



# Standing in the Gap

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## Micro-Enterprise Training

May and June were months filled with preparation and micro-enterprise training. This included translating 28 lessons, and having them proofread (which was certainly needed!). We spent at least three days a week in Chokwe (about 3 hours from Maputo) training ten young adults (who work with the World Relief Child Development program) to teach the micro-enterprise lessons. The youth taught

the lessons directly in the local language to 35 WR volunteers who work with the AIDS program doing home health care.

These volunteers have formed groups who will raise chickens or vegetables. The second phase of the



First chicks in Chokwe

in surrounding towns with some of the youth whom we've trained.

project starts now with building chicken houses and organizing the details of the projects. We are learning a lot from this pilot project and will begin reproducing it

On the evaluation forms many said the lesson that impacted them the most was the one on stewardship. The idea that God owns it all—our finances, our time, our talents was a new idea to them. It's a lesson we all need to be reminded of from time to time.



Group in training

## Prayer Requests and Praises

- Thank God for the completion of the first training cycle. Pray for the current training. July 25–August 12.
- Pray that the groups of WR volunteers will work in unity together and have success in their projects.
- Praise God for safety in traveling around Mozambique and living in Maputo.
- Continue to pray for Mozambicans to trust God completely instead of having one foot in the church and the other in traditional beliefs.
- Thank God for the many who are sold out for God.

## Trip to Beira and Dondo

I, Rachel, joined a group of four women from Minnesota churches. We worked with women to teach sewing, beading and crochet (showing projects at right). The women from different churches in Beira will begin a cooperative to produce and market the things they make. After one week in Beira I traveled to Dondo with Zion's missionary, Tan-



neken Fros. It was wonderful to connect with her and

she put me to work teaching women from the Dondo churches to crochet as well. They are very excited about the possibilities of income generation. Local women are continuing to teach them.

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## Trip to Beira and Dondo (cont.)

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It was also good to participate with the Mountain of Praise Church in Dondo that Tanneken and Pastor Rego



Tanneken with some of the younger orphans

lead. They are a new church that is growing rapidly and reaching out to other churches in the central provinces of

Mozambique. Papa and Mama Rego as well as Tanneken care for many orphans in their homes as they also challenge others to provide home-based orphan care rather than building large orphanages.

I, Steve, joined a group of four men from Minnesota who gave seminars to pastors in the Beira and Chokwe areas. The training topics were leadership, stewardship and inductive Bible study. The second week I shared on vision. The local leader who was traveling with us asked if I could share that word with his home church which I did in July. We are beginning to have more opportunities to preach and share.

*Psalm 36:5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.*

## Amaranth in Zimbabwe

Steve traveled to Zimbabwe the end of June to visit a researcher/university professor at Africa University in Mutare. He also met with Dick and Jo Dugger from Culver, Indiana, whom we had met (Dick) just prior to leaving for Brazil. They have been supporting amaranth research and promotion in Africa for several years. Dick is one of the founders of ECHO, located in Ft. Myers, Florida, and has picked up on amaranth for its potential to impact malnutrition in developing countries.

As Americans, we know the weed variety as pigweed, but the grain was cultivated by the Central and South American tribes prior to the Spanish conquests in 1500 AD. In short, it has tremendous nutrition potential, is drought, disease and insect resistant, but needs local promotion and technical support to become useful in the fight against poverty. We hope to introduce it and use it in several of our project activities.



Kathy, one of the women from a Minnesota church, and Rachel teaching the ladies in Beira to crochet

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying and giving and for your love. Steve & Rachel

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