



Muerasse Family Newsletter - Dec 23 - Jan 2024

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Greetings

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them... Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth... (Isaiah 42:9-10a)

We hope you have all had a good Christmas and entered into the new year well. Thank you for your support, prayers, loving messages... over the last year, that have carried us through. We wish you a healthy, blessed and peaceful year, full of His perfect love.

The Boys

Over the Christmas and New Year celebrations the boys have had many visitors come to give food gifts and school materials.

Social Services visited with the Governor of Niassa along with other local orphanages.

Food and cake was brought to



TV Mozambique came to record it all.



cook and eat together, everyone had Christmas hats to wear and

They also got to attend a New Year party at the Catholic Orphanage out of town.



There was music, dancing,



lunch and games.



João was among the many orphans/needy children that were invited on a free return flight to Nampula, curtesy of LAM (Airline of Mozambique).



Domingo celebrated his 14th birthday with a special meal, prayers and cake.



The PV family had a special Christmas.

They had a special lunch together



and the boys enjoyed the presents they were given too.





The Boys continued...

The Billericay Scouts Group continue to stay in touch with the Boys and sent them homemade cards and sweets this Christmas time.



At the beginning of December we received a new boy into the home. He was found by the police doing slave labour and with no family to claim him. They contacted Social Services (SS) asking them to find a place for him to stay.

Orlando has taken him back to where he's from with SS to try and find his Auntie to no avail. We are now processing documents with SS so that he can stay with us permanently.

We believe Ratibo is 13 years old. He has settled in well and quickly to life at PV and has just started at the local school in year 5. Lisa will help him to quickly learn the basics of reading and writing so that he can keep up at school and he will also have an extra lessons teacher helping him at home too!

Ratibo needs sponsorship to cover his living costs here.



If you are able to help, please set up a monthly

Direct Debit to the PV UK account at the top of this letter and reference it "Sponsor a Boy". We need two sponsors of £35 each per month. Please pray that the funds come in for this.

Mums and Babies..

We are so thankful to all our knitters out there for the many jumpers and hats they gave us during our Christmas holidays in the UK.

We were able to bring so many of them back with us.



The cupboard is full and overflowing again!

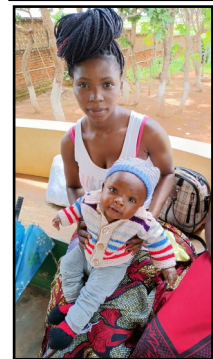
Many Mums have heard that Lisa has returned and have come to present their new babies to her.



She was able to check their health cards,



pray for their babies and families, give out welcome packs and share the good news of Jesus with them.



The Princess School...

Towards the end of every year many young children are send to initiation ceremony camps. Witchcraft, immoral teachings and abuse are often apart of these camps.

It has been wonderful therefore to support our friends who run a weekly "Princess School" each year at their church, for young girls in their community.



They learn Godly values about their worth, growing up, respect, marriage.. and also learn some crafts, Cooking and basic health care skills too.

Lisa has become like a “God Mother” for the



Princess School and attended the graduation at the end of the program to support these special young ladies and pray for them.

PV Car...

The Pastos Verdes car has been good to us these last few years and has assisted us greatly with all the running around that’s needed for the ministry work here.

Due it’s age and the huge monthly costs it now incurs, we need to sell it and get a newer one.



Once we are able to sell it we will need a further £2500 to buy a replacement. If you are able to contribute to this, please send your gift to the account at the top of this letter and reference “PV Car”, Thank you.

Family News

Before Lisa and the children left for the UK (Orlando joined them later on), we were able to have a 3 day break at the Malawi side of the lake. We brought friends with us who have never been to Malawi and had a great time together.



We saw many friends and family over our time there, spending Christmas with Lisa’s Brothers’ family and New Year at her parents with cousins.

We are so pleased that Miah has passed his year 10 exams and his college entry exams and is due to start his Electrician course this February.



Hali passed her school year too and has just started studying in year 9.



Please Pray For:-

- Funds to come in for the PV car, halfway house, general funds and our personal needs
- Sponsorship to come in for Ratibo
- Ratibo to learn Portuguese, reading and writing quickly and do well at school
- Protection for us all: Spiritually & Physically
- The right new team members to join us at the right time
- People to respond to the Gospel as we love, serve and share with them, including the Mums & their families who hear the gospel message each week
- The PV Children to settle in well to their new school year, especially those who’ve moved to new ones this time
- Wisdom to know how to deal with difficult situations that often arise here, due to dishonesty, lying, stealing and the like.