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An Interview With... **Daniel & Melissa Maddux**

What made you decide to go into the particular mission field you're in?

The Makua of Mozambique number over 4 million and are the largest unreached animistic people group in the world. They live in fear of displeasing their dead ancestors. The Makua are currently only 1% Christian, and desperately need the gospel now before they are inoculated against it by Islam or Roman Catholicism. Besides reaching the lost, Operation World reports that "training church leaders is an urgent priority." Being a missionary kid from Brazil, I can fluently speak Portuguese; a great blessing for serving in this former Portuguese colony. Since the time God stirred my heart for world missions as a teen in Brazil, I have been praying for the opportunity to go. Praise God 2007 is the year!

What is your most exciting moment?

On our survey trip, we traveled out into the country. Arlindo and Antonio, two Makua men mentored by Shawn Gardner, were presenting the gospel chronologically and using pictures that New Tribes Missions has developed. We were ecstatic! This is the same approach God had blessed us to use in our home with others. At that time they were just finishing key stories in Genesis. Through translators we poured our hearts out in further teaching that day. When these men later finished teaching the life of Christ, 30 trusted Christ and were baptized, forming a new church. Several months later 20 more surrendered to Christ! Passionately pray for more souls to be reached in this manner!

What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?

While growing up in Brazil, my Dad caught a four foot long iguana. Our neighbors dressed and fried it for us – Yummm!

What are your goals in the mission field you are in?

As churches are established our goal is to train teachers who can teach the illiterate majority how to read the Bible and then how to grow and feed on God's Word. We will also join other missionaries in the formation of a mini-Bible college to equip church leaders to continue the work after we leave.

What do you most want/need in a ministry partner/support?

Letters of encouragement. Prayer for family love and unity, and soft hungry hearts for God's message. Thoughtful gifts: music & teaching CD's, family or educational DVD's, gadgets, books, seasonings packets...

Interview questions answered by BEA president, Daniel Maddux.

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Quick Facts

Who?

Daniel Maddux grew up as a part of his parents' ministry, the Brazilian Evangelism Association. His wife, Melissa, and children Hannah, Esther, Elijah, and Chloe will join him as full-time missionaries in BEA's expansion to Mozambique.

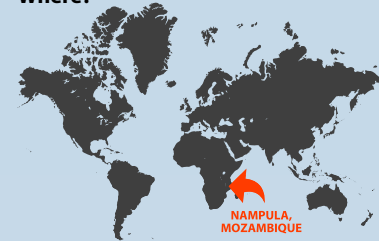
What?

The Madduxes will be preparing for and teaching at the Mustard Seed Training Center, where church leaders come for Bible training and mentoring. They will minister to other missionaries, and also interact with young people in the area to demonstrate Christian purity in a culture that expects them to be sexually active from puberty on. Material needs of those around them will be met, from medical assistance and famine relief, to church building, start-up money for local businesses, and transportation for evangelists. Their time will also be devoted to traveling to remote area churches to provide literacy training for all, and specialized evangelism and Bible study for growing Christians.

When?

Though still in the support-raising phase, the Madduxes hope to begin their ministry to Mozambique in December, 2006.

Where?



Why?

The Madduxes' greatest desire is to spur church planting by training others to present the gospel from Genesis to Christ.



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