

# Krepps' News

A Special Report from *Bob and Anne*



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## Adventures in Africa



*Bob leading devotions in Kenya.*



*NMSI Africa missionaries at the retreat.*



*Craig Frey checking compost piles.*



*Craig planning with farm workers.*



*Rutherford and Tsahai Banda and family.*

Thank you for praying for us on our recent trip to Eastern Africa. Our travels went smoothly, our missionaries were greatly encouraged and we were healthy throughout the visit.

Our first week was spent in Mombasa, Kenya, at New Mission Systems' first ever regional retreat for all of our missionaries serving in Africa. Bob led the daily devotional times. Each day he introduced a passage of Scripture selected to help us "See Jesus". The emphasis of the meditation and discussion was designed to refresh these busy, hardworking servants of Christ with reminders of Christ's grace and work on our behalf. One morning he had us go off on our own with the Lord in a discipline of silence and solitude.

Following devotions, each missionary was asked to give a short description of his or her typical day and week and share recent and upcoming highlights. Small groups gathered around each person to pray for him or her.

Afternoons were free for rest, recreation and conversation. Then we had a brief meeting each evening before dinner. This left plenty of time for individuals to seek out deeper conversations with others or just have fun.

The week passed quickly, and soon Anne was headed back to Fort Myers, and Bob was on his way to Mozambique with Craig Frey, who has been there since March doing agricultural development.

Craig works in northwestern Mozambique where there is almost no development, populated by subsistence farmers. A typical family lives on less than a dollar a day. They are entering the "hunger season", the time between planting and harvest when many eat only one meal a day or less. Craig's work is helping farmers in the entire region be more productive so that they can feed their families. He trains and works with a group of national food security workers who

travel to villages throughout the region teaching farming principles. The training also includes principles of Christian discipleship.

Craig also oversees a farm center at Mphatso. At the center Craig is conducting various trials with composting, vegetable gardening and fruit tree propagation and management. The hope is to find a system that will be as or more productive than using fertilizer, but with costs that are actually feasible for a rural farmer. The farm is a vital training and discipleship center. Bob's main purpose was to observe Craig's work and be an encouragement to him. Craig is the only western worker of any kind in the area. It was very encouraging to see how well he is doing both personally and professionally.

After visiting Craig, Bob went to Malawi to visit NMSI missionaries Larry and Mandy Renfro and Rutherford and Tsahai Banda. The Renfros are involved in church planting and community development in a group of villages. Bob was able to observe Mandy training HIV/AIDS support group leaders and to visit their orphan care program, a newly dug well and an agricultural project.

While Bob was with the Bandas he visited a church that was planted last year. The church is already self-supporting and has a pastor. This is just one of the twenty-six churches planted through Rutherford's ministry in the past seven years. Bob also learned about the Banda's ministry with HIV/AIDS orphans, Word of Life Bible School that Rutherford started in 2006 and their ministry training Christian leaders.

Thank you for participating in our ministry as we seek to train and counsel missionaries overseas.

**Love,  
Bob and Anne**



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## Important news from **Bob and Anne Krepps**

### Praise Points:

- God greatly blessed our time in Africa.
- Seventeen new missionaries are going through training in Fort Myers.

### Prayer Points:

- Wisdom for us as we mentor and counsel missionaries.
- Pray for Craig Frey, Larry and Mandy Renfro and Rutherford and Tsahai Banda as they minister.
- Pray for our son Michael as he prepares for a six-month internship with NMSI.



Typical home in Mozambique.



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