

Ministers for Mozambique



## *The Mozambique Initiative*

**I planted the seed;  
Apollo watered it;  
but God made it grow.  
*I Corinthians 3:6***

**Cambine & Ricatla  
Seminary Student Scholarship Fund**

### **Your Covenant With a United Methodist Seminary Student in Mozambique**

#### **“The Gift”**

Thanksgiving in Mozambique is a combination of Thanksgiving, Stewardship Commitment Sunday and a Lord's Acre sale or harvest bazaar. Persons bring their gifts into the sanctuary, dancing and singing. The cassava, bananas, coconuts, coconut oil, sugar cane, chickens, goats and other produce, money and gifts are heaped around the altar and dedicated to God. Most of the resources given to support the church are given on this August Sunday. Every class or small group or church within the charge bring their gifts forward.

One small congregation had had a terrible year. There was little or no produce, livestock or money to give. The elders of the congregation were terribly worried. They must give to make God's work and worshiping community possible. As they met, Abel, a 12-year-old boy, quietly approached them, touched the senior leader on the shoulder and shyly said, "I will be our gift. Give me."

Abel felt a call to ordained ministry and on this Thanksgiving the smallest church on the charge danced in with just a little produce and money. Then they gathered around Abel and gave him to God and the church. With much singing and joy they gave the best gift they had-precious young life to serve the church.

The next morning after this glorious celebration Abel came to the English class, because if he was to serve God he must be well prepared and give his best.

The poverty in Mozambique is extraordinary. Yet even in this circumstance, the people of the church know that the way to find joy is to give oneself away even as God in Christ gave self for us.

Will disciples like Abel have the opportunity to be educated for the ordained ministry?

The United Methodist Church in Mozambique has planted the Cambine (UMC) Theological School which currently serves 48 students, and has 11 students at Ricatla (ecumenical) Seminary in Maputo. Funding has all but disappeared for UMC students at these institutions.

Read more to learn how you can help through an enduring legacy.

The United Methodist Church in Mozambique has prepared fields -- the Cambine and Ricatla Theological Seminaries in Mozambique -- and planted seeds, the students studying for ordained ministry.

When Bishop João Somane Machado visited Missouri in May 2004, we heard about a new priority for the church in Mozambique. The United Methodist Church is growing in Mozambique. Many congregations await trained pastors. There is a waiting list for theological education for those called to the ministry. The seminaries have great need for adequate resources to capitalize on this opportunity. Consistent funding for the seminaries is the critical link to keep the growth cycle going.

## The United Methodist Church in Mozambique *Growth Cycle*



The church has planted, you have the opportunity to water the field, and God will give the growth! To join this effort, complete a commitment card or for more information, contact:

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**Cambine & Ricatla Student Scholarship Fund**

## **Cambine Theological School and Ricatla Seminary**

**Locations:** Cambine, Inhambane Province, Mozambique Founded: Late 1930's  
Ricatla is near the capital city of Maputo, Mozambique, Founded: 1958

**Purpose:** Educating pastors to support the vigorous growth of the United Methodist Church in Mozambique. The schools provide a solid 4-year program of studies to prepare their students.

**Background:** The United Methodist Church in Mozambique is vital and growing. There are not enough pastors to fill all of the parish needs. Leadership development is critical to strengthening the church. There is a current urgency due to the loss of previous funding.

**Cambine:** United Methodist sponsorship

Local Church Pastor: *Rev. Sancho David Machoco*

Director of School: *Rev. Maurício Samussone Chichava*

**Ricatla:** Ecumenical seminary serving United Methodists, among others

Director of Seminary: *Jonas Ngomane*; Academic Dean: *Rev. Eugenio Tomas*

Accredited by the Government as a medium level institution, offering a bachelor level.

**United Methodist Enrollment:** Cambine: 48 students (many of them women); Ricatla: 11

**Tuition:** Average cost per student is over \$500 at Cambine and \$500 at Ricatla per year for room, board, books and incidentals. This does not include teachers, classrooms, library, administration, etc.

**Total Budget:** Approximately \$65,000 a year for Cambine.

**Course of Study:** 4 years, and provides a solid theological education. New students on average have completed somewhat less than grade 10, so the education is intermediate between a high school and university education. Partial list of courses:

Introductions to Old and New Testament; Greek, Hebrew, English, French, Portuguese; History of Israel, Church History; Agriculture, Introduction to Anthropology, Sociology, Hermeneutics, Accountancy; Exegesis of Old and New Testament; Theology of Old and New Testament, Systematic Theology; Psychology; Scientific Methodology; Methodism, Liturgy and Hymnology, Christian education; Philosophy, and Theology in Context. \*Portuguese is the language of instruction.

**School Year:** The school year starts in February and ends by the first week of December. Winter break is from June to the middle of July.

**Process for Candidacy:** The candidates are observed in their local churches, where they apply for the ministerial training. After that their applications are submitted to the ordained ministry board of the District. The next step is that the district ordained ministry board takes their names to the Annual Conference where they are selected, and sent to seminary. There are other conditions to fulfill: spiritual gifts, as observed by the local church, academic level Grade 10 for diploma, and grade 12 for bachelor degree (note – these grades are not equivalent to grades in US). After one year they may be approved for ordination.

**Student Life:** From 7:00 AM to 7:50 AM from Monday to Friday students participate in devotional prayers, taking turns leading. From 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM they attend classes with a lunch break from 12 to 1:00 PM. They participate in sports or cultural activities on the weekends or do their field work in nearby local churches.

## **Ways to Help:**

**Mozambique Seminary Student Covenants:** Churches, groups or individuals can make commitments to support the school through direct support or scholarships, through the *Mozambique Initiative*. Enter into a Covenant relationship to sponsor a student for four (4) years, for \$600 per year. Contact Carol Kreamer, coordinator at *The Mozambique Initiative* for details on **Cambine & Ricatla Student Scholarship Fund**.

### **The Seminary Student Covenant includes:**

- **Prayer daily** for seminary student partner, placing the partner name on prayer list.
- **Support financially** for student partner with the covenant in the name of Christ.
- **Writing** at least one letter a year to/from partner.
- **Photo exchange** of church, group, individual and student with covenant.
- **Naming**, for church covenants, a layperson to be the Mozambique Ministry Leader.

**Transfer of Funds:** Funds are transferred to Mozambique seminaries quarterly through Mozambique Initiative (Missouri Treasurer) and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). *Your contributions will go into a general fund for student subsidies at each seminary and are not reported student by student.*

**Who should make a covenant:** This covenant is ideal for small churches, groups and individuals. With the option to contribute \$50/month, a Sunday school class, Bible study, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, youth groups and even 4-5 individuals might want to commit to such a personal covenant relationship.

After you make your online commitment or mail a commitment form you will receive a covenant packet with the name of your student partner and a copy of this covenant guide. **Please do not forget to send the photo – it makes your covenant real to the student.**

You are blessed to be a blessing as you help to raise up leadership in the church!

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## Cambine & Ricatla Seminary Student Scholarship Covenants



### *What do I say to my partner?*

Begin your communication with an introduction, as if you are meeting someone for the first time. Follow the same respectful pattern that you would use if you were meeting someone in person. Tell your covenant partner briefly who you are and why you are writing. Inquire about their location, their community, and their ministries. Then tell them about yourself or your church, its primary ministries, and the things that you think are important for them to know. Invite your partner to respond -- to tell you about themselves in a mutual exchange.

As your relationship progresses through communication or personal visits, venture deeper into ways that you both might benefit mutually from the covenant relationship.

What NOT to say or ask —consider a new relationship and how you might feel if someone were to ask you questions like upon first meeting: What do you need? What can I send you? How can I help you? This might be denigrating to the partner, especially in a first communication. We task-oriented Americans often want to know immediately what we can do to “help”. But the relationship IS the help until we just get to know each other. Please, have respect for the fact that your covenant partner has much to offer you also, but that develops as the relationship grows.

Please do NOT ask, “Did you receive my money.” Since funds are disbursed to the seminaries in a lump sum, they do not go to the student directly, but are pooled so that all student tuitions are met.

DO ask how you can pray for your covenant partner. In fact, ask specific ways that you might pray for each other.

Building a relationship is not easy. Building a new relationship with respect, being sensitive to cultural differences, and perceived differences in power, is work. And communication takes time in a country where there is little infrastructure. You will need to be patient and you will need to work at communication.

May God add God’s blessing to your new relationship!