

# Standing in the Gap

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## Ministry in Zambia

The month of February found us both in Zambia for 18 days. It was a whirlwind trip as we packed in three weekends of Ancient Paths seminars with young men/women and leadership.

One of the other things we did for the first time was a CHE (Community Health Evangelist) vision seminar with the Mongu pastors' network. A



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CHE seminar that we took in 2000 was what first clued us to the idea that our personal gifts and passions would be relevant to development-related work. The purpose was to help the pastors' network see a different development

model and how they could impact the social/spiritual development in their own communities without the high cost of external programs. The concept was embraced by these leaders and now we need to help them take the next steps to make the CHE program a reality.

AfricaWorks World Relief is continuing to push ahead with economic development activities. AfricaWorks is still very young as an organization (less than 3 years) and always facing new challenges as well as opportunities. On top of what we are doing with irrigation of vegetables, eggs, feed mill, cashew processing, jatropha and goats, we recently picked up a grant for \$100,000 to work with 500 cashew farmers.

For Steve, spending time in Mongu is like going back to the farm as the community has a rural feel and has very little noise compared to Maputo. It is not the end of the earth, but it feels like you can see it from there, especially when you look out into the grassy Zambezi river valley that is 50 km wide and can't see the other side.



CHE seminar

## Ancient Paths Seminars

Interest in Ancient Paths seminars has been increasing and we have done six seminars in Mozambique and three in Zambia since we wrote in Oct. We are aware that our mandate is not to go into all the world and hold seminars, but to help create a culture

of blessing in families and churches. One young man's testimony was an inspiration to us. He decided to reach out to his dad whom he had been estranged from for many years and to intentionally begin honoring him. They have been reconciled and his relationship with his mother has also improved greatly. God has healed him in many areas. Another person shared, "The shame in my life is broken and I'm starting to live with hope and glory. The seminars helped me discover and break free of

areas that negatively influence my way of thinking and behavior, and that experience becomes a blessing to others around me."

We are in the process of training more facilitators. Please pray that we will have dedicated people to join us in this ministry and thank God for all the seeds that have been sown.

For more information on Ancient Paths, visit [www.familyfoundations.com](http://www.familyfoundations.com).



AP seminar

## Transforming a Village

Rachel recently spent a week in the village with a group from Calvary Church in Grand Rapids. They have helped to start an agricultural project and it's amazing to see the tomatoes growing well with irrigation while the rest of the crops burn up because of the drought. This church has been going to Chinhangane for five years and it is exciting to see how God is using their teachings and love to change hearts. Pray that God will strengthen the Christians there and transform this village.



*Villagers harvesting first crop of tomatoes.  
Note how arid the land is beyond the fence (below).*



*Deborah, an orphan who was suffering from malnutrition has joined our household and is being cared for by Mirtha and Yudel. Deborah is pictured here with Tanneken Fros (left), missionary from Dondo who visited us, and Mirtha (right).*

## Home Leave

We are looking forward to our time in the U.S. from July to early September. We will attend two family reunions and hope to see many of you as well as to reconnect with our church. We will be escaping some of the craziness of the Soccer World Cup activities in South Africa that starts June 10 and ends July 11.

*Thank You for the many ways you hold up our hands as Aaron and Hur did for Moses. We are grateful!*

## Marketing Coconut Oil

Steve was first introduced to Kussema when they ran an advertisement promoting the sale of an employee Christmas basket with all Mozambican products. "Well," I thought "I have a great high quality Mozambican product in our coconut oil brand names, why not let them buy the oil from us, put it in their baskets and get some free PR?" I dropped off some samples and to make a long story short, Africa Oil Works has signed an exclusive marketing agreement with Kussema for them to market our products beginning April 1, 2010. One of my personal

objectives for the year is to find someone to take over my marketing and distribution role in Maputo before we leave for two months. The company is Mozambican and managed by a woman who has some experience with other products and companies and is looking to expand. I am excited and hopeful that they will take it and run with it. Eventually, it could lead to as many as ten jobs for Mozambicans. In the meantime there is still plenty to do with the oil business.

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