



# Mozambican Call

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## A Real Adventure

In May we were privileged to visit the World Relief headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, along with our missions coordinator, Tim Morningstar. We were impressed by the quality and integrity of the "home" team. Dr. Clive Carver, President of World Relief, left us with these words: "You're in for a real adventure." We enjoyed Ken and Martha June Graber's hospitality and found out we have many acquaintances in common. Ken is the director of micro-enterprise and we enjoyed long conversations. His memorable quote was: "Development is not a science, it's an art." These are words of wisdom from people who have been working at development a long time.

### Job Description clarified?

One of our longer sessions at WR International in Baltimore was with the micro-enterprise development team. They are a group of energetic and intelligent financial experts with various backgrounds. As we talked about what Samuel Grottis, the WR Southern Africa Director wants us to do, their response

was, "Oh, you are talking about BDS" (Business Development Service). Micro-enterprise development in the strictest sense of the word works with existing businesses and strengths that already exist by providing loans and some counsel or advice. However, business development services typically do not loan money, they just advise (like SCORE in the U.S.). Samuel seems to be asking for a combination of these two concepts.

So, I asked the next obvious questions. "Is anyone currently doing what we are being asked to do? Is there a working model out there?" The answer might give you a clue as to the challenge we face. It was, "Well, not exactly."



Clive with Steve and Rachel

## What Will We Do?

We are asked this question often. One answer is that we will focus on learning, listening and observing. Too many times we only focus on "doing" and there will be so much to do, it could be overwhelming. We need to focus on hearing daily from the Father and doing what He asks of us. Jesus had crowds around Him constantly but He learned to only do what the Father asked of Him.

Recently someone shared a dream they had of our home in Mozambique. He said it was like a school and there was a

large banquet spread out. This fits our vision well--to train trainers, to disciple, to use the many tools God has given us over the years and to invite people to the banquet, the feast God has prepared for them.

### Language School - Brazil or Mozambique?

We are planning to start our adventure in Brazil in September. You may ask why and there are several reasons.

- We will be able to concentrate on learning Portu-

guese and not be distracted with getting settled in Mozambique.

- We were able to connect with a language teacher close to Recife and it will be less expensive than Maputo.
- We will return to Indiana in December and attend our son Joel's wedding January 1. He was recently engaged to Ellen Stevenson of Lafayette, Indiana.
- In January we will fly to Mozambique.

*You are invited to join us for our send off and commissioning service on Sunday the 12th of September at six o'clock in the evening Zion Chapel 17285 C.R. 34 Goshen, Indiana*

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## Mozambique Facts

- The official language is Portuguese but there are many other tribal languages spoken.
- Religions - Christian 30%, Muslim 20%, Indigenous African and other 50%
- Government - multiparty republic with one legislative house
- Area - 799,380 km (2 times the size of California)
- Capital - Maputo (pop. 1.1 million) We will live in Maputo.
- Climate - tropical to sub-tropical
- Average earnings per year - US \$210
- Over 2/3 of the population are very poor earning 22c-89c per day
- Life expectancy at birth - 35 years
- Literacy - 42% of population 15 years old and older
- End of civil war - 1991(?) There are many repercussions from the war that the country is still recovering from.
- Major floods - 2000 and 2001



## Prayers and Praises

1. Thank God for a good trip to World Relief and for the encouragement from the people we met.
2. Thank the Lord for the connections in Brazil and for His leading.
3. Pray that we will find good long-term renters for the part of our house we will rent.
4. Pray that we will have the time and energy to get all the house projects done.
5. Pray for God's financial provision.

## Graduation x Three

Three Goods graduated in May 2004. Janelle graduated from many speeches and celebrated with a joint open house. Concord High School. Joel graduated from Ball State University with a BA in telecommunications. Steve graduated from Assoc. Mennonite Biblical Seminaries with a MA in Missions and Evangelism. We heard

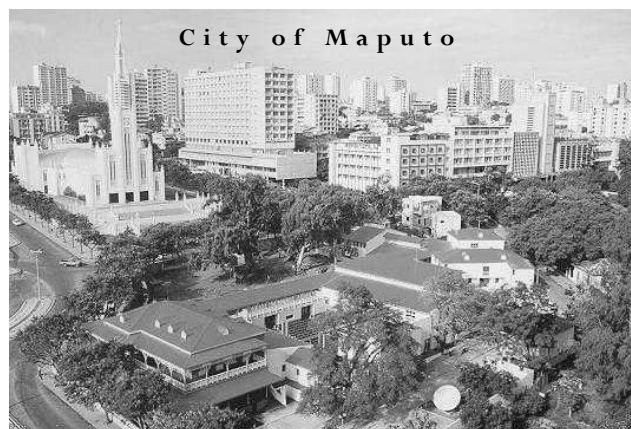


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