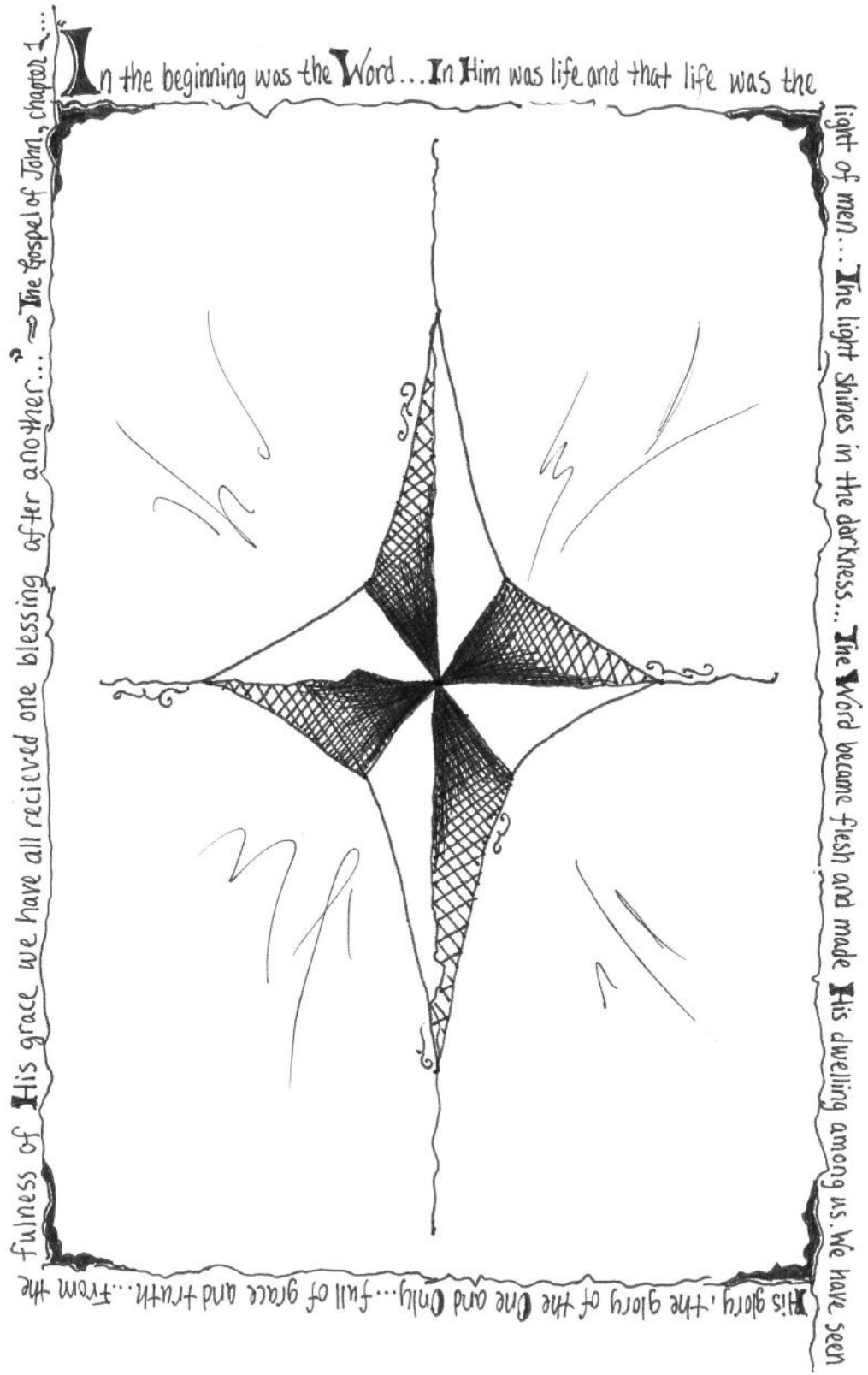


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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Remember talking with Daniel Maddux in 2006?

Yes, we're still praying and working toward **reaching the 4+ million Makua of Mozambique, Africa, who are the largest unreached animistic people group in the world.**

We're **1/3 of the way** on both monthly support and one-time setup costs - **Praise the Lord!** We believe all will be ready for us to leave by the end of 2007. Lord willing, I'll soon be switching to working 3 days a week which will allow more time for church contact, helping the family on Portuguese training, and further preparing for Mozambique.

Courting!? Another very exciting turn of events which makes an end of the year departure better timing is that **a couple months ago a young man from our church requested to court our 2nd daughter Hannah.** We know the family real well and after checking out some more things, gave the go ahead. They are not pursuing physical touch and romance so they can focus on preparing for marriage, while each week we take an evening to cover essential topics. God is blessing and if there is a wedding Hannah will not be going with us to Mozambique.

Deer Me! Although the move to the city has been a difficult transition for the family in several ways, God has helped meet some needs for Elijah's and my relationship. Elijah and I had a great experience together when we went with a friend to the Flint Hills of Kansas where **Elijah shot his first 8 point buck!** The 37 pounds of meat is excellent!

National Missionary Convention... We sure enjoyed the NMC! At the convention, *Scriptures In Use* (www.siutraining.org) presented their work of equipping indigenous people around the world to reach non-literate oral cultures through story-telling the salvation message from Genesis to Christ. **We're excited about using SIU's gospel story-telling approach with song and drama in Africa!**

Please call or email us to schedule a time for us to get together in the 2007 and talk more about the mission to the Makua. **Can you partner with us in 2007, or 2008 and beyond?**

Thank you for your prayers for:

- God's peace & love in our family relationships through these transitions
- Wisdom to know how to proceed in getting the message out about the Makua to churches here so we'll be ready to go by November 2007
- God to continue to prepare the hearts of the Makua to hear His message

God Bless You All,

Daniel & Melissa,

Chloe, Hannah, Elijah, & Esther Maddux