

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES**

# Mark and Helen Van Koevering in Mozambique

**USPG Mission Companions**

**In their own words**

*‘A new vision and a new style of leadership in the diocese, is, I think, what is making the difference. We have been keen to find ways for getting all people involved to ensure that women, children and young people all have a voice.’* Bishop Mark Van Koevering



**Mozambique factfile**

**Capital:** Maputo

**Languages:** Emakhuwa 26.1%, Xichangana 11.3%, Portuguese 8.8%, other indigenous 53.8%

**Religion:** Catholic 23.8%, Muslim 17.8%, Zionist Christian 17.5%, other 17.8%, none 23.1%

**Export:** aluminium, prawns, cashew nuts, cotton, sugar, citrus, timber

**Further reading:**

[www.anglicanchurchsa.org](http://www.anglicanchurchsa.org)

**USPG in Mozambique**

USPG has supported work in Mozambique since the foundation of the Diocese of Lebombo in 1891.

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## About this Project...

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The Diocese of Niassa is one of the poorest dioceses in the world and the poverty of the people is compounded by their isolation.

Since their appointment in 2003, USPG Mission Companions Mark and Helen Van Koevering have made a huge impact on the diocese and on the people of Niassa. Mark is the Bishop of Niassa, which covers the vast northern half of Mozambique. Helen is the Director of Ministry for the diocese, a priest in the parish of Lichinga and serves on the diocesan council. They have three children:

Jake, who is at university, and Matthew and Kylie, who are at secondary school.

Since Mark became bishop, the church has implemented projects to train catechists and leaders, to create jobs and generate income, to combat HIV/AIDS and to provide clean water. The church has also experienced amazing growth, with many new congregations planted throughout the diocese. Mark said: ‘We have been keen to find ways for getting all people involved, and in particular to ensure that women, children and young people all have a voice.’

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