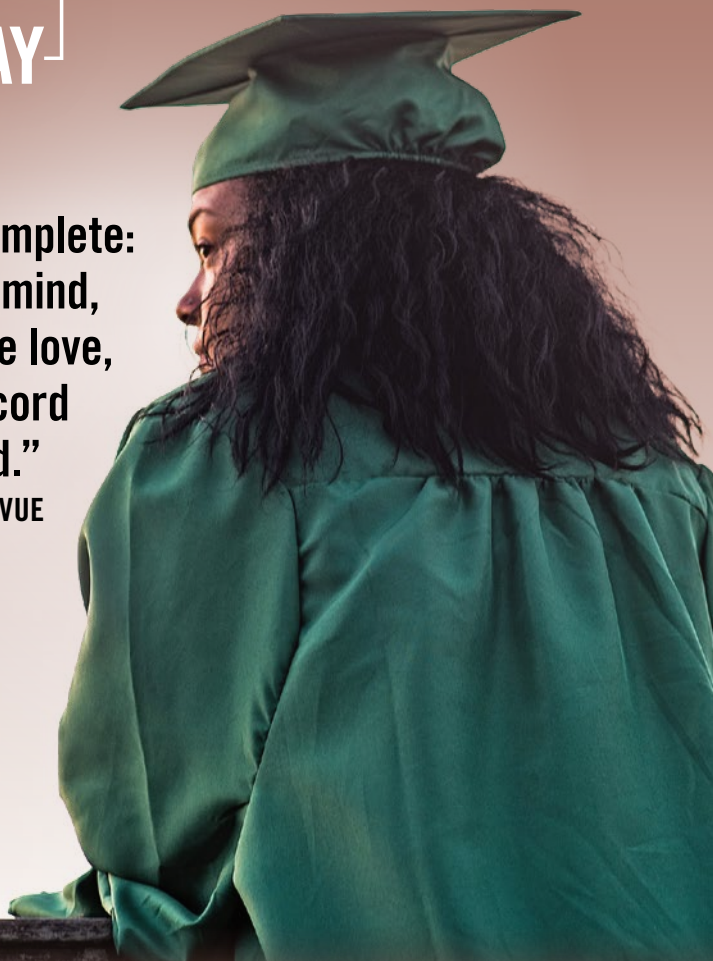


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be of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord
and of one mind.”**

—PHILIPPIANS 2:2, NRSVUE



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BELOW: WORLD COMMUNION SCHOLAR JORGE SAIETE WITH HIS WIFE SANDRA IN MOZAMBIQUE. PHOTO COURTESY JORGE SAIETE.

Jorge Saiete, who grew up on the United Methodist Cambine Mission Station in the southern part of Mozambique, is working to complete a master of public education degree with the help of a World Communion Scholarship from Global Ministries. This is a small miracle, since, at the age of eight, he had to take up fishing to support his mother and six siblings.

Saiete explains: "I was born in 1980 during the civil war that lasted 16 years. When I was two years old, my father was killed, and the fighting destroyed all my family belongings, including house, cattle and farming areas. My early years of life were very difficult. My mom, who had to take care of her seven children alone, faced many challenges to feed and provide shelter, clothes and school fees. The war subjected my family to extreme poverty."



But poverty and bitterness could not overcome the light in Saiete's life. With hard work and determination and help from his church in Cambine, he made it through primary and secondary school and went on to college. Instead of dwelling on his losses, he studied the causes and impacts of the civil war and worked in his professional life to prevent such a destructive conflict from happening again.

"I believe that one of the root causes of the civil war in Mozambique, and in other African countries, is poor governance, which includes corruption, exclusion, lack of transparency and the absence of effective systems of checks and balances,"

Saiete said. "By pursuing this degree, I believe that I will acquire useful tools that I can use in promoting good governance, which is critical for peace-building in Mozambique."

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