for hard labour, with minimal food and no education. So it is difficult when found to have relatives and village chiefs agree to them coming to us!

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Our on-site neighbours organised a film evening for all the PV family to come to.

They turned their lounge into a "Cinema" and had tickets at the door and popcorn and juice to hand out. It was fun to



all watch a marvel film together in style!

### **Bible Teaching..**

Lisa has been teaching "Bible Study Methods" to the first year students, at the nearby Bible College

(INTEL), one afternoon a week for 8 weeks.





The 11 students have been focusing on the "Inductive" study method, which enables one to learn to observe a whole book of the Bible in context, seeing the whole and then

going into details.

They were then able to interpret and apply what they've learnt correctly, as we studied the



books of Philemon, Ruth, Psalms and Joel.

### The Halfway House Build

We have just started building again as we

have received some more funds. We continue to trust the Lord to provide about £10,000 more to be



able to complete it. If you are able to help, our bank details are at the top of the letter.

## Family News..

Hali has settled in well to her new Secondary School, Miah has started year 10 well and Beni is getting stuck into his Law Degree at University.

If you are able to help, Beni still needs funds to cover his fees for year 3 and 4.

We have had lots of visitors stay with us, Orlando's managed to visit his Mum, who's been affected by the floods, and we continue to



work a full schedule, whilst still trusting the Lord to bring us the right new team

members at the right time.

We are still in need of 3-4 more sponsors for our personal support, if you are able to partner us in this way please contact us.

# **Please Pray For:-**

- Beni to get Sponsorship for his last 2 years of Law School and thanks to God for the provision of the first 2 years
- The new boys to settle in well and quickly and for 2 more to be found and come soon
- The right new team members to join us
- Insurgents to be caught/stopped... ongoing The Cyclone and flood victims
- People to respond to the gospel as we love, serve and share with them
- Protection for all at PV: Spiritually/Physically
- Our personal sponsorship needs to be met
- The Halfway House build to continue to go well and for sufficient funds to complete it. The literacy students to learn to read and write
- well and for Esperança as she teaches The Bible students to study well and perse-
- vere until the end of the two year diploma.

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