



Returning to ministry in community in Mozambique

Dear Family and Friends,
God continues to shepherd us as He builds a foundation for our lives together, and as He leads us forward in the dreams that He has for us. What does this mean? We're going to Mozambique!

What's our next step?

We continue to seek discernment for His timing in everything. After our December wedding, we will be based out of Durham, NC, for a few months while we begin raising support. Our hope and prayer is that we will be fully funded by the end of May, when we will begin our eight week training program, becoming part of New Mission Systems International as a couple. We will then spend three to six months in Brazil for an intensive language study program (Yes, in Mozambique we will need Portuguese!). If God continues to confirm that this is His timing for us, then we will arrive in Mozambique before the end of 2009.

What will we be doing?

We will be doing that which we love most, living in community with people and sharing life and Christ with them. We will be setting up our home in the rural community that we will be serving in. Language study will be a huge focus for us upon our arrival. After we learn Portuguese, we desire to learn the local language, hoping it enables us to build African relationships on a much more intimate level.

We will be working with the church of Zimbabwe, as it reaches out to plant and strengthen churches through an agricultural initiative in Mozambique.

As part of this initiative, Craig will be working alongside a business that connects small-scale corn and soybean farmers to a commercial business chain. He will be in charge of monitoring a large group of farmers, which will involve two things: teaching Farming God's Way, and visiting the farmers to provide

insight for their fields, building relationships as he works with them. While Craig is working with this group of farmers, he will also be mentoring and discipling 1-2 guys, raising them up to take his place for future growing seasons. Additionally, we will both be "model farmers" in the community. We will have our own 1-2 acre plot of land where we will work with our own hands, growing corn and soybean like our neighbors in order to help them see new farming techniques demonstrated practically.

What are our needs?

In order to undertake the joy set before us, we will need to raise \$55,000 per year. We will also need to raise startup funds of \$40,000, which will provide our training, language school, a vehicle and house-setup (including a water pump and solar-electric system.) As we desire to serve in Mozambique for quite some time, **we need a team who is willing to partner with us for**

the long haul. We need a force to battle for us in prayer, committing to pray daily, weekly or monthly. We need a support group that will commit to providing monthly, quarterly or yearly, for our family and the ministry we are doing. Please pray for God's leading in how He may desire you to partner with us in this journey.

In the joy of our triune God,
— Craig and Rachel

We understand ourselves to be accountable to God, our mission and all of you as our team of supporters. If anyone would like to know how we are spending our time in the next few months or how the funds we are raising are being put to use, please feel free to ask.

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