

# Tiarks' Newsletter

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“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross..... And has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God, for consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:2,3

## Back in the States!

We pray and trust that this letter is finding each one of you rejoicing and enjoying the hope we have in Christ, no matter your circumstances we can rejoice that Christ has already defeated the foe, therefore, we stand as victors through Him!

First of all, we want to say how much each and every one of you has meant to us over these last several years! Your partnership with us to bring the gospel to Mozambique has been vital and we thank you for your sacrifice. Even more so has been your prayer support, over these last 2 years, we know that we could not have succeeded with out them, thank you so much!!

These last 2 years have been some of the hardest years of our lives, both at home and in the ministry. Don't get us wrong, when you look at what we were involved in, it wasn't without fruit, but it all came with a price. We lived and worked very closely to our Mozambican brothers/sisters, which in and of itself was such a blessing for ministering and learning from them. We found that there were so many opportunities since having such close interaction. At the same time we struggled at home with the balance of family, time, ministry and school life all while fitting into life in Mozambique. We very quickly saw that we could not continue on but by the grace of God.

We ended up living there for a total of 18 months, which amazes us now as we look back at our living conditions. Even more amazing are how our children coped so well. This brings us to the last 6 months. We as a family along with our mission decided that after the school year (June 2010), we should take some time to work with a church in South Africa where we could seek the Lord as to our future. Our heart has been to work with the church in Mozambique, but the stresses of it were really taking a toll on us. We ended going to a town in S. Africa where we worked with a small church that had such a fire for the Lord. There we were able to receive



good council, wisdom and love. Through that time, it became apparent that the Lord was leading us back to the States. This has been somewhat of a hard transition as we sought to understand why the Lord had allowed all this to come to pass. But we know that we are being more conformed to His image through this trial than if we never had to go through it, so we praise God for His purposes in our lives and trust Him with the details. Currently we are living in Gifford, IL. During these next 6 months of home assignment we are seeking where it is that the Lord would have us minister and live.

Thank you for your patience with us and for standing with and loving us through it all! In the end we want our lives to be spend glorifying our Savior, the One that bought us with the price of His very own blood. How that looks is up to Him whether here in the U.S or overseas. Until next time.....

*Thank you for standing and kneeling with us!*



*With Love,  
Joash & Delia  
Judah, Ian,  
Chloe & Gabriel*