



TALITHA AND CRAIG

Mozambique

“Mum, I’m going to be a missionary. Is that OK?” To her credit, Talitha’s mother responded with a “Yes”, as she drove her 16-year-old daughter home from school. Since then God’s call has remained clear for Talitha, though she did not remember the conversation until reminded of it. Craig’s experience in mission began at an even younger age than did Talitha’s, for his parents worked with Missionary Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea until Craig was seven years old.

Craig and Talitha took another step toward mission when they were accepted by Global Interaction late in 2005 to prepare for service in Mozambique. Talitha is a primary school teacher and qualified teacher of English as a second language. In Mozambique, she is learning Portuguese as well as the local language, and aims to help enhance the English teaching and linguistic skills of Mozambiquan school teachers. She may help to coordinate staff language learning and literacy work later. Above all, she dreams of making new friends and speaking to them of Jesus. She and Craig work with a people group who have had little or no opportunity to learn of Jesus, are socially disadvantaged and experience deep poverty.

After focusing initially on language and cultural learning, Craig expects to visit people in their rural communities, form relationships with them, introduce them to Jesus and nurture them in their faith. He will also help empower them find solutions to their physical and social needs.

As a carpenter, he may use his abilities to build friendships for gospel sharing and enhance people’s practical skills, expanding their earning capacity.

Craig studied at Trinity Theological College in Perth, and for six years has worked with the Bible Society. Talitha and Craig had previously dipped their toes into African culture during two mission awareness visits and a trip related to Craig’s Bible Society work. Now they are living in it and thoroughly enjoying it.