



Working Together to Make Dreams a Reality



MDiM is passionate about helping Mozambicans become self-sufficient through entrepreneurship. So when Mechaque Nhantumbo applied for seed money to jump-start his chicken farm, MDiM program director Amman Fabio appraised his potential as a businessman carefully.

Mechaque is a 53-year-old husband and father of three in Chicuque. His background includes working as a manager at the local school's bookstore, but his interest in farming led him to transform his yard into a productive garden, growing vegetables to feed his family with extra produce to sell. He also raises rabbits as a source of meat.

Two years ago on the way home from a family celebration, Mechaque and his wife were in the back of a pickup truck when a drunk driver ran into them, hitting the side of the truck where he was sitting with his arm resting just a few inches outside the truck bed. In the collision, he lost his arm.

With God's grace, he has overcome the tragedy, and rather than feeling sorry for himself, he is following his dream to start a chicken farm to be self-supporting and to generate income for his children's education.

Mechaque applied to MDiM for start-up funds to buy supplies to build coops, baby chicks, feed, and medical supplies. Amman knew first-hand that Mechaque is hard-working, resilient, dependable, and capable – a good financial risk with a successful record of raising animals. MDiM accepted his request and raised the seed money Mechaque needed to start his chicken farm. Mechaque is on his way to providing protein to the citizens of Chicuque and surrounding areas. ❖



Are you willing to give?

Helping entrepreneurs like Mechaque means helping the entire community of Chicuque.

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Join the volunteer team going to Mozambique
Summer 2017

Find out more about how your talents
and gifts can bless others.

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Starfish Story

In many ways, MDiM is a starfish ministry. Do you know the starfish story? A father was walking along the beach with his young daughter. The daughter bent down to pick up a starfish lying in the sand. Carefully, she placed it back in the ocean water. Her father said, "Sweetheart, that's nice, but this beach is *covered* with starfish, and you can't save them all, so it doesn't make much difference."

"It makes a difference to **this** one," the daughter replied.

MDiM is a small nonprofit organization. We concentrate on giving your donations to carefully selected individuals and projects. We aim for long-term self-sufficiency. And we follow up.



MDiM will use your donations to bless known people or causes.

Where Are They Now?

Let's take a look back in history and see where the early Africa University (AU) grads are today. These folks all attended AU on full scholarships from friends of MDiM.



Above: 2004 grads
Below: 2010 grad



AU Graduate	Year Graduated	Current Position, Company	Location
Lorenzo Manganhela	2004 (w honors)	Financial Analyst, USAID	Maputo, Mozambique
Joaquim Muando	2004 (w honors)	Senior Manager, Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance, KPMG	Maputo, Mozambique
Joao Massochua	2004 (w honors)	Entrepreneur, Owner Printing Business, employing 12 Mozambicans	Maputo, Mozambique
Edson Neto Julio	2006	Diplomat, 3 rd Secretary, Mozambique Embassy to African Union	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Joaquim Mazive	2006	Credit Analyst, Agrarian Development Fund	Maputo, Mozambique
Amandio Fabiao	2007	Project Manager, MDiM	Chicucue, Mozambique
Regina Antonio Julio	2010	Former Economics Lecturer at St. Thomas University of Mozambique, now diplomatic spouse (to Edson Julio)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



2006 grads
Above: Edson
Below: Joaquim



2007 grad

Fun fact: Friends of MDiM scholarship students now attending AU = 6

Are you blessed with abundance?

How about matching what you give family members with an amount for a family in Mozambique?

Or donate items in a family member's name:

\$10 mosquito net

\$25 DVD for the library

\$40 textbook for the library

\$100 to cover ¼ of a middle school student's yearly tuition

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Mission Trip Fulfills a Dream, Sparks a Passion

as told by Audrey Watkins, mission volunteer



Since I was eight years old, I knew that I wanted to go to Africa. When I first told my mom about my strong desire, I don't think she could have imagined that 15 years later, a small village in Mozambique, Africa, would steal my heart. I was only 14 on my first trip; my plan was to teach Vacation Bible School to the local children and play with the children in a nearby orphanage. To my surprise, I was drawn to the Chicique Rural Hospital. I will never forget the faces of the sick and hurting children, often lying in the dirt, in a makeshift outdoor waiting room. I knew I could not do much, but I wanted to help relieve their pain. This brief time I



spent in the hospital forever changed my life and set my internal compass to serving others through a career in nursing. Seven years later, I was fortunate to return to Mozambique. This time, however, I had completed three years of nursing school and was able to have a more hands-on experience at the hospital. I left that trip with a wide variety of emotions: sadness, frustration, admiration, hope, and excitement.

- I felt sad as I witnessed suffering that would not exist in hospitals in America due to our advancements in medication and technology.
- I felt frustrated watching as every day, nearly 100 people of all ages lined up outside of the hospital's emergency room waiting to be examined. And each

Chicique Rural Hospital Facts:

- Founded in 1913 by Methodist missionaries
- Financed by United Methodist Church in Sweden, Germany, U.S.
- 279 employees
- Provides healthcare services for 500,000 people in the province of Inhambane
- Capacity for 200 beds
- Typical yearly accomplishments: 2,500 maternal deliveries, 1,500 major surgeries, 25,000 outpatient consultations, 28,500 emergencies
- Average hospital employee's salary is \$84 per month or \$1,008 per year.

- I felt impressed watching girls as young as 16 who had left their families to



attend nursing school. After just a few months of classwork, these students began delivering babies, starting IVs, and caring for dying patients – with little to no guidance from instructors. Yet, they knew what to do, and much better than I did after three years of nursing school!

day, up to 30 people (who had waited up to 8 hours at this point) have to go home unseen by a physician or nurse and try again the next day because working hours for the ER staff have ended. The director of the hospital explained to me that that is simply the way things work in Mozambique.

- I felt hopeful and excited. If a hospital could do so much and save so many lives with so few resources, imagine what could be done with the life-saving resources our U.S. hospitals take for granted.



MDiM Projects for CRH:

- Mosquito nets (goal of one per newborn, with mother educated on how to use)
- Maternity ward hot water heater
- Sent bio-medical engineers from Drexel U to repair equipment
- Supplied the hospital with items often unaffordable items such as fetal dopplers, forehead thermometers, blood pressure cuffs, surgery light bulbs