



# Hearts For The Makua of Mozambique

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## Serving the Makua of Mozambique

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## Dear Ones,

**T**hank you so much for praying for the hearts of the Makua to be ripe for the gospel and for our family as we continue preparing for Mozambique.

**G**od's creativity at the Tower of Babel continues to amaze and humble us. Melissa and the children are striving to learn Portuguese! Most missionaries go to Portugal or Brazil for language training. If possible, we would like to go to Brazil by the end of 2007 for three months to get additional tutoring before landing in Mozambique. It has also been on my heart for several years to encourage the churches my parents planted in Belém. A final blessing would be to evaluate Portuguese discipling and leadership training materials in the Christian bookstores there for use in Mozambique.

**G**od has stirred the hearts of some wonderful people in a church near Kansas City that are praying for us daily and they wish to support this outreach to the Makua in a substantial way if the church is able to increase its monthly mission's giving. [Please pray for them and other churches we speak to.](#)

**P**lease let us know of any churches you are connected with and with whom we can share this vision of reaching the Makua. Feel free to e-mail us at [mission@beatoday.org](mailto:mission@beatoday.org) with any contacts there who handle the mission's emphasis at the church.



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# From Oppression To Freedom

Excerpt #1  
From:

Mozambique  
Beyond the Shadow  
by Ellie Hein (page 46-49)

*Intro: Rod & Ellie Hein were covertly missionaries to Mozambique starting in the 1980's when civil war devastated the country. Their work extended to the highest political powers and God used them to help bring about the peace talks that ended the civil war! Here is part of their story.*

Physical conditions in the bush of Mozambique are almost beyond description. Most of the country is low altitude, intersected by rivers that dry up during drought, and flood their banks during rainy seasons. The sun is intensely hot, vast swamps and dank forests are infested with malaria-carrying mosquitoes. It seems there is a pest or destructive agent standing ready to demolish anything you have or make. Termites eat the poles or wood of buildings, locusts destroy the crops, ants eat your books and clothing, and inhabit your food. Rats and field mice are prolific and very active at night. Shoes and clothing must be shaken vigorously to dislodge spiders and scorpions before being put on. Crocodiles hide in riverbanks ready to drag an unsuspecting person under the water for a meal. **A dark curse prevails, fed by the satanic activities of witchcraft that rules many lives. Surely the light of Christ is all that can dispel this darkness.**

Death from natural causes is unknown. The people believe that disease, drought, lightning, attack from wild beasts, any type of misfortune is caused solely by magical powers; by curses, witches, or the vengeance of ancestral spirits who have been annoyed. The distressed African knows only one source of help and escape. He seeks out the cleverest witch doctor in whom he places implicit faith.

The witch doctor rules the village, having greater power even than the chief, for his power is spiritual. He judges at trials, divining judgment and accusations and solving mysteries while seated on a goat skin. He throws his bones, shells, animal teeth and various other artifacts while he chants his communication with ancestral spirits. He carefully studies the position of his tools; their related position will tell him what he wants to know.

The circle of faces gathered around him is tense, no one knows who will be found guilty. The incantation goes on, then suddenly he stiffens. Pointing to a man or woman in the

**The joy of harvesting a soul is a wondrous experience, but true to the Word, sowing in tears precedes the bringing in of the sheaves. There is a price to pay.** A sense of urgency stirred within us, and we were driven by an urge to go further, to visit new villages not yet reached. The pioneering spirit was strong in us and would not be satisfied with staying close to the shores. The words of David Livingstone were never far from our hearts, "I see the smoke of a thousand villages where the Gospel has never been preached."

crowd he shouts, "There is the one responsible for all this trouble!" The accused person screams and runs madly. He or she may be perfectly innocent, or may indeed be collaborating with the devil. The witch doctor may prescribe the poison test, the belief being that if innocent, the person will survive. Few survive the deadly concoction of the poison cup, innocent or otherwise. Or he may pronounce a curse on them. This is equally deadly but by slower means. The accursed is gripped by a deadly fear and frequently wastes away and dies, though from a physical standpoint there is no cause of death. Often the miserable soul unable to live with his fear, hangs himself - to get it over and done with. Frequently blood sacrifices are called for. A pigeon or chicken, a goat if it's a serious case, and ultimately, though it is seldom spoke of, a human sacrifice. Parts of the human body are considered to have great powers. The witch doctor also requires payment. He or she is the most feared and hated person in the village, but considered vitally necessary to the survival and well-being of the tribe.....

Day by day we discovered Jesus in a new way as we found ourselves identifying with the events we read about in the gospels. *"The Son of man has no place to lay His head."* At times we slept along the side of a footpath, no hut, no blanket, no food, no water. *"And Jesus, being moved by compassion, stretched forth His hand and healed them."* It is exciting to see the miraculous hand of God move when people believe Him for healing. Many physical problems are related to the spiritual problems that abound through witchcraft. Sometimes deliverance from demons is all it takes to see a person miraculously healed. **How desperate the need for teaching, and how great the tragedy of leaving converts unequipped for their new life in Christ. The seeds of equipping nationals as leaders to teach the people were planted deep into our hearts from the start.**