



## TANYA AND ANDREW

### *Mozambique*

Andrew and Tanya have been farming in the South Australian Mallee for the past ten years. In 2005, they began to feel unsettled, and realised after a time that God had something else in store for them. They had both attended Bible College before they were married. Tanya experienced life in The Gambia, West Africa, for two months, and this gave her a passion for mission in Africa.

Early in 2006, both Andrew and Tanya felt God's call on their lives, and with growing certainty knew that God was leading them to mission in Africa. They wrote, "We are really excited about building relationships with Mozambiquan people and seeing many become followers of Jesus."

After initial language and cultural learning, Andrew's agricultural skills will be a means of helping people in Mozambique improve their quality of life as well as building relationships with them. Tanya's focus will be to form friendships with women and children and through these to have a ministry among them.

The selected people group which Andrew and Tanya will serve live in Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania. They were once a powerful force in the region, trading at national and even international levels. This included selling slaves and ivory to Arab traders along the south east coast of Africa.

Through this interaction, the people adopted Islam, and now follow a blend of Islamic and traditional African beliefs and practices. Formerly powerful, this group is now among the most marginalised and disadvantaged people in the region, which is one of the poorest areas in the world.

