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Dear all,

We apologise for not having sent an update last month. We have done a lot of travelling over the last month and a half and didn't end up emailing you. So here is an update from the last 2 months.

Liz had a great time in France doing her post grad certificate course in play therapy skills, though it was very intense, but she is really looking forward to starting her placement as a therapeutic play practitioner and getting on with her assignments. She has to do 100 clinical hours alongside Skype supervision, and has set up a placement at a local Christian school. We are excited about what God is going to do through this ministry, but Liz needs His guidance and wisdom, and also that He will give understanding to the staff at the school as she gives a presentation to them on play therapy. The concept of play being very beneficial to children is a new concept here so play therapy might take a little while for people to get on board. We give thanks to God for a safe journey back to Beira from Maputo. The car wasn't in a good state on the way there but now it is fine.

Three days after Liz arrived from France, we all went to Chimoio, a town near to Zimbabwe where Sergio always has his training with the Mozambican Pastors/missionaries. He had a week's training with them in a local Church, with classes on finance, marriage and the law, the role of the Church leader. Liz also gave them a class on child protection, which was a great opportunity for Church leaders to learn about what isn't done and what should be done to protect children and it was visible to see how a lot of the Pastors eyes were opened to what needs to be done. At the same time as Sergio's training, the PEPE national conference was also happening in the local Baptist Church, where 71 PEPE teachers attended to spend time together, learn new things, and worship God. Liz gave 3 sessions on child protection and was able to use some of what she learnt at her course in France. It was a special week and one in which we were both encouraged to see what God is doing in both of our ministries. The children also had a good time, Chloe did some home school while Joshua played with a Brazilian friend. Please see our next blog post for more info.

After arriving back from Chimoio, Liz had to travel alone again to Johannesburg to get dental treatment. What she needed done wasn't possible here in Beira. It was difficult to have to leave the children again but it was necessary, and it was a good time for Liz to meet up with a girl who did the course in France with Liz and now lives in Jburg. It's interesting that she says she 'found God' at the course whilst playing!! So we had great conversations. Liz is now back and life can get back to normal.

In September please pray for:

- The General Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Mozambique as he had a stroke a few weeks ago.
- Liz as she gives a presentation at the school on play therapy and begins the process of getting a few clients
- Sergio as he preaches at one of the local Baptist Church's anniversary
- The new Pastor who has been elected to take over from the Pastor Sergio is currently working with. He will start his role next August but pray that the transition goes smoothly and that there will be a plan on how Sergio can work with him (as he lives in Maputo)
- Sergio as he teaches on anthropology
- Liz's parents as they visit us at the end of September

Many thanks,

God bless

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Liz, Sergio, Chloe and Joshua