



Heather In Moz - September 2016

Time in the UK

For the month of June I was back in the UK visiting friends and family. Highlights included several reunions with University friends, former house mates, London friends and with certain members of my extended family who I hadn't seen for many years. I had a great time and went away feeling blessed by the support and encouragement I received from them and from my church, South Kent Community Church.



Nunn, all the way from New Zealand! Ben and Ang have been friends of Kedesh for many years, also helping to run Kedesh at times when John has been away in the States for a few months. Last time they were with us was 3 years ago so it was lovely to have a visit and to catch up with them properly.



New member of the Kedesh family

Last month we welcomed Gabriel (left) to Kedesh. He's the cousin of one of our boys, Ito (right) and his mother died at the beginning of the year. He had been living with his grandmother who came asking Kedesh to support him as she was struggling to provide for him. He's settled into Kedesh life really well and is well liked by all the boys.



Kedesh developments

Whilst I was in the UK we had a team from Scotland (plus one Englishman), who came to Kedesh to help and specifically to help build, alongside the boys, a workshop area. The transformation of the cow shed into a work shop in only a few weeks was very impressive and from the stories I heard it sounded like everyone had worked hard and also had good experiences being a part of the Kedesh household for those weeks. Thank you to 'Team Scotland +1' for all your hard work!



A New employee

We have recently said goodbye to Joyce, who has worked for us for about 6 years. She has moved on to pursue her own plans and we are grateful for the work she has done for and with us during her employment with us. Shortly after Joyce left we hired a lady called Amina, to help the younger boys in the afternoons to cook dinner. We have worked with Amina before about a year ago when she came for a number of weeks to teach the boys how to make various snacks, such as shumusas and spring rolls. We knew from this that she was a lady who

Surprise visitors

In July we had surprise visitors, Ben and Angela

worked hard and got on well with the boys. Amina is Mozambican although has some Indian heritage and is the mature and wise age of 70! She lives with her daughter and grandchildren and we hope that as well as her helping us in the afternoons, the regular finances can help support her and her extended family. I must add that she's a very good cook and dinner has been a lot more varied and interesting since she arrived!



Now to Other Random news

A new calf - Last week we welcomed another calf into the herd. Mother and calf doing well!



Beach trip - It has warmed up enough in August to do a trip to the beach. It had been quite a few months since we'd been as a group and some of the newer boys had their first taster of the sea!



A gift for the girls - We recently had a couple of visitors who were in Beira on a short term team with BMS world mission, who helped out at Kedesh each morning for a week. It was nice to have their input and after helping and getting to know the girls in my girls groups, one of the visitors decided to treat them to new dresses, made with local fabrics. Last week I took some of them to choose their fabrics and be measured by the tailor. They were very excited!



Slui's new bike- Many of you know Slui. For those who don't, he's a great person to get to know! Slui was one of John's first boys but is now in his 30's. He has learning difficulties and lives locally, often coming to Kedesh to help out. He has always loved his bike but was having more and more problems with it. Ben and Ang kindly offered to buy him a new one but Slui had to wait till the container had arrived at the bike shop. It was then an emotional roller coaster for Slui over the next couple of weeks as he awaited his bike! It was worth it in the end - one very happy Slui!



Crazy bakers! - The boys love to eat so they also love to bake! The type of cake they like to make the most is a deep fried donut type cake. Usually the kitchen ends up covered in flour and the boys themselves become a little bit crazy with all the sugar they've 'inhaled'!



Answers to Prayer/Thanks

- For a great time in the UK with friends and family and the support and encouragement I received from my church
- For the Scottish (+1) team - their hard work and their friendship
- For the building of a work shop area - somewhere secure to keep tools and a place for the boys to continue to learn vocational skills
- For the surprise visit from Ben and Angela and their support and friendship.
- For Joyce moving on well and for Amina joining our workforce
- For the recent visitors we had and the gift they gave the girls in my girls groups and our boys (who all received a new school bag!).
- For Gabriel arriving and settling in well
- For Luis (15) who had a seizure a couple of weeks ago. Being able to find good doctors and for him not having another seizure since.
- For Angelina, the 34 year old lady who've we've

been supporting for over a year. She's got a lot stronger and her latest sugar level readings have been a lot more frequently within the normal range. Thank you for your prayers for her as when she first came to us the doctors were saying she had very few months to live. God knew better!

Prayer needed

1. For Cisco (15) who has been suffering from sudden paranoid psychosis leaving him fearful and at times unable to speak or function. We are very grateful for the doctors we found from Chile who were able to diagnose him and give him appropriate medications. Please pray for his full recovery, for the boys to grow in their faith and understanding about God through seeing Cisco's recovery and for the extended family to not manage to take Cisco to the witch Doctor as they keep requesting to do.
2. For us to have regular donations that cover our monthly running costs of Kedesh and our support of the widows.
3. For the last term of the school year (sep-november), that the boys would work hard and do well in their end of year exams.
4. For Luis to continue to stay healthy and have no more seizures.
5. For Gabriel to continue to settle in well at Kedesh
6. For Mozambique that is going through a time of political unrest as well as a crashing economy.
7. For safety from local thieves - a couple of nights ago we had another attempted break in. We are thankful for our pack of 7 dogs and that no one was hurt in the process of chasing them off.
8. For continued safety and good health.

Thank you for reading. Feel free to contact on the following email hevdownpev@gmail.com, or on my facebook or John's under Kedesh Santuario Love and blessings,

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