



Standing in the Gap



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Battle for Hearts and Minds

Why, what and how we are doing development.

"The Chinese proverb needs to be extended if people are going to be set free to dream and to reach their God-given potential.

Give a man a fish, he has food for a day. – Relief

Teach a man to fish; he has food for a lifetime. – Development

Teach a man to think about fishing and his life is changed forever! – Transformation"

(Pg. 158 of "Agriculture and the Kingdom of God" by Darrow L. Miller in the book *Biblical Holism and Agriculture*)

It is easy to talk about projects and accomplishments in the field, but the battle really is for hearts and minds. As the extended proverb says, we are trying to teach people to think differently about what they are doing. If our project people can begin to grasp the how's, why's and take personal ownership of their business endeavors, they will have begun to think differently about themselves and their world. As it stands now, most of their lives are controlled by fate, circumstance, bureaucracy and cultural limitations. Please pray with us as we stretch and even break the bonds that hold so many in the grip of poverty.

Our Goals

1. To develop people by working alongside spiritual and social ministries at World Relief Southern Africa assisting Africans to be successful in small businesses and agriculture.
2. To serve in the local church and work with other churches to bring spiritual freedom to Mozambique.
3. To train trainers who will teach basic business and Bible principles.

Ministry of Encouragement

There are people who are hurting everywhere in the world, and we have run into many discouraged people here lately. They range from a young woman working 60-70 hours a week for \$13, many who are unemployed, a missionary with vehicle and health problems not able to do his work, a person whose employer is involved in witchcraft, has fits of rage and many other problems. God help us to have the right words, the prayers and the willingness to walk alongside these that He has brought into our lives.

Local Ministry

Daniel is a pastor and works with the chicken owners as a technical person. He invited us to speak to his church and connected us to another group of churches. These other leaders have recently left the Zionist cult which is a mixture of Christianity and African traditional religion. They are very excited about learning the truth and are asking us to teach them. Pray that God will lead us in this new relationship.

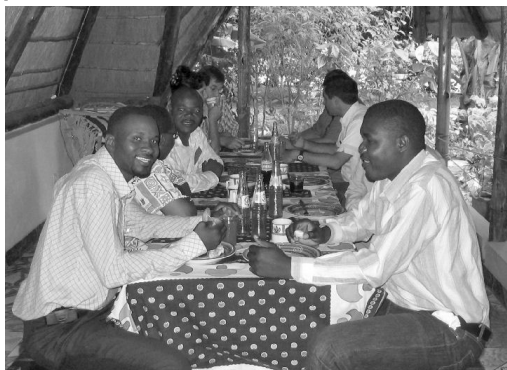
Rachel and Daniel greeting the church



Alberto and Ana Tembe and the church



Ancient Paths



In October we were joined by a team from South Africa who led an Ancient Paths seminar (participants during a break, left). We had invited church leaders from several denominations to participate and decide whether they want to take this ministry to their churches. We had many positive responses from people whose lives were touched. We have been in conversation with regional leaders in South Africa and are praying about becoming more involved in coordinating this ministry in Mozambique. If you have never heard of Ancient Paths, you can check it out at <http://www.familyfoundations.com/AboutAP.htm>

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May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in the world.
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

Traditional Franciscan Blessing



This Christmas may we remember why Jesus came to live among us—his life, death and resurrection so that we might have new and eternal life. And may we look forward to His coming again!

With love and appreciation,

Rachel & Steve

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