

The Reese Witness

And you will be my witnesses... Acts 1:8

Warmest greetings to you! This will be our last newsletter from this side of the ocean, so you can expect more frequent updates in the exciting months ahead.



**Danny, Katie, Eliana,
and Baby Reese**

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the end of our preparation.
- Praise God for Westover Hills and our wonderful support team.
- Pray for final funding for our team.
- Pray for smooth transitions for our family and team.
- Pray for Portuguese to come easily and quickly.

We're Off to Portugal!

It has been a long road of preparation to leave the US and begin our work overseas, but our time of waiting is over. We have bought tickets to fly to Portugal on May 3rd! On May 2nd, we will have our send-off celebration with Westover Hills. Right now we are caught up in the flurry of packing and last time visits with family.

We will join our team in Lisbon, Portugal, for the next 8 months to study Portuguese. This will be a time not only of language learning, but also of team building, refreshment, planning for the future, and adding a new addition to our family as well. We hope to make our final move to Huambo, Angola, in January 2011.

Our Wonderful Support Team

We would like to introduce our support team. Every missionary at Westover Hills has a group of people who love, pray for, and support them.

Our support team has already blessed us in countless ways, including organizing several events for us, babysitting, gathering needed items, communicating with the church, and just loving us! Having a group of encouragers when we are on the field will be such a huge boost. Praise God for His wonderful people!



**Our awesome support team
at Westover Hills**

Coming Up...

May 2
Westover send-off

May 3
Depart for Portugal

July 17
Baby due!

January 2011
Target date for
move to Angola



Breaking News

The Meyers have just received their final completed court documents to finalize their adoption. They can now apply for passports and join us in Portugal!

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A Look at the Past Year



Danny graduated with his Masters of Divinity from Harding University Graduate School of Religion on May 2. It was a lot of hard work, but Danny feels so blessed by his time there and really feels that it has prepared him well for the mission field.

Our team presented a class and a breakfast at the Pepperdine Lectures this last May. Two Angolan church leaders attended with us and told their story at the breakfast. It was a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and build contacts.



Our trip to Brazil was truly blessed. We met with missionaries and church leaders around the country to discuss possibilities of Brazilian Christians participating in mission efforts to other Portuguese-speaking countries. We came away excited by the opportunities. We also joined the Westover campaign to Porto Alegre. We enjoyed getting to know Paul and Ana Morrow, Westover's missionaries there, as well as the campaigners and church members. Thanks to everyone who helped make that trip possible.

Big Sister Eliana

Eliana is just growing and growing. She loves going to the park and playing with her friends. It has been such a blessing this year for her to be with her Papa and Mommom. We know she will miss them when we leave. Her vocabulary and language skills are constantly growing, and she often surprises us with new skills. Please pray for an easy transition for her into a new culture and home.



Our teammates, Robert and Teague Meyer, have adopted two brothers from Ethiopia! After more than a year of waiting, they finally picked up their children, Efesson (age 4) and Biruk (age 2) in October. The boys are adjusting to their new life so well. What a joy to see them learning and loving life each day.

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Eliana is also preparing to welcome her new baby sister, Sophia Joy, in July (in Portugal)! She loves to point to Mommy's tummy and say "Baby Fia".



A Big Thank You!

Praise God for providing for our financial needs. Westover Hills is providing our full salary. We have about 80% of our one-time moving expenses raised. Our greatest need now is for work fund. We are budgeting \$1,200/month for work fund, which will go towards the cost of language school and travel expenses while in Portugal. We have about \$400/mo currently. If you would like to support our work monthly or make a one-time contribution, please send a check to:

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8332 Mesa Drive
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Thank you so much to all who have contributed to our work. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of God's people. Our prayers are with you and your families.