

Restoring the Breach

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Dondo Bible School

Tanneken Fros invited us to teach at the Mountain of Praise Church Bible school in July. Because of the political unrest that started in that area 18 of the students returned home but the church opened the seminar to their church members and others in the community. We taught for four days, three sessions a day. The seminar was "Breaking the Curse, Receiving and Sharing God's Blessing" and was based on teachings from several Family Foundations Ancient Paths seminars and adapted to the culture.

People said they were blessed and the teachings themselves were things they had not heard before. It opened their eyes to new ways of relating to each other with honor and not cursing, which tends to be the norm here in Mozambique. At the end of the last day we prayed a blessing over a young man to demonstrate how to bless our children and others. Then we asked people to pair up and pray a blessing on each other. It was amazing to see their joy as they did this and one woman prayed for her adopted son who was there. Tanneken mentioned that the fact that she did this on her own meant that she really got the vision of the teachings.



Dondo seminar celebration

Some of the verbal testimonies were: "I have never heard these teachings on blessing in 30 years of ministry." "Giving honor to someone blesses them and blesses me. The power of the tongue can bless or curse. We are created to bless." "This has revolutionized my relationship with my wife. Now we have peace at home."

Our Travels Continue

We continue with our regular work – Rachel accompanied a U.S. church team to the villages in May. It was exciting to talk to Isabel (pictured on the left) who has been working with WR teaching the Bible for the last three years in this area. She has many disciples who are now teaching the lessons she taught them to their friends and neighbors. One of them is another Isabel (on the right) who is excited about what God has done for her and has two groups of her own.



The two Isabels

Steve traveled to Congo and Burundi in June for board meetings and to do some agriculture consulting. One trip to see a potato field involved a grueling six hours ride, but

it was exciting to see that in spite of the unrest and violence in the DRC, farmers are still able to produce a crop, although it is very challenging. He also visited Zambia in July with a group from the U.S. and some potential new partners.

In April we celebrated our 35th anniversary in Kenya before we did a microenterprise training of trainers in Nairobi. Kenya is a beautiful country and we were inspired by the



Training in Kenya - working on a business plan

group we trained. They are the kind of people who will take what they have learned and run with it to train others and implement it in their own lives.

Political Unrest

Mozambique's 16-year civil war between two political parties, Frelimo and Renamo ended in 1992. Frelimo has been in power since then and has trouble understanding the difference between the concepts of "party" and "majority" leadership. Now Renamo is restless and wants some of the new riches coming into the country and more power. Renamo has threatened to close the north-south highway as well as the rail line linking the coal mines to the port. There have been clashes and some people have been killed. The people of Mozambique, many of whom lived through the war, are very upset and are praying for peace. Local elections will happen this November and presidential and general elections will be held a year from now. Please pray for justice and peace in this land.



We Moved...Again

The real estate market in Maputo is booming because of all the new mining and natural gas industries that are starting and the demand for housing. When our landlady died in April, the rent was raised 350% so we decided to move! Although our new place is smaller, we are thankful for it and for our new landlord who is a WR employee. This was our fifth major move, not counting some minor moves when we first arrived and only had suitcases.



Accident

On Aug. 6 we were taking two pastors from a church in Ohio to visit a village for a few days. Ten minutes from our destination we had stopped behind a minibus unloading passengers when an oncoming car crossed the center line and sideswiped our WR vehicle. The impact broke off the front tire hub and blew out both front and back tires, pushing the back axle 18 inches out of alignment. We are very grateful that no one was badly injured and for God's protection. A few inches could have made a big difference. "Angels watching over me, every step I take..." Driving here is a challenge and stressful. We need God's help every time we travel. Please pray for us in this matter.



Family News

Steve's father, Maynard Good, passed away Aug. 19 two days after a stroke. We both traveled to Elkhart for a week and it was special to be with family and friends to honor his life. Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and support during this time.

Thank You for standing with us in Mozambique. We appreciate your prayers, giving, encouragement, and love and couldn't be here without your backing. God bless you!