



LePoidevin Prayer Release

Dear Praying Family and Friends,

HELPING THROUGH AVIATION

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Doctor Julfrique and nurse Isaías from Estrela da Manhã continue to minister to people in the three villages in Niassa. Some of the most common conditions they encounter, that require surgery in Nampula, are hernia, hydrocele, and cataracts. Here are some of the people we have flown to Nampula for surgery lately:



(Left) This young girl's right eye was protruding from the socket, completely useless, most likely due to an infection. Her eye could not be saved, but we were able to bring her to Nampula for surgery to close her eye. This would draw less attention to it and give her more confidence in a society that is not kind to people with deformities.

(Right) Maybe you remember this girl with the tumor in her cheek. She was brought to Nampula for surgery in June. The doctors there did a biopsy first, then scheduled her for surgery. Unfortunately, at the time of the scheduled surgery, some of the equipment was broken, and they couldn't do the surgery after all. The girl and her father returned to Niassa on the next flight in July. Both came back to Nampula in August for a second attempt.



For our next flight in September, we plan to bring along a Christian Mozambican dentist, Aquiles. He is very excited about the opportunity to bless people in Niassa with his skills! Sometime in the future we hope to bring an eye care team to treat eye diseases.

- ***Praise the Lord for the chance to reach out in love and care to the people in Niassa***
- ***Thank the Lord with us for the caring Christian medical people who serve with us***
- ***Please pray for the people's hearts to soften towards God's love for them***

PASTORS TO TETE



Dave and our colleague, Dave, flew a group of 10 Baptist pastors to Tete for them to attend a country wide Southern Baptist pastors' conference. The conference lasted about a week, and the 2+ hour flight saved the pastors from a 2-day trip by road to get there. At the end of their time in Tete, Dave and Dave picked the pastors up and returned them to Nampula. The pastors were very pleased about this transportation option!

- ***Praise the Lord for the opportunity to encourage these pastors***
- ***Please pray that what they will apply to their lives and churches what they learned at the conference***

FAMILY CONFERENCE

We are privileged to live a couple of hours away from some of the most beautiful beaches on the Indian Ocean! Our team (three families currently here) and four national staff members spent five days together there at our annual Family Conference. A five-member team from Texas came to do VBS with the kids, teach us from the Word of God, lead us in worship, and shower us with love, care, and special treats. In the midst of the conference, Dave and Grady did a medical evacuation for a national missionary who had just suffered a miscarriage. One of the Texas team members is a medical doctor, and he came along on the flight and was a great help. He stated that the woman would likely not have survived had she not been evacuated to a better equipped hospital.



FAMILY UPDATE

July and August found Gerd and Annie traveling to both Norway and the US. Space does not allow for telling about and add pictures of all that we did. But here is a small selection:



Norway: Traveling by bus, train, and boat, swimming, hiking, playing lots of UNO (see picture), shopping, and eating lots of ice cream, while spending wonderful time with family.

Minnesota: Dentist appointments,

shopping, Annie flying a small drone with Karina and Thomas, going to McDonald's with Gramma, and wonderful time with family. We also got to meet the newest member of the family: our niece's first baby. 😊



- ***We praise God for our family in Norway and the US!***
- ***A special blessing to spend a weekend with Karina and Thomas! (Sylvia could not make it this time)***

I have learned something from our dogs, Frieda and Flower. Frieda is a very affectionate dog, always wanting attention, sitting down on our feet and leaning into us whenever she gets the chance. Flower wants that, too, but only, it seems, as a jealous reaction to any attention Frieda gets. When I have a treat ready for both of them, Flower grabs for it and chews it down quickly. Frieda, on the other hand, will let the treat lie on the ground in order to get attention first. Inevitably, Flower grabs Frieda's treat while Frieda is being petted. But that doesn't seem to bother Frieda at all. Her focus is on us and the love and attention she so much desires. In my relationship with God, I want to be like Frieda. I want to want God's love and attention much more than the treats He gives me. I want to sit at His feet, lean into Him, and just soak up the closeness.

Thank you for sharing in this ministry with us through prayer!

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