



MGK

Literally, Malo Ga Kujilana (MGK) means a “place of coming together” in the Yao language. In northern Mozambique, MGK is working to reconnect what has fallen apart. The projects of MGK are centered around

people & their dreams for justice, hope, & peace. In order to move beyond what is and imagine what could be, MGK exists to be a catalyst for holistic change by providing resources, friendship & embodied love.

MGK is a non-profit agricultural resource center seeking the betterment of our neighbor through social, spiritual, and physical action. We work intensively with locally formed co-ops with whom we help to evaluate their goals, struggles, and available resources to affect change within the individual families and the group as a whole. Our vision is to empower families to link together and greatly increase their potential for common well-being and abundant life. Join us in this beautiful effort to see life grow in an impossible environment!

MGK Beginnings...

MGK started in 2006 with a dream to help identify and connect local resources to the people of the Niassa highlands. It began with a small group of friends searching for a way to make a difference in their area and has since grown to over 13 families working and supported by the resource center of MGK. Our vision has always been to facilitate

creative development among rural villages using the available technologies and resources that are renewable and local. We believe there is nothing greater than the ability to create life. This vision necessitates a journey toward hope and justice in the lives of anyone who comes in contact with MGK. We also believe community development begins in the development of the family and the unique causes of injustice and struggle as well as a family's distinct hope for it's future. Because of this we treat poverty not with sweeping solutions but with listening ears and desiring to journey with them and better ourselves together.

How MGK works...

Beyond being a sustainable resource center we have a great desire to help bring about change in our

neighborhood. When a community group is selected, MGK spends the first six weeks educating them about **hygiene and sanitation** then partners with the community to build EcoSan latrines, water filtration systems, and medicinal gardens for water-borne illnesses. For the next four weeks, the community is educated about **malaria**, receives bed nets and learns about the cultivation and benefits of Artemisia Annu as a curative of the disease. During this phase, the community also receives **micro-loans** in order to empower the ideas that each member has shared towards education, construction or business. The next phase is spent educating the group about **nutrition** through seed production, animal husbandry and appropriate cooking technologies. This unit highlights organic local food production, nutritive meals for growing children using Moringa Olifera powder, and safe, efficient cooking methods. Lastly, we focus on educating the community group about **HIV/AIDS prevention** and treatments. In this section we discuss different ways to recognize signs and symptoms of the disease and how to prevent contact with it. We also discuss the importance of helping those who have the



disease and fight discrimination. We also believe that true development cannot exist without a community's ability to be reconciled to each other and to the Creator. Each day that we meet with a different community we dedicate time discussing the teachings of Jesus and the importance of living lives in **truth and peace**.

Partner with us!!

Here at MGK we work hard to produce resources that can benefit those around us in order to help lift this forgotten part of the world out of the extreme poverty that oppresses our neighbors. We do this with unique solutions that are appropriate and sustainable for those around us. Join us by supporting the projects below and let's together make a lasting impact on the people of Mozambique! Feel free to take on part or all of any project listed below. Thank you for all your help in blessing the lives of our neighbors.



Gift of an Ambulance US\$14,000

Rural Ambulance equals immediate hope

Can you imagine going into labor and needing medical attention and the medical clinic is 19 miles away in the nearest town? So you have your husband place you on the back of a bike and ride to town in the middle of the night. This was the reality of our neighbor this year who luckily gave birth to a wonderful baby boy but went through a traumatic experience that nobody should have to endure.

Our goal is to purchase a rugged used vehicle that could offer 24 hour service to the rural areas of the Niassa province and help people living far away get the medical attention they need to survive. Helping with this project could offer hope to the many who live so far away.

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Gift of a Heifer US\$500

Heifers provide sustainable solutions

A good dairy cow can produce up to four gallons of milk a day! This milk can provide enough nutrients for those children in this area who suffer with malnourishment to grow into strong boys and girls.

When a family receives a heifer from MGK they are able to provide a sustainable income for the family that contributes to the paying of school fees for their children, medicines, and construction of proper housing.

A gift of a heifer really is the gift that keeps giving! When a family receives a heifer they do so with the promise of passing on the first offspring to another family. That means your gift won't end with one family but will last for many years to come and benefit many other families.



Gift of a Dairy Goat US\$120

Goats keep giving

A dairy goat is a wonderful gift to give a family. They provide families with nutritious milk that can help grow healthy families as well as provide extra income for the household.

Goats can have up to three kids a year which means that those that receive a goat will pass on their offspring to

others living in the community and help lift not just one family out of poverty but have a major impact on an entire community!



Gift of Chicks US\$50

Chicks lay more than eggs

When a family receives chickens from MGK they are filled with a joy in knowing that they have been given the power to provide protein through meat and eggs for their family.

Beyond just helping a family with nutritious food and income, families use the manure to grow wonderful organic vegetables in nearby gardens. Families that receive chicks do so with a promise that they'll pass on their offspring and knowledge to other families in the community in order to help others.

Three houses down from MGK is our good friend and neighbor Jaimito Assane. He received 50 chicks last year which helped boost not only his family's diet but also they went from making \$2 dollars a day from firewood sales to now \$5 dollars a day. This has helped him pay for his children's school fees and provide food year round. Help us create more opportunities like that of the Assane family.



Gift of Rabbits US\$60

Rabbits Supply year round food

MGK constantly gives away trios of rabbits to families in need. Rabbits provide a quick solution to a lack of food among malnourished families. This is because rabbits reproduce so quickly that they offer a steady stream of protein and income for families in need.

Rabbits are hearty animals that are very simple for even children to care for. Families are able to give them locally found grasses and vines that can be gathered year round. Rabbits also help provide manure for gardens to remain fertile.



Gift of a Bed Net US\$15

Mosquito nets keep people alive

Malaria is a disease caused by the blood parasite Plasmodium, which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Every 45 seconds, a child dies from malaria - a disease easily prevented by providing an insecticide-treated bed net to protect them. MGK has given away hundreds of bed nets through the years but we still have so much work left to

be done.

By giving the gift of a bed net you give a life-saving solution to a family who live without any way to protect themselves against malaria carrying mosquitos. In addition to providing bed nets MGK helps provide the anti-malarial drug Artemesia. This is a plant that we grow on our resource center and distribute to communities so that they can combat the disease in a sustainable way. Your gift of a bed net will not only go towards the distribution of a bed net but also the propagation of Artemesia.



Gift of a Micro-loan US\$250

Micro-loans are the way forward

MGK empowers its neighbors by offering them hope to escape poverty. Through our Micro-loan program we give small interest micro-loans to families who are wonderfully creative and entrepreneurially minded.

With these loans families are given the chance to open small businesses from sewing shops to livestock farms or invest in their children's education or can be used for home construction. Our micro-loans average about \$250 each. This money provides business training, accountability groups, and local support staff. With the money that these loans generate families can provide for themselves and help others.

Today if you pass through the village of Ntoto you will smell a wonderful aroma coming from the house of Julia Abdala as she and her friends sit and bake bread together. Julia received a micro-loan that she used to build a bread oven and purchase materials to start selling homemade bread throughout the village.

The income that she generates through this project has provided sufficient income for her family and has given her children an education. She also has employed several of her neighbors to help her with all the work. This project knows no bounds in its ability to help people like Julia and others.



Gift of the Farmer's tool kit US\$150

The farmer's tool kit empowers people

People who live in very rural areas know the importance of taking care of the land that they live on. At MGK we want to help people do just that. We want to offer families the chance to grow and produce enough food to live healthy lives.

The Farmer's tool kit includes everything that a farmer needs to increase yields, generate income, and provide for those around them. By giving someone a tool kit you are giving a family, rabbits to provide manure and protein, chickens to protect against insects, seeds to grow sustainable crops, tree seedlings to protect against erosion, medicinal plants to help cure the family of common illnesses, and tools like shovels, hoes, and buckets to provide more efficiency in the fields.

This is a unique opportunity to give people a chance to live sustainably on the land that God has given them.

Thank you!

In the Yao language we say "*Asanti wekwalongwa!*" This means that we are eternally thankful for the blessings that God has given us to steward. Over the years we have been overwhelmed at how people have given their prayers, time, and money into making MGK such a special place. We appreciate you and your effort to bringing reconciliation to the people of northern Mozambique. If you'd like to donate please go to www.kibogroup.org/give/ and help us better the lives of those who live around us. Thank you.