

Missions of Faith



Bulungula Village
(Photo courtesy of Megan Urness)

Abbey Hunhoff and Megan Urness set out on two different journeys in their life. But what they learned about life in another country has touched them more than any education could ever do.

Abbey's trip to Mozambique

When Abbey Hunhoff was studying criminal justice and Spanish at Mount Marty College she read a book that changed the course of her life, although she didn't know it then.

"Compelled by Love," is the true story of the ministry of Heidi and Rolland Baker (Iris Ministries) in the war-torn, poverty and disease-stricken country of Mozambique. The book chronicles 27 years of ministry among the poorest people on earth.

"I thought it was an amazing book," Hunhoff said. "I found out they have a missionary school in Pemba, Mozambique but at the time I thought I'd probably never do it because I'm very high maintenance."

After earning her degree, Hunhoff found herself thinking about "Compelled by Love," again.

"Something changed in my heart and I really felt I needed to go there," she said.

Hunhoff applied for Iris Harvest Schools of Missions and was accepted. She spent October-December 2010 in Pemba, Mozambique, and graduated from the missionary training.

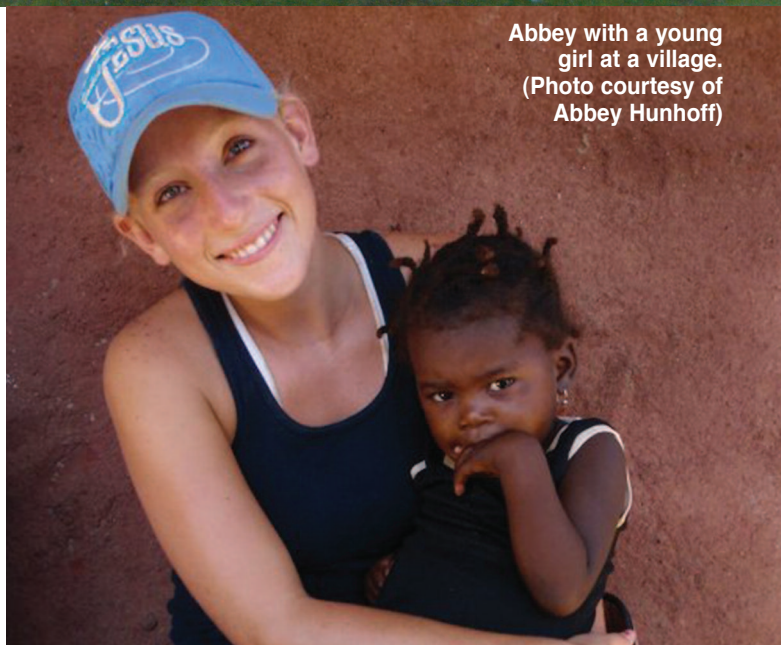
Although Hunhoff is not ready to become a full-time missionary just yet, she says the experience in Mozambique has transformed her life.

"I really learned how to reach out to people in a different culture," she said. "I plan to do more mission work in the future but I don't have anything definitive planned right now."

The Iris Ministries base in Pemba, which is called Village of Joy, consists of a 120-acre farm, health clinics, a primary school, a Bible School and a Vocational Training Program. The base also provides, prison outreach, Mercy Ministry, public health information, feeding programs and village outreach and evangelism.

"There was a little bit of everything there," Hunhoff said. "There was a church, a boys and a girls orphanage and the feeding program and clinics brought people in every day."


The mission students helped with all areas of the Village of Joy operation and went on bush outreaches into the tribal and deso-



Abbey with a young girl at a village.
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