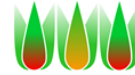


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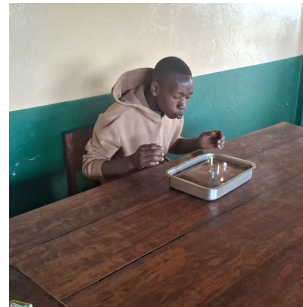


### Muerasse Newsletter June and July 2024

It's good to all be together again and we can now all greet you from a cold Lichinga. God has kept us all safe and strong and blessed us lots during the church visits in the UK... more of that later on!

#### The Boys

The boys had a great party at our friends' church for National Children's Day, playing lots of games, eating yummy food and winning a basketball as a prize!



We celebrated in PV family style the birthdays of Moises (13), Nehemiah (17) and Orlando these last two months. Eating a special meal together, singing, praying and eating cake!

Ratibo has been joining the Village Literacy Group in Lisa's absence to continue in his learning to read and write. His Portuguese understanding has grown lots and his writing abilities, although he still needs help with reading. Lisa is teaching him again once a week. He just lacks practise and confidence!



On Lisa's return and before she could store away the bought end of month dry food, we all needed to clean out the food storage cupboard, due to rat damage! As everything was taken out and cleaned, they emerged one by one! We had to kill them as they are a menace. 6/8 were killed and two escaped into the bushes! They had enjoyed the juice and popcorn for a while and were sharpening their teeth on the plastic folding tables in there, leaving shavings on the floor and holes in the tables!

The children are in their final weeks of reading early readers with Esperança. In September they will have their exams and then a graduation party to conclude the course for the year.



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## Mums & Babies

Lots of Mums have been coming with their Babies since hearing of Lisa's return. It's so special to check their health, give out welcome packs, share the gospel message with them and pray. We've received lots of parcels over the last two months and now have a cupboard full of beautifully knitted jumpers and hats for the children. Thank you all you dedicated knitters, keep them coming!



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## Food Project

The cabbages have now finished and the boys are enjoying lots of Couve (Collard Greens) and onions from the garden. Beans have recently been planted and the rabbits and ducks are increasing in numbers.

Orlando received a group of Agricultural Students from the local College, who came to do a day's work experience in our food garden. They had a great time working and learning together.



Lisa returned safely home mid/end of July with all her luggage in tow. The visiting of the Churches, Groups and Individual Supporters went well. It was a very busy and blessed time. We are most thankful to those who have made it possible for most of PV's needs to be met. The PV Car costs, Ratibo's Sponsorship and the Halfway House funds have all been covered, praise God.



We still need more monthly support for Orlando and Lisa's personal living costs and for the General Fund, which covers all non-orphanage ministry programs and upkeep of the mission base. If you'd like to help, please send funds to the PV UK Account as mentioned at the bottom of this letter, thank you.

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### Children's Club

Esperanca continues to lead the two sessions of Club every week. The children have finished hearing about Paul, Peter and friends in the New Testament, with all the healings, miracles and new believers responding to the gospel message. They have returned to the beginning again, hearing about creation, the fall and are now hearing about the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



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### Family Life

Nehemiah and Orlando had their birthdays in July and we enjoyed a meal out for Orlando's birthday at a nearby restaurant with friends.



Nahaliel has been recognised as a talented artist at her school, and has been commissioned to do a painting reflecting peace for a local organisation.

Nahaliel has been going to her friend's church for a few months now and participating in their baptism classes. She got baptised at the end of July once Mum was back home!

### Please pray for...

- Enough funds to come in for Orlando and Lisa's living costs and the General Fund
- Ratibo to pick up reading quickly and have confidence in what he does know
- Protection for us all at PV: 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
- Wisdom to know how to deal with difficult situations that often arise here, due to dishonesty, lying, stealing, laziness and the like
- Miah to do well on his 3-year electrical course
- Children doing Literacy Classes to do well in their exams and stay until the end
- Children to remember the stories taught at club and respond one day to the good news

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