



Group members work on the roof in a remote village in Mozambique. Below Left: Abbey plays with a baby. Below Right: Daycare Mozambiquean-style.

Photos Courtesy of Abbey Hunhoff



late areas of Mozambique.

“We would go to a remote village for the weekend and set up tents,” Hunhoff explained. “We had a projector on a truck and we would show a film about Jesus in their language. We would have a minister who spoke their language who would give a sermon and we would pray for people. We would also help them build huts and just learn about their day-to-day lives. Bush outreach was my favorite thing we did.”

Pemba, which is situated on the Indian Ocean, is a beautiful place but a war for independence and a 20-year civil war left the area impoverished. It was a sharp contrast from the relatively comfortable lifestyle Hunhoff enjoyed in Yankton.

“The kids don’t go to school so everywhere you go there are 15-20 kids running around,” she said. “Our home at the base had running water and electricity but it didn’t work most of the time. The diet was rice and beans. There was no structured police force so we weren’t supposed to go out into the city on our own.”

The bathroom facilities left a lot to be desired and it took Hunhoff a while to get used to it.

“We used a latrine, which is basically just a hole in the floor,” she said. “I was really sick once and had to use it at night otherwise I stayed away in the dark. At night there were flying cockroaches all over the walls.”

For the three months she was there, Hunhoff only had a shower once a week and it was usually a cold one, she said.

“When I got home I realized how really grateful I am for long, hot showers,” she said.

Hunhoff said her spiritual gains more than made up for any physical discomfort she felt during her stay in Mozambique.

“There is really a hospitable spirit among the people,” she said. “We helped make new huts out of bamboo and mud and helped people decorate and fix up the insides of their existing huts. Everyone was really proud and grateful of everything they have.”

Hunhoff befriended a Mozambiquean child, Alfredo, and actually took him out to eat at a restaurant.

“He ate all of his food, which was a half a chicken dinner. He wanted to order a whole chicken but I told him that was too much,” she said. “He ate all of his food, including a whole bottle of ketchup and a whole bottle of mayo. He was so excited.”

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