



Scott & Lisa Harris

Serving In Mozambique

June/July/Aug/Sept 2009

Greetings from Southern Africa. The last several months have been probably our busiest yet in Africa. We were blessed to host three mission groups almost back to back. We are so thankful for them! It would take pages to relate everything that has happened, but we will try to give some major highlights.



JUNE - WATER WELL PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF MASAVANA



June was very busy hosting two groups from the Houston area. First a group from Cinco Ranch arrived, and a few days later a group from Sugar Creek. The project was to put in a water well in the village of Masavana, while at the same time teaching basic hygiene and setting the groundwork for evangelism. Unfortunately, we still don't have a functioning well due to some drilling problems, but we are still hopeful that a functioning well will be working soon. We also had challenges with the hygiene classes as it was harvest time and many people were working out in the fields during the day. However, on two evenings we showed the Jesus Film in their local language. The first night the estimate was over 250 in attendance. We asked who wanted to be prayed for and we estimate that over 100 people come forward. The second night we had over 200 present, most of which had returned to watch the movie a second time. While the week didn't exactly go according to "our" plans, it was still a wonderful week and the foundations for future work in that village is real.



Pray for the Village of Masavana

- 1) That the Word of God will begin to transform this village.
- 2) That a functioning water well will be completed soon.



JULY - CHRISTIAN ENGLISH CAMP

About two weeks after the first two teams left, a third team arrived from Sugar Creek. This team came to put on a weeklong “English” camp for local high school students. God’s hand was all over this project and sent us just the right students. Each day there was a progression of stories from the Bible that served as our context for English discussion groups. The stories began with creation and ended with the resurrection of Jesus. The team who came did such a wonderful job! The kids who attended were impacted in such a powerful way, and lives were changed for eternity. One afternoon, we went into the city of Maxixe and cleaned the city by picking up trash and sweeping sand from the streets. Out of this camp, we have developed an “English Club” that meets twice a week for further teaching and discipleship.



AUGUST - NEW HOUSE AND CELEBRATIONS

In the midst of two groups, we began looking for houses for the Brazilian couples who are coming to join us in the work. We were not exactly looking for a new home for ourselves, but God gave our family a new rental house that was open for immediate move in. While a bit smaller in size, it is in a quiet neighborhood, has a large yard, a place for Scott to have an office behind the garage, and to top it off, had been recently remodeled. So after prayer and a lot of encouragement from others, we decided we would make move. We repainted most of the inside, then began moving just days after dropping off the last group. Most days, Scott would move items between houses in the mornings, and then go out and teach his classes in the afternoons. We got it done and are “settled.” We are so thankful for this new house. It already feels like our home.



August was also a great month of celebration. We baptized 10 people, which included our youngest son Jayden. The other nine were ALL new contacts since June of this year. We believe this is just the beginning of the fruit to come.

[Pray for all of our new contacts and the new believers.](#)





SEPTEMBER - 3 COUNTRY TOUR

SWAZILAND - Our family had booked months ago a week vacation in Swaziland, figuring we would need rest after the busy summer, and we did need that rest! The first night after our arrival, Scott slept 11 hours and Lisa slept 12. We were just that tired. We didn't do much during the week, but enjoy ourselves as a family away from work. A highlight was a day we spent at the Hlane Royal National Park. It didn't have a lot of game, but we had great up close encounters with White Rhinos. We saw 21 during the day, which included 10 at once laying around in a big mud hole trying to stay cool.



ZIMBABWE - Scott flew up to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe from Johannesburg to spend a couple days with the staff of Themba le'Tandane, AOM's orphan program. He went to work with Cornelious the program's director and with Soneni his assistant on implementing a new accounting and reporting process. The visit was short, but very good. It was the first time Scott had been back in Zimbabwe in two years.

SOUTH AFRICA - On September 11th, Lisa and Gabriel flew to the States for her to attend a Christian Writer's Conference and spend some time with her mother. We took advantage of the trip for Gabriel to travel with her so he could meet his "birth mother" for the first time. The visit went very well. Scott used the time to go up to Tzaneen and handle business items for Allen and Janelle. He had to wait a few days extra days in SA to get the Pajero repaired - again. New breaks and the radiator flushed and cleaned, then they were back on the road for Mozambique.



FAMILY NEWS

Back in America- Our family has had our share of ups and downs. On the exciting front, David and Emily, the couple that works for us added to "our" family with the birth of their new son --- Scott. Mariah's cat Patches also added to our family when she had 4 kittens in one of Lisa's decorative pots. Since we have been in the States, we have learned that Gabe's rabbit gave birth to 4 babies, and Jayden's dog to 4 puppies! Things seem to have gotten out of hand!

On a sadder note, our coworker and Scott's uncle, Allen Avery was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. Allen and Janelle returned to Houston to seek treatment. Our family has joined them in the States until November 17th to spend time with them, to attend several important meetings and a discipleship training course. We praise God as Allen is responding well to treatments. Please join us in praying for his complete healing.



Much love from Africa,

Scott, Lisa, Gabriel, Mariah, and Jayden Harris