



# Standing in the Gap

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## Chicken Project

We are in Mozambique to develop people, not just businesses. As groups work together at raising chickens we have encountered some challenges and it is a good opportunity for growth. Since we are working with volunteers of the HIV/AIDS program we have program personnel as a resource to help relate in culturally sensitive ways. Presently there are six groups in Chokwe that each produce 200 chickens every five weeks. Six more chicken houses have been built in

Macia and we are beginning to raise chickens there. Business development training will be completed in Xai Xai this month before building six more houses

there. The youth we trained in Chokwe (below) are so valuable to us as they continue to teach the lessons directly in Shangana.



## Life in Maputo

We are settling into a church, Maputo Int'l Christian Fellowship. Recently a member revised the words to the song "Revival" to fit Maputo. **Please continue to pray for Maputo and all of Mozambique.**

As sure as gold is precious and the honey sweet  
So we love this city and we love these streets  
From the babies sleeping on their mothers' backs  
To the children playing in the pavement cracks

From the vendor calling out his precious wares  
To the burned out addict sleeping on the stairs  
I feel it in my spirit, feel it in my bones  
You're going to send revival. Bring us all back home

I can hear that thunder in the distance  
It's like a train on the edge of the town  
I can feel the brooding of Your Spirit  
Lay your burdens down, Lay your burdens down

Every "guarda" dozing in the noon day heat  
Every cripple begging for a crust to eat  
Every "chapa" driver dodging past the bumps  
Every street kid raking through the rubbish dumps

Every hopeful dreaming of a better way  
And every good soul working for a brighter day  
I feel it in my spirit feel it in my bones  
You're going to send revival. Bring us all back home

I can hear that thunder in the distance  
It's like a train on the edge of the town  
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Revive us! Revive us! Revive us with Your fire!

'Revival' by Robin Marks adapted by Sharon Kane

## Alcides

Alcides is one of the youth we have trained to teach our course. He works with us as a technician who teaches the



volunteers how to vaccinate and care for the chickens. He also helps with purchasing. Alcides is a volunteer in the Child Development program, teaching in the kid's clubs. As a child he attended the clubs and became a Christian. He was the only Christian in his family at the time but now they all follow the Lord. We have been impressed with Alcides' sincerity, his desire to learn and his diligence. **Pray** that he

will continue to grow in the Lord and that job and education opportunities will be opened to him in a land where both are scarce. He is presently receiving some training as a vet-aid with a local program.

## Mucatine

We were privileged to join a church group from Knoxville, Tenn. on a missions trip to Mucatine, a small rural village. The men worked on a plan for bringing water to the town center from a river. A pastor held seminars with the local church leaders and had some significant breakthroughs. The women learned a lot about the lives of our African sisters. We cooked together, learned different recipes, mended and did crafts, worked in the fields and pounded corn. We were impressed with their determination, singing and laughter while they worked, spirit of community and strength in the midst of suffering. We have much to learn from them.

### Happy Thanksgiving

We wish you a very blessed time of Thanksgiving. We are very thankful for each of you! Steve and Rachel

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## Training in Maputo

We have just completed a training of trainers course for Micro Enterprise Development (MED) in Maputo (some trainers shown below). These people are excited and motivated to take the course to their churches and communities. One of the participants said this training was one of the best things he has done in 2005! We are planning to do a one week intensive training of trainers for MED in Beira during the month of November.

Rachel was also encouraged to hear that a marriage and parenting mini-training



she did in April is being taught to parents of children in the kid's clubs. It is a blessing to know that the lessons are being taught to many others and that the training we do is being reproduced.

Below: After a village visit the people danced and sang with us back to the river crossing. In front are Dr. Pieter Ernst and Guida, leaders of the WR child survival program.



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