

# Standing in the Gap

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## Project in Zambia

In May, Steve traveled to Zambia. The newest project of working with 500 cashew farmers has kicked off and he was able to do a little pruning with a training group and dust off some of his tree trimming practices. Tropical nut-bearing trees are a little different

### *cashew tree pruning*



than apples, but many of the same principles apply.

Back in the 90's, the Zambian government had identified Mongu as an ideal place to raise cashews. They initiated a project that planted 5,000 acres and started a processing business that collapsed before harvesting one pound of cashew nuts. Last year our managing director, Wiggan, found a woman processing cashews in a tin shed. Through AfricaWorks, he helped incorporate her company, buy some new processing equipment and rent a better building. This company will be the buyer

for the better quality cashews these farmers produce. We are excited to be able to renovate a resource that brings hope to farmers who had long ago given up the idea that their cashew trees were good for much more than firewood.

### *goat project in Zambia*



## Sewing Project

A group of widows in the Chicago area has sponsored a sewing project for widows in the village of Mukhotweni. The government has promised to train them, but sometimes it takes a lot of patience to work with the government as they have been talking about this

since November 2009. While we are waiting, our housemate Mirtha, who is a seamstress, has gone twice to the village to teach them to make cloth bags which they are selling plus some basics of sewing, and embroidery. The group hopes to make school uniforms eventually.

This is an example of how many times we coordinate projects behind the scenes, and others do the actual implementation.

### *sewing in Mukhotweni*



## Home Leave

On July 3, we left Southern Africa in the midst of the World Cup and traveled to Chicago. Incidentally, we flew on the world's largest passenger jet, the Airbus A380 and it was very quiet as we slept. Due to layovers, our travel time was 41 hours. Steve took two weeks off email and read almost one book per day.

Rachel has not been in the US since 2008 and we both felt we were in need of a healthy break. While we have become acclimated to many of the cultural differences, mental and emotional tiredness does creep in and can steal our energy and enthusiasm as time goes by.

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## Home Leave (cont.)

We have had some wonderful times so far with friends and family by way of two reunions and individual visits. We are at our home in Elkhart most of the time. We also made a trip out east to visit our daughter and her husband and the World Relief headquarters and will travel to the Chicago area to visit WR partners.

August 29 we will share at a "Missions Moment" time at Zion Chapel beginning at 12 p.m. by having a small lunch together. If you do not normally attend Zion, please inform us (574-350-0107) or the church office (574-534-3528) if you are coming.

We are excited about having all our family together over Labor Day weekend before our return to Mozambique September 9.

## Graduation

Rachel is happy to have completed her B.A. in Christian Leadership and Bible as of July. She has been studying online for a couple of years with Christian Leadership University and also completed the International School of Ministry course in Mozambique and received credit at CLU. It has been a rich time of learning and she has especially enjoyed CLU's emphasis on learning to hear God's voice. Relating to God becomes so much more meaningful when we take time to listen to what He has to say and reveal to us.



## World Relief

The current year has been a time of transition for World Relief in Mozambique. Three major health-based grant programs have ended, another has started and a new country director has been installed. Many of the people we have worked with over the last five years are no longer working with us. Rachel and I have committed to two more years with WR. Please pray for us and the organization that we will fulfill the purposes of God as we work in Mozambique.

## Thank you

*Prov. 11:25 – A generous man will prosper. He who waters others will himself be freely watered.*

*Thank you for your prayers,  
your friendships, and your love  
shown to us in many ways.  
God bless each one of you!*



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