

Standing in the Gap

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Home in Indiana

We were blessed to be home in Indiana for the months of August and September. These months included three family reunions and a trip to Ohio where Steve had his near-sightedness corrected with LASIK surgery by Dr. Chuck Davis and we visited family and friends. We had a few Sundays at Zion Chapel, time in each of our children's homes and churches, some days of relaxation, work

around our home place and catching up with friends. We finished our time in the U.S. with WR meetings in Minneapolis and Baltimore. Visiting Lake Michigan a couple of times was a treat—a Good family tradition. *Thank you, Zion Chapel* for making this home leave available to us.



Steve & Rachel and their children : Joel with wife Ellen, Joanna with husband Keith, Janelle with husband David

Ancient Paths Ministry

October 15-16 was an exciting time to share the Ancient Paths seminar with 71 Wesleyan Bible school students and staff in Xai-Xai. These students come



Two AP facilitators praying in the small group

from all over Mozambique for three years of study and our prayer is that they will take the principles they've learned to their churches and communities. Our Mozambican team was accompanied by a group from South Africa. Zito's testimony after the seminar is: "I praise the Lord Jesus for this seminar. I didn't know that communications between parents and children could bless or curse them. God also helped me to forgive my parents. My life is transformed; I am loved by God and feel that I am special. I am not here by chance but with a special purpose. I have peace with God and my parents. As a single man I am a steward of my body because it is not mine. God will prepare someone special to be united with me in marriage." Our next two seminars are scheduled for November 1-2 and December 11-13. Please pray for this ministry and the people God desires to touch.



There are beautiful deer in Africa too!

"As the deer longs for the water brooks, so my soul longs for you, Oh God." Ps. 42:1. God's words to us are: "Long for Me, desire My presence and My words in your life. Take time out of the rush of life and seek Me for I will be found. I am your life source. Without Me you will dry up and wither. With Me you can scale the heights." Hab. 3:19 says: "The Sovereign Lord is my strength. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go to the heights." For a while in the U.S. it seemed like we were seeing deer every week in our yard, driving on the road, at other's houses. They were a beautiful visual reminder of these verses.

Future Plans

Steve has been asked by World Relief to spend some extended time in the WR Malawi office in November/December and into the future to set up an agriculture and trade unit. This will eventually become a separate NGO (AfricaWorks Malawi) that will focus on economic development of small farmers and businesses. The focus will be on expanding current agricultural activities with grains and chickens, connecting with existing business suppliers and filling gaps in the product value chains so the farmers/producers will be properly connected to suppliers and markets. New ideas, options and alternatives to existing methods of agriculture and business will also be incorporated. Rachel will spend some time there as well. Please pray for us as we discover God's plans for us in Malawi.



Church Partnership Coordinator. In addition to her travels and Church Development role, Rachel will start to share this ministry with the current coordinator, another WR volunteer who will return to the U.S. in December. Part of her responsibility will be to accompany the WR U.S. church partners on their trips within Mozambique. The busy season will start in April and go through November with about 11 trips planned, although she won't travel with all of them.

Coconut Oil Marketing

This activity has proven more challenging than first imagined as most of the population knows coconut oil as an inexpensive and poor quality product. We have put considerable effort in contacting food stores and asking them to sell our product. Most have said, "Oh, but this is new and people don't know what it is, so it won't sell." During the Maputo trade fair, our product generated a great deal of excitement with even President Guebuza showing up at our booth asking questions and admiring the product. Now we need to turn that energy into sales! This business has the potential to be of great benefit to the country.

Please pray for wisdom and success in our sales and marketing team.

During our time in the U.S. Steve met with a Bethel College university professor in Mishawaka, IN who is very interested in taking some of the AfricaWorks Mozambique marketing research and development into group projects for a master's level marketing class. It was an amazing God-connection for us and she even provided a textbook to help train the team in Mozambique. We pray that this contact bears much fruit with the oil and other products that are being developed.

Some AP participants praising God



Thank You

We deeply appreciate all your prayers, encouragement and support shown in many ways.
Blessings to you!
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