



MOZAMBICAN CALL

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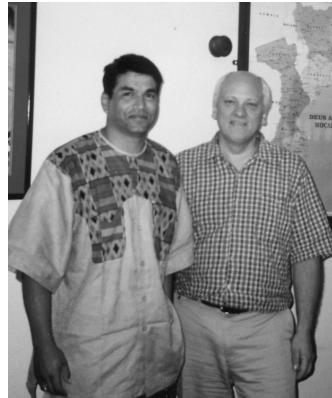
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Our Call

Two years ago when Rachel and I visited Mozambique, we met Samuel Grottis the national director of World Relief (WR). During my day visiting WR projects with him, he expressed a need for someone to come and be a pipeline of information, ideas and technology for small business/micro-enterprise development. This would include both agriculture and manufacturing. After traveling there for 10 days, I had seen all kinds of poverty, broken infrastructure, and despair, but at the same time I could see tons of opportunities and potential.

For several months after coming home, Rachel and I processed the possibility of serving in Mozambique. What began as an indirect invitation, became a

call. When Samuel visited Goshen in March 2003, we talked with him about working with WR. He invited us to come spend a month with him



Samuel Grottis and Tim Morningstar in Samuel's Maputo, office

and his team in Mozambique to see how we might fit in with what they were currently doing in the ministry of development.

I, Steve, have just returned home from three weeks in Mozambique, traveling and visiting WR projects and team members from the south to the north. I was able to see, envision, discuss and get both excited and overwhelmed about the possibilities of working in the development of agriculture and micro-enterprise. The job description is big enough for both of us and many more. You might say it is God-sized. Wow! While we don't understand all God has for us, we do feel that now is the time to say yes and commit to joining the work of God in Mozambique.



Our History / Calling

Steve was born and raised in Elkhart, Indiana. His home was occasionally shared with foreign exchange individuals who broadened his family's horizons. Missionary reports and Puerto Rico movies his dad made during his service time there, gave Steve a broader world perspective than that of a sheltered Indiana boy.

Rachel was born and raised in Puerto Rico, the daughter of Mennonite missionaries. When moving to Goshen in 1971, she thought of returning to PR.



Steve and Rachel celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary last year

Marriage to Steve changed those plans (although she still asked to move south every winter). ☺

When we married in 1978, we said "some day we will serve in missions." With Steve's job closure and our youngest daughter's upcoming graduation from high school, we are free to move. We always thought it would be in Latin America, since we speak Spanish, but God had different ideas. He is sending us to one of the world's ripest and most ready harvest fields.

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Our Plans

Our plans are to leave in September to study Portuguese.

We feel it is best to be grounded in the language before beginning our assignment. Our children will all be in college or post college by this time. Joel graduates from Ball State in May, Joanna starts her senior year at Indiana Wesleyan and

Janelle starts her freshman year at Anderson University. We plan to rent our home in Elkhart.

If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58:10-11

Your Standing With Us

We realize that this kind of opportunity is much bigger than we are or than our personal resources. Our first need is for prayer support. We are looking for people who will consistently stand with us and be willing to receive prayer requests on a regular basis. Second, we will need emotional support and encouragement through your letters and e-mails.

Third, we will need financial support. We will work as volunteers with WR. They will provide an office and some

office support for us. Our local church, Zion Chapel, will provide us with some support in handling finances and prayer letters. However, most of our living expenses and transportation will not be covered. We estimate that our monthly expenses will be \$2,500. Please consider how you might partner with us as God directs. If you feel led to contribute financially, you may do so through Zion Chapel at the address below.

God's blessings be with you.

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Our Vision

So what are we planning to do and how is this related to missions or ministry? One of the books Steve read defines holistic ministry as what Jesus did in his "consistent ministry to the whole person - spiritual, physical, emotional, social and economic." This idea of mission is quite different from what most people understand. Too often we see mission as only telling the Gospel story or meeting social/physical concerns with no connecting link in between.

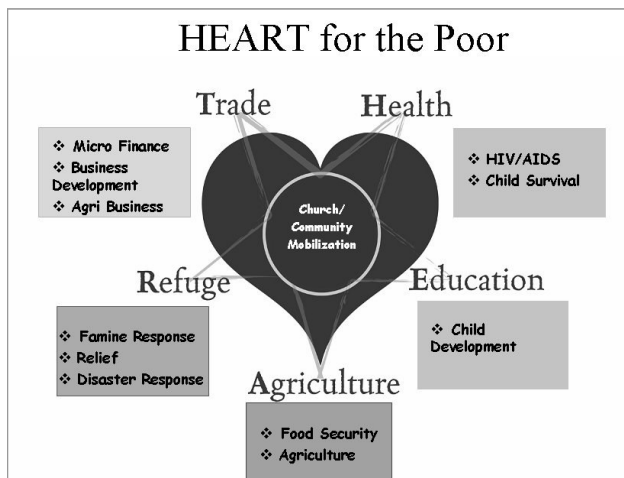
World Relief has been operating with a

perspective of holistic mission for many years. They seek to work through and with the church (spiritual) to meet the physical, social and economic needs of the people. (WR Heart Model below)

World Relief has asked us to come and design, create and initiate the micro-enterprise, small business development part of their ministry. My observation of the current micro-

credit lending program is that it has laid a good foundation for further growth in small business. The goal of micro-enterprise development is to help individuals realize the potential for using the natural

resources and raw materials in their local communities. Instead of buying all their products from other nations, they can produce and market their own. Helping them see the possibilities and overcome the hurdles of inexperience and lack of knowledge is one goal of development.



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