

# Standing in the Gap

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## Steve's Expanded Role

This announcement was made at World Relief last month: "Steve Good, regional agriculture technical advisor in southern Africa, will be assuming an expanded role as Agriculture and Agribusiness Senior Technical Advisor for Africa, supporting programs in Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, Burundi, DR (Eastern) Congo, and other African countries as time and budgets allow".

Before you are too impressed, it means I (Steve) will be doing more of the same that I have been, with a budget to travel, but still serving as a volunteer. Due to the impact we had seen in promoting sustainable agriculture business models, I had started talking to the Baltimore team about expanding this emphasis. Most people in developing countries survive off their land. If we are truly

going to impact their lives for the better, we must help them improve their livelihood situation.

I started this new role with a week in Malawi. It was a week of many meetings on Lake Malawi. We could see the lake during walks to breakfast and lunch and hear it after dark on our way to supper. It was good to meet the rest of the WR Africa team and many of the technical staff from the U.S. We were encouraged spiritually, emotionally, relationally and mentally.

## Zambia

AfricaWorks in Mongu, Zambia still continues to be a place of challenge and enjoyment for Steve. Because the environment is more town-like and agriculture is the predominant activity, it feels more like "home" than living in Maputo. It has a wide open feeling and a traffic jam is five cars in a row.

During my last trip I was able to drive a shallow aquifer well to test pilot the "well point" concept. We had our challenges as the pipe we were using was not the highest

quality. You may read about it on our blog at <http://srgood.blogspot.com>. It was pretty amazing to me that no one had ever seen or heard of this type of well system, when it is so common in the U.S. People who know how to do the expensive drilled well were quite intrigued with the concept. I would love to do several hundred of these wells so whole families could have their own well.

## Church Visits

One of Rachel's roles at World Relief is "church partnership coordinator". This includes planning the trips U.S. church partners make to Mozambique. After we returned from the U.S. in September she helped a group of women from Tennessee.



Balloon relay at Kids' Club

In October a group came from our church, Zion Chapel. It's always fun to be with people you have known a long time and now we know each other better! We spent a couple of days in a village teaching pastors and children, visited some local ministries and orphanages, then finished with a trip to Kruger Park and singing golden oldies in the back of the truck.

## Loving on the kids at orphanage



Two days later a group from The Chapel in Akron, Ohio came and

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## Church Visits (cont.)

Rachel spent 8 days in the villages with them working with children, women and church leaders. It was very gratifying to listen to testimonies from the women of the things they have learned over the last five years that The Chapel has been visiting and to see how God is transforming their lives. Many have come to know Jesus and they also spoke about the health lessons they have heard. Most have stopped going to the witch doctors. While meeting with the



**Women's group**

youth, 12 of them made the decision to follow Jesus. Please pray for Atalia, Firmino and Carlito, three young people who work with the children and youth in these villages.



**Kids' Club**



**Yudel and Mirtha**, our Cuban friends who have been living with us along with little Deborah for the past year have recently moved to work at an Iris Ministry-related orphanage. They are very thankful that funds have been donated to purchase land and to start construction of a home for them next to the orphanage. Please pray for them as they minister there.

In September we held an **Ancient Paths seminar** with a YWAM group. We had participants from Brazil, Honduras, Slovakia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Kenya and Cameroon.



God met with us and blessed us all. Ismael's testimony was "I feel I was cured in the area of cursing as God broke some barriers and curses that were spoken over me as a child".

## Blessed Holidays

We wish you a very blessed holiday season as we are reminded to be thankful in all things and as we rejoice at the first coming of Jesus and look forward to His coming again.

We are very thankful to you our friends and family for allowing us the privilege of serving in Mozambique these (almost) six years. May God richly bless and keep each one of you.



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