



PAM AND KEITH

Long experience in Africa; consultancy to church groups in Zambia and Zimbabwe

What an amazing influence Keith and Pam have been in four countries of Africa in the work of Global Interaction.

They first went to Zambia in 1972, helping strengthen and multiply the churches of the Northern Baptist Association of Zambia. Then they went to Zimbabwe and played a significant part in helping Zimbabwean Baptist Churches move from being predominantly “white” in membership and culture to being largely black African in culture, or mixed in culture in some cases.

After a short period of service in Papua New Guinea (where Keith had also worked as a teacher prior to their marriage) Pam and Keith returned to Africa, this time to Malawi. Under their leadership, Global Interaction’s church-planting team was established there, and gospel sharing began among a desperately needy people group. One aspect of the gospel sharing has been the implementation of development programs to help and empower communities to address serious problems with food shortages and poverty. As a result of these initiatives, we are now seeing exciting spiritual and social transformation and growth taking place in this rural area of Malawi.

Always an entrepreneur and visionary, Keith then recognised the need for Global Interaction to work with members of the same people group across the border in Mozambique. So the original team divided, with Keith, Pam and two other families setting up work in Mozambique. This team is now growing and significant friendships have been developed as team members visit rural areas regularly to talk with people and to tell them of Jesus. Keith set up an educational program through which teachers from Mozambique (where Portuguese is the national language) interchange with teachers from Zambia (where English is the national language). This program helps Mozambiquan teachers fulfil more effectively the Mozambique government’s requirements for teaching English. At the same time, the Mozambiquan teachers, most of whom follow a mix of African traditional and Islamic beliefs and practices, are exposed to Zambian believers and African-Christian worship experiences.

Moving to live in Perth in 2007, Keith and Pam continue regular contact with Africa as Keith does consultancy work in Zambia and Zimbabwe, visiting twice a year.

We honour them for all that they have achieved, using their remarkable gifts in innovation, hospitality and nurture of people to great effect.

