

Arnie and Rubenita Johnson

Mozambique

Hello to all!

We would have liked to have sent these updates sooner, but it has been a very busy beginning to the year. Praise the Lord, it is so good to be in our own home.

We left Maputo and the ministry we were working in temporarily in December. We shipped some of our things up to Zambézia. We spent Christmas in Brazil with family, since we were unable to make it to Rubi's dad's funeral.

Most of January was spent preparing to move back to the village and in meetings with our team and mission leadership. It was quite a change for Joanna who had never been exposed to so much heat. We moved in the last week of January.

In March we were very happy to receive a visit from some of Arnie's family. We trust that their time here served to glorify God and encourage every one: Arnie's oldest sister, her husband and oldest son, and Arnie's brother who works in Brazil. It was a time of growth and sweet fellowship for us. The visit came with some big challenges. The category 4 cyclone Idai happened to hit land right when they got here. Despite the challenges, we were able to arrive in the village and visit our house. We slept in town because of the flooding (there was water over the knees in many places). The worst of the storm hit Beira, which was told in many major news outlets. Imagine what would have happened if the eye of the storm passed here, where the houses are all made from sticks and grass!

After they left, we had to begin the process of renewing our visas. It is quite a long process and expensive. During the same time, we were able to participate in the dedication of the New Testament in *Elolo*. This was in the people group where Arnie worked before meeting Rubenita. We are so grateful for the very small part in the great task, which was overwhelmingly done by the church, especially the missionary couple that has been there, local believers and consultants. We look forward to the time when we can celebrate here in *Mayinddo* as well.

We trust God, and ask for your prayers as we seek to bring Him glory where He has placed us.

In Christ,
Arnie, Rubenita and Joanna Johnson