



The Roloff Report



Ministering through medicine in Mozambique

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Good News

In keeping with the season of Good News, Nicole had the privilege of seeing good news in the flesh on our front porch this week. A mother and her malnourished son returned for a visit. He gained 1.5 kg in two months (almost 3 pounds). He came first weighing only 5 kg, so he has gained about 20% of his body weight! He has even begun to grow hair for the first time. He is more active and can stand up on his own, a dramatic change from the limp and dull eyed child Nicole saw in October. We praise God for this good news, and we pray that more families will learn how to feed their children well, even during the season of hunger.



A Big Christmas Present

After much waiting, our truck has arrived and we have it. God has provided for our family's need in an amazing way. Wow! It has 9 seats, so we took our first trip with the Roloff "8" (7 + Laura) all seat-belted. We are thankful to all those who contributed to make this possible. Thank you, thank you!



Human Limits*

Born as a helpless infant like all of us, Jesus grew up to become the founder of a major religion and changed history, certainly shaking up the Roman Empire, in a short 33 years. As we consider Jesus' humble beginning at Christmas, we must also consider the course of His life.

Somehow, He accomplished God's will in all things and through His death became the Savior of the world, conquering the power of sin and death once and for all. In all this, he was limited by his own humanity. Without being in all places at all times, He said yes to some things and no to others. With our same 24 hour day, He healed some, and left others waiting. The Bible is clear the Jesus knew Scripture and spent time listening to the heavenly Father. His life reflected a sense of timing with periods of waiting and periods of action that came from his close connection to God the Father.

We (Russ and Nicole) struggle with the same issues. Which request should we say yes to? Who should be left waiting? When do we rest and when do we run hard? Thankfully, the Bible is clear that Jesus rested!

As we consider Jesus' birth into our world, may we also learn from his life. May we stop and listen for the sweet voice of the Lord in Scripture and prayer. From there, we will find guidance day by day.

* These reflections come from a short essay entitled Tyranny of the Urgent by Charles E. Hummel. A great read!

On a lighter note:

-on Akeyla's birthday, she said, "I am not five until after I open my presents."

-Isaac grabbed two hot-pads off the table and handed one to Reid so they could both play.

Praises

- Praise for the funds for our much needed vehicle that carries us all safely. Also praise for safe travel, as we have been on the road a lot.
- We celebrated several birthdays in November, praise for another year

Prayer Requests

- Hunger season is here The markets in Espungabera are getting bare and food is already hard to find. The next crops are not expected until April.
- Please pray for our family. Our recent marathon trip to get our truck was difficult for all of us and we are in prayer about changes that will allow us to have a more stable family life (more to come later about this).
- As Christmas approaches, pray that many people will hear about the birth of Jesus. In Mozambique, Christmas is not a religious holiday but is called Family Day.

Family Feature: Isaac

- Still very active and starting to climb anything in front of him.
- Wants to feed himself, and not accept help.
- Laughs a lot and likes to play and be tickled.
- Empties out bin of clothes on the floor and then climbs inside.



With Love,

The Roff Family





Luke Skywalker, Ebola worker, and a princess



Baby goat, just born that morning



Happy Birthday Edith



Happy Birthday Akeyla



Dad did not get a normal cake, just a local treat, some fried grubs.



And happy first birthday
Isaac and Reid

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