



Heidi was powerfully called to the mission field at age sixteen when she was living on an Indian reservation in Mississippi. There she was led to Jesus by a Navajo evangelist, and was taken up in a vision for several hours and heard Jesus speak audibly to her and tell her to be a minister and a missionary to Asia, England and Africa. When she returned home to Laguna Beach, California, she began ministering at every opportunity and leading short-term missions teams. Within a few years she met & married Roland Baker who had the same radical desire to see revival among the poor and forgotten of the world.

For years they longed to get to Africa in fulfillment of their calling to prove the Gospel in the most challenging situation they could find. They were drawn to Mozambique, officially listed at the time as the poorest country in the world. In their initial visit to Maputo, Mozambique's capital, they were offered an orphanage that no one could or would support.. It was horribly neglected and dilapidated, with eighty miserable, demon-afflicted orphans in rags.

Alone and without support, Heidi and Roland offered to take over the center and provide for the children in return for the opportunity to bring the Gospel to them. Within months the children were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, weeping while still in rags with gratitude for their salvation. Jesus provided miraculously, more all the time as our children prayed night and day for their daily food.

But abruptly, after growing to 320 children, the government evicted us and denied our children permission to pray and worship on our property. Totally without a back-up plan, our children marched off the property barefoot without a home. We lost everything. But we were only beginning to taste the power of God in Mozambique. Land was donated by a nearby city. We got tents and food from South Africa. Provision came in from supernaturally touched hearts all over the world. Soon we could actually build our own dorms. Bush pastors longed for a Bible school, and to receive what our children had received from the Holy Spirit. Graduates went out and began healing the sick and raising the dead. Church growth in the bush exploded.

Now we have networks of churches and church-based orphan care in all ten provinces in Mozambique in addition to our bases in main cities. In recent years Heidi and I have concentrated on the Makua, a people group of four million in the north who were listed by missiologists as "unreached and unreachable." With tremendous help from missionaries and nationals, around two thousand churches have been planted among these people in the last eight years.

In summary, we value immediate intimacy with Jesus, a life of utterly-needed miracles, concentration on the humble and lowly, willingness to suffer for love's sake, and the unquenchable joy of the Lord, which is our energy, motivation, weapon and reward -- not optional!!