



Points of Interest

- SAM Ministries agent in Brazil “Mount Horeb”, received special mention on the Swiss Forum for sustainable development.
- Central Mozambique struggles with the impact of extreme drought and limited food supplies this year.
- Airstrip project approved for go-ahead in Mozambique.

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Blessed to be a blessing

“I will **make you...and bless you...and you will be a blessing.**”

These words spoken by God to Abraham (Gen 12:2) clearly state God’s Mission...and ours. It is He who “makes us” into who and what we are. He then “blesses us”...gives us what we have, so that we can “be a blessing.” So that we can have a part in His exciting “making” and “blessing” in the lives of others.

We had the responsibility and the privilege to be at the Mercy Air base in South Africa caring for Bero while he was recovering from his surgery for almost a week. As Lynn cooked for him and attended to his recovering arm, I had the chance to talk with him about God’s amazing love and purpose in and through the people God uses to “make us” and “bless

us.” Emphasizing the great commission focus of our mission statement...“so that they can have a chance to love God and love people.” Bero’s first surgery to release an arm bound by



the scars of a burn, so well picture what God does when he makes us and blesses us. He gives us the ability to stretch out our arms to serve others in need. Although Bero awaits a second surgery to give his second arm mobility, he is already able to reach out and do so much more as a result of so many of you who have been a blessing.

Mozambique

“Blessed to be a blessing” is the Mercy Air motto that was printed on the shirts of each of the short-term team who came from Holland Michigan in the U.S.A. to bless the work and people in Mozambique.

The team was made up of amazing people...a lawyer, businessman, corporate jet pilot, salesman, firefighter, missions director, and a student. And each one certainly were an amazing blessing.

We constantly marvel at how God has connected SAM Ministries and our teams both in Brazil and

Mozambique with unique people who He has made and blessed. This team in one short week put the roof on the Mercy Air garage and storage, put the roof on a health post, and did the major part of putting the roof on a wood drying facility which will enable our wood shop to serve numerous needs. Awesome stuff!

Don’t forget God is making you and wants to bless you for His great purpose!

“Building Healthy Communities”

We rejoice in some recent developments that will have a very positive impact on the health of many people, especially in light of the challenges Mozambique faces in delivering health care to many rural communities.



Construction on the Chitundo Community Health Post, which was kick-started by the Holland, Michigan/Mercy Air team (page 1), is now nearing completion. This clinic will soon provide much needed basic health care to several

thousand people, including school children and orphan families who are sponsored by the mission.

Another reason we rejoice is that the health manual, which has been under development for several years now, has finally been completed and sent off for printing. This manual, which provides instruction on preventive health as well as initial treatment in rural areas, will form part of the training provided to pastors and church group leaders.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the making of this manual, and special thanks to Keren Massey for her focused effort. Keren first came to Mozambique as a student nurse with PCAAT (Prairie Bible College).

L. Lagore



As I write this, two more groups of PCAAT nursing students prepare to come to Mozambique to experience cross-cultural nursing and ministry, and to contribute to building healthier communities through their efforts. During their time, they will be involved in teaching health classes in schools and will help provide care to communities through home visits and participation in clinic activities. Pray with us for their safety.

“Children...important for who they are...”

H. Neufeld



In the next two months we will be holding four Children’s Ministry Training Seminars- all of them in communities either directly beside or near the Zambezi river, which means a lot of traveling, living in tents with a baby, and cooking over an open fire. (almost like vacation right??) We are so excited to see the difference this simple training

weekend is making in the churches up north.

They are beginning to see children as important to God, not only for who they will one day be (leaders of the future) but more importantly, for who they are NOW! We have had numerous requests for seminars, and look forward to organizing many more in the future. Our passion is to minister to children and their leaders, and it is always encouraging to see likeminded passionate Mozambican leaders hungry to learn and reach these young ones with the Gospel of Christ. Recently we have decided to provide the leaders in the seminars with a Bible

at the end of the training- it will be a huge blessing to see the looks on the faces when they find out they are receiving Bibles.- a big deal here, as sometimes pastors don’t even have their OWN Bible, let alone the children’s ministry leaders. Please pray for health, safety and an excellent time of fellowship and learning with the leaders.



"A Divine Conspiracy"

by Roberto Correia

Brazil

God has given me many wonderful opportunities. One of these is to serve with Mount Horeb in the rural community of Cacador (pronounced Casador). Cacador is 40 km from Itaperucu (where Mount Horeb is based). Cacador is home to over 60 families, the majority living in conditions of extreme poverty with more than 65% of them living on less than \$1.50 per day!

Besides the poverty and lack of prospects for the future, the people are prisoners to the idolatry resulting from the influence of the superstition and traditional religions of the area.

In the span of a little more than four years of work, we have seen a spirit of hope spring up in the families of this community. One can clearly see God carrying out a magnificent conspiracy against the powers of darkness with the



goal of reconciling all of the families in Cacador to himself and giving them more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

The promise of God that the poor would not always be forgotten and the needy could not forever lose their hope (Psalms 9:18) is being fulfilled among us. From

the relationships developed, the study and contemplation of Scripture, to the compassion demonstrated, people in the community are seeing the world through new lenses. They desire a new life, the life of God's Kingdom

We were challenged by the families living in Cacador to construct an educational center. This was the desperate "cry" of parents who send their children to attend a school that is 18km away from the community over very poor roads. Often transport is also not available resulting in children missing an average of four months of school per year. The result of hearing this cry has been the start of construction and many open doors to the good news of the gospel.

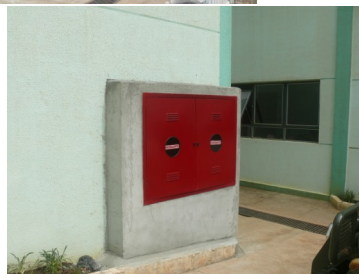
We welcome you to join this Divine conspiracy... God's love revealed in lives that results in transformation which will last for all eternity.

Fire Protection Installed

Brazil

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, and to the initiative and hard work of our team at Mount Horeb, our fire-prevention project is almost complete.

A little over a year ago government inspectors visited the school and determined that due to the size and number of children attending, a fire-hydrant system would need to be installed. Failure to comply could mean closure of the school, so needless to say this became a priority. The challenge is that there was little money and even less time. Thankfully the department responsible accepted an extended time-line and we all went to work.



By early this year enough funds had been donated to purchase most of the materials needed second-hand. So during Carnival days in February (normally a holiday period for staff), a number of our qualified staff donated their time and threw themselves into the installation.

All that remains is the installation of the fire-hoses and electrics. "Many hands make light work," is still true!

Thank you all for your faithful support and prayer.

Loving God and loving people so they have a chance to love God and love people

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Mercy Air incarnated



love for God, their love for people along with their experience, wisdom and many skills have made them a huge blessing already.

Besides her constant encouragement Barb has helped to communicate prayer needs. Ron is building and fixing almost everything! Besides flight support, which is Mercy Air's primary ministry, the servant heart of these pilots and their constant presence makes them invaluable in achieving important mission objectives.

Keep Ron and Barb in your prayers as they pioneer yet again in a new place with new challenges!

Although a little later than planned, Mercy Air in the form of Ron and Barb Wayner (Mercy Air's founders...above right), arrived in late February and have already begun to make a difference!

The combination of their passionate

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Breaking Ground



These last few months, we have been breaking ground in a number of ways! In the literal sense we have broken ground on our garage, meaning we will have a place to store our belongings when we go on furlough.

It will be such a blessing to have our garage, and eventually our house done so we can have a bit more space and free up the short term cottage for the short term visitors it is intended for. In the coming year we will be raising

funds for our house but we already have the funds needed for our garage, which we are very grateful for!

We also have "broken ground" by starting up three mentorship groups with our orphans, and with the school children. These children are staying in rented homes away from their families

and are in need of some mentoring/ direction. Each week we spend time with at least one of the groups, our goal is to move towards having meetings with each group every week. It has been very interesting to see how the kids are enjoying playing, learning new games (Frisbee has been a particularly big hit), participating in Bible lessons and just telling us more about their lives.

Mozambique

Another area of "broken ground" has been Tendai's Adoption process. Every step we have taken forward feels like a big area of broken ground has been moved out of our way. A court date was set, the date came, and the judge said YES! Please join with us in thanking God for working in amazing ways and opening hearts. Thank you all for your prayers!

