

Mozambique, October 2018.

After some big repairs and challenges, our house is back to livable. We had to replace some rafters, and repair the eaves. I had to take out our mud oven because of the bats, but thankfully, the bats are all gone! I was able to fix the outhouse, and it is much better now. We will still need to shade in some areas in the yard, since the reflective tin is pretty intense, but it is all in good time. Our yard is ready, and our garden planted. I had malaria like symptoms after the trip, but the test was negative. Since the symptoms persisted, I took the treatment and was better after a couple of days.

All of these things are part of the challenge of living where we live, but it is important to share a little of the why: God's Word. This week, while reading in Psalm 119, God has given a reminder of how important God's Word is: how God uses His Word to give us life, to change us, and to protect us. Minority languages are the big challenge for communicating God's Word to millions of people in the world. On this trip, I was able to attend a meeting of pastors who are working on the Chuabo language. It is so encouraging to see the church taking responsibility for access to God's Word. I was also able to meet with friends from the Bible Society and other pastors. We are praying for God to open a vision among churches in Mozambique to send missionaries. I have also been able to share about this in Maputo, here. Please pray for these contacts as we as a mission look to assist the local church to mobilize, equip and send. Here in Maputo, we have also shared, and continue to share in churches. We have also been

able to help in a little Baptist church, with translation and Sunday School.

We are thankful for Joanna's first birthday. She is a bundle of joy and full of energy. We pray for her to understand the gospel as she grows and we teach her.

This week we received word that Rubenita's father passed away. Because of travel time, we could not make it to the burial, but we are hoping to spend time comforting family soon. We are so thankful for the time and care we had with him earlier. Please pray for the family as we have many decisions to make.

In Christ,

Arnie, Rubenita and Joanna Johnson