



# Standing in the Gap



Steve and Rachel Good • August 2006

## Back Home Again in Indiana

As of July 24, we started a two month leave and have returned to our roots in Northern Indiana. It has been an interesting mix of feelings as people welcome us by saying, "welcome home." After living away from the area for two years it is hard to know where home really is.

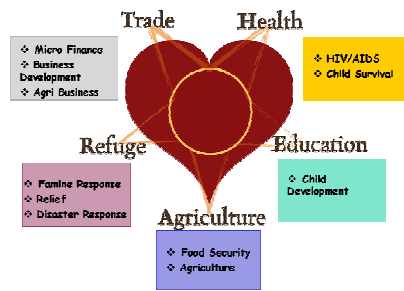
We have been able to attend two family reunions, the Goods in GA and the Greasers in KS, and a church reunion in Sturgis, MI where we helped start a church in 1985-86. Our children will all be with us over Labor Day and we will take in a college reunion. We are also getting together with others in smaller groups and one-on-one times of sharing.

## Open House

Although it is not possible to meet with everyone on our mailing list and tell the story of what we have been doing over the last years, we will be having an open house on **Sunday, September 17, 2006 from 2-4 p.m. at Zion Chapel.** This will be a come and go time with a half hour of specific sharing starting at 3 p.m. We will share about our work and ministry in Mozambique along with some pictures (not the traditional missionary slide show).

## New Responsibilities

The last two and a half months in Mozambique were a whirlwind of activity. The Maputo office hosted two teams, a week of training and planning, and a week with our agri-business technical advisor, Kevin Sanderson. We spent two days brainstorming and defining how we could "do business" in a



developmental way that would become sustainable and independent. It was a real challenge to get our regular work to fit in between all those other activities.

One part of the challenge was Steve being asked to manage the Agriculture and Trade elements of the World Relief HEART model (left). This includes working directly with other program leaders and overseeing their projects and programs. He had to wear two hats, the continuing micro enterprise program (MED) and the new leadership one. For the most part, the MED chicken project has been handed off, so the leadership tasks remain.

## Malawi Trip and Training

The second week of July we traveled to Malawi with Kevin Sanderson to visit the agriculture and trade work. We started out



in the capital city of Lilongwe and spent time with the WR staff discussing direction and strategy. Then we traveled to Salima and one of the great fresh water lakes of Africa,

Lake Malawi. One of the "delicacies" we were encouraged to have while in Malawi was chambo also known as tilapia. Well, it was too windy for the boats so no chambo until the last night. It was very tasty, but not very big. I guess the big ones got away.

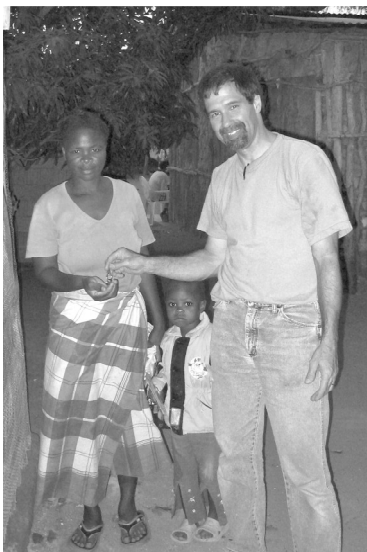
We also did a "crash" course for MED facilitators. The Malawi staff had  
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## Hope For the Future

Deolinda Calisto has a beautiful smile and a sweet spirit. After her husband died in 2000 she and her daughter, Nkhensane, moved back with her parents and siblings. She learned about World Relief and their programs in her Assembly of God church and started working as an HIV/AIDS volunteer in 2002. She visits six orphans twice a week and brings them food that World Food Program provides through World Relief (corn, beans and oil).

In 2005 she was trained in the micro enterprise development course. She was one of the few women in the course who could read and write and she faithfully took notes. Now she is the secretary of a group of 5 women who are raising chickens with the WR Micro Enterprise Development program. She says she likes to raise chickens and would like to increase the business after they pay for their chicken house. She is very diligent and has learned how to feed, give medications and care for the chickens and the group has had good success. Her only other source of income is the family "machamba" (large garden) where she and other family members raise most of the food they eat. Now Deolinda says "I have hope for the future."

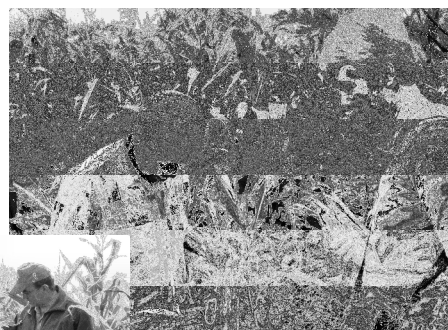


Deolinda accepting the keys to her chicken house

## Ongoing Work

Before we left Maputo, the ag/trade group secured nearly a \$300,000 grant from the provincial government of Gaza. This money will be used to start a fruit tree and food security program in two different communities, benefiting up to 140 volunteers in a long range plan to provide food for the community and income for the volunteers (soon to be business owners). The project will raise hybrid papayas (that taste much better than the local ones) for sale into South Africa and the dried fruit market.

We also placed an order for two coconut oil (cold pressed/ virgin) press systems from Australia. This project will take place further north in the Inhambane province and the community of Maxixe. (pronounced Mashishe). This is one of the ideas that drew us to Mozambique in the first place. (So don't get me started!)



Agricultural Project



For those of you that live in the Goshen/Elkhart area we can be reached at 574-875-5544 or come see us at the open house. We will be returning to Mozambique on September 29.

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement!

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## Malawi Trip (cont.)

identified 21 people to train others with the MED program training. It was really different doing this training in English for the first time. Normally we do a 5 day intensive session for trainers. However, in this case we only had 3 days, so we packed in the business lessons and just three moral value lessons as devotional/Bible studies.

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