



Steph's News

CHRISTOS KYRIOS (CHRIST IS LORD)



Volta à Bíblia

Dear Friends,

It is raining again - (normally by April we are into our dry season).



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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Numbers 14) 01-27-2014
I BLAME THIS ON MANNA-MADE CLIMATE CHANGE

It is a mixed blessing - on the one hand, everything is growing madly, (including the weeds), and it is helping to cool things off. On the other hand it is so humid and damp that things are going mouldy before our eyes. I had to throw away two pairs of shoes a few weeks ago that had been in the bottom of my cupboard for a while. When I took them out they were green and the soles literally crumbled away in my hands! More worrying than that though is the

high prevalence of Malaria (more hot, wet conditions = more mosquitoes), and the risk of renewed flooding. In the middle of March I went to South Africa to teach for a week, and as we travelled from here to Maputo the water level on the flood plains was only a few inches below the road (which runs along the top of an embankment).

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MOSES AND NOAH HAVING AN ARGUMENT

Thankfully this time it didn't actually overflow or cut the

road, but it still meant the loss of crops and equipment for a lot of people. More recently there has been serious flooding in the North of Mozambique on the islands and coastal areas, with the poorest people being the worst affected as their mud-huts dissolve and collapse. We are also discovering which of our roofs are leaking here at the school - which seems to be most of them (not surprising after 17+ years).

I had a very enjoyable week in South Africa teaching the "History of the Expansion of Christianity" to the 12 students (an inspiring group of missionaries, soon to be missionaries, or mission-minded people) doing World Outreach's six week Nation's Course.



"Those who don't study history are doomed to repeat it. Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by helplessly while everyone else repeats it."

One of the exciting things was meeting Sam and Harriet - Kenyans who are setting up a missionary training centre in Kenya. It is wonderful to see the African Church getting more involved in sending missionaries into the harvest!

It was fun catching up with Grant Franke and meeting his wife Riana. They are also serving the Lord in Mozambique. Grant and I were both students at Africa School of Missions in 1994 (twenty years ago!). Where has the time gone??

In a short week I came to appreciate each one of the students, and loved catching up with all the other WO missionaries doing the teaching also.

Back at VAB, our 13 students in the 3 month 'Church Worker's Course' are all studying hard and dealing with various personal challenges arising out of their studies.



To help them with this we meet with them once a week in small groups to talk about issues that may be affecting their lives and relationships with the Lord. This last week we were discussing forgiveness with them, which brought to light, for all of them, things both past and present that they need to deal with. (There have been some problems with division, gossiping and criticising amongst the students in the past few weeks). With only two more weeks of the course to run, we are working hard to co-operate with the Holy Spirit in seeing real, lasting transformation take place

in the lives of these special people.

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(See Acts 7:30-34)

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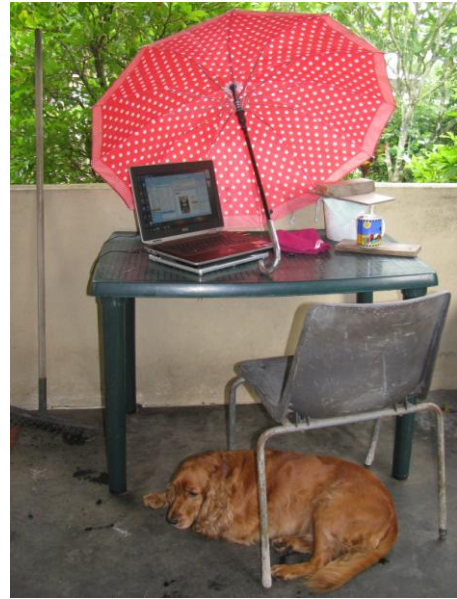
MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?

The staff members involved in teaching the last part of the course, on "Spiritual Life," faced great difficulties in their own and their family's lives recently. Pedro Cossa, who is the main teacher for this part of the course, is suffering from a painful leg that is severely affecting his mobility. (He is normally a very active man who, apart from the teaching he does, helps us tremendously with physical work around the school). As well as this, the wife of his nephew (who lives with their family) suffered a miscarriage and haemorrhaged severely. Pedro donated two litres of blood at the hospital to help with her treatment, and she spent some time recovering here at the school before going home last week to their house which is far from the road and hard to reach in

this weather as the road becomes impassable even with 4X4 vehicles.

Then Pedro's brother Serafino suffered from some sort of psychotic episode which could be physical or spiritual (his fiancée is the widow of a witch-doctor). Praise the Lord that he is returning to normal after a period of hospitalisation and lots of prayer on his behalf.

Carlito, one of our graduates, who is helping Pedro with the Spiritual Life classes, also had a crisis at home the week before coming here to teach - his child, Precious, was burnt with hot water. We are thankful that she is also recovering well and the burns seem to have not been too severe.



For those of you getting this by e-mail this is where it is sent from - on my veranda - the best place to get a moderately reliable internet connection - whatever the weather!

God Bless,
love *Stephanie*
(and Danny).



PRAYER ITEMS:

1. Thanks to all those who have been praying, and please continue to pray for full recoveries of Pedro, Esmerelda, Serafino, and Carlito's child Precious.
2. Please pray also for the students, that they will be greatly impacted by this last few weeks of teaching, as we are discovering that some of them still need a major breakthrough in their lives especially in the area of trusting the Lord and leaving aside other things in which they have been putting their confidence.
3. Please pray also for the new group of students who will be starting the three year pastoral course here in May. Pray that those who come will feel the call of the Lord and come with a real desire to prepare them-selves for service in His Kingdom, however he leads.
4. We are thankful to the Lord for Willem's safe return from America, and look forward to Carol arriving back next week also.
5. I will be in New Zealand for some time in the next few months, visiting churches, groups and individuals who are supporting and praying for our work here. Please pray for safe travelling for me also (especially in June, July and August).