

BIOGRAPHY



Ben Freeth – Executive Director, Mike Campbell Foundation

Ben Freeth MBE, the Executive Director of the Mike Campbell Foundation, is from the farming district of Chegutu in central Zimbabwe. He worked with heroin addicts in Hong Kong, studied at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester (UK) and worked on farms in New Zealand, Tasmania and Zimbabwe where he was appointed the first regional executive officer for the Commercial Farmers' Union in 1996.

In 2007, Ben and his late father-in-law, Mike Campbell, took President Mugabe's government to the Southern African Development Community's regional court, the SADC Tribunal, for attempting to unlawfully seize their farm; for violating the SADC Treaty by denying access to the courts; and for engaging in racial discrimination and violence against white commercial farmers and their farm workers.

The lawsuit was chronicled in the award-winning 2009 documentary film *Mugabe and the White African*. Ben has authored two books: *Mugabe and the White African*, and *When Governments Stumble: Lessons from Zimbabwe's Past and Hope in Africa's Future*.

Ben's main focus is on restoring justice, the rule of law and human rights in Zimbabwe.

A committed Christian, he assists dispossessed and destitute farmers and farm workers. He works closely with Foundations for Farming, an organization which provides training in conservation agriculture and teaches impoverished farm workers and others how to feed their families and steward the resources God has given us.

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