



Pastor Glen and Lois sharing



VISIT • BY DWIGHT LAGORE

## IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES IN THE WORST OF TIMES!

**T**here was much excitement around the mission! Although the drought and political conflict hung like a dark cloud, the ray of sunshine was that a long-awaited visit by Pastor Glen and Lois Forsberg was expected at the end of November.

This dear couple have effectively led growing churches across Canada which have faithfully supported Lynn and I and SAM Ministries. Our confidence was that they could bring much encouragement and experience to our graduates and pastors in training.

Since this visit had been planned for a few years, the pastors and our entire staff and missionaries were really looking forward to this time. All of us were aware of how much more one understands about the people and the work when you can visit, and touch and feel and smell! A visit is indeed worth a thousand pictures or videos!

Even with the military convoys and travel challenges, we had the best turn out ever by our leader trainers. Pastor Glen and Lois' teaching really impacted the leaders in a powerful way. Pastor Glen's lessons for fruitful leadership still have our leaders talking about the contrast between Old testament Saul and New Testament Saul!

We now have 1,150 leaders enrolled in the program and will be launching the next phase at our training center to construct accommodation units that will allow for more effective training times. Thank you to all who help make this happen. ■

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- We praise God for the new van that has been purchased and has already served several visiting teams. The most recent is a team of 16 Discover students and their professor from Prairie College.
- A cease-fire was declared just before Christmas! Praise God with us and pray for a lasting peace agreement.
- More than 7 km of fencing was successfully imported to the mission to serve various projects including our grade school and the mission farm. Thank you!
- Brittany Faubert and Kerstin DeLeeuw are in Mozambique doing their Prairie College Globe Trek practicum for 6 months. They have three months to go and are a great blessing!

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DROUGHT • BY DWIGHT LAGORE

## GENEROUS PEOPLE... DIVINE PROVIDENCE!

After two years of drought, people were starving. Not only so but now they faced a new growing season without seed to give hope for a change. Besides this, the rumble of civil war had begun again with roads blocked off, travel very difficult and often only by military convoy. It was certainly a very disconcerting time for everyone!



A shipment of seed safely at the train station

As we shared the need with you all this past year, many gave very generously, both in Canada and Switzerland! Early last year we distributed just over 28 tons of food to some of the worst affected areas but now the situation was even worse and a new season was on us.

As we prayed and planned together with our leaders, it was agreed that we would buy food, but we would also buy seed since this would help break the cycle if we had rain. Although there were no guarantees, we trusted that God had spoken through the leadership. The obstacles were many; sourcing the food and seed, and even more challenging, finding a way to distribute it with the military convoys and violence.

As we prayed and searched, we found an abundant supply of good seed at a great price. We came up with a plan to use



Celebrating the potential for an abundant harvest

the train to distribute to key points from where our leaders could distribute locally. We were able to distribute more than 14 tons of seed and over 10 tons of food to very hungry people. The rains came the following week, so we anticipate a great harvest! Thank you! ■



TONI • BY LYNN LAGORE

## GOD'S IMPECCABLE TIMING

When we arrived back in Mozambique in late September, we hit the ground running. The arrival of guests and a seminar were hot on our heels. In the midst of the busyness, I was asked to please assess one of our sponsored students. He was a 14-year-old boy who had been having health struggles for several months. He had been to hospital and had received "treatment" without success. Josh and Chelsea McManus arrived here from Morinville, Alberta in October and they brought a generous donation from their home church, The Father's House. As we contemplated what the funds would go towards, we received Toni's diagnosis of Hodgkins lymphoma. The best treatment he could receive would be in Zimbabwe, our neighboring country, but there would be additional

costs that regular sponsorship certainly doesn't cover. God is not surprised by anything though, and the timing of his diagnosis and the arrival of this offering were proof of His provision even before we knew what would unfold. As I write

this, Toni is undergoing his 3rd round of chemo and other generous donors have contributed to see this through. Toni is a sweet and brave boy who loves the Lord. Your prayers for him and his family at this time are appreciated! ■



Toni after neck biopsy confirming lymphoma



Dwight with Thomas (Toni's dad)



RENOVATIONS • BY RUTH TREKOFSKI

## THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF GROWTH

2016 was a very busy year for Mount Horeb Mission Staff. It was also the first year of operation at the rural school Mount Horeb inaugurated last year. The main mission school in town received its certification as a 'College' which means our students can now continue through High School. With this change, some serious renovations had to be made. The kitchen and dining room were moved to another location, freeing up extra classrooms space for the high school students. The larger kitchen and dining area will be able to accommodate the growing number of people who are served every day. Thanks to the generosity our supporting churches, the kitchen has also been furnished with some new, bigger, and better equipment.

Our air fares have been purchased and plans are to leave for Brazil on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Three colleagues will

be accompanying us; Anita Pearce, a friend and FCA evangelist from Margo SK., Janette Stone, SAM Ministries Child Sponsorship Coordinator, and Shannon Weiss, our new SAM Ministries

missionary for Mozambique. Shannon will be spending three months in Brazil learning Portuguese and sharing ministry with our Mount Horeb team. ■



First high school class, 2016



TRANSITIONS • BY SHANNON WEISS

## TRANSITIONS; DIFFICULT BUT EXCITING!

This has been an exciting and emotional time as I prepare for language training starting next month. At the beginning of December, 2016 we still had not been able to hire my replacement at Prairie College but just when I had begun to panic the Lord provided an excellent candidate and I am now in the process of training her.

*“Support is coming in and I continue to feel blessed by generous people.”*

I just received my Brazil visa in record time and am scheduled to travel to Brazil on February 20<sup>th</sup> with Earl and Ruth Trekofski and Janette Stone. Support is coming in and I continue to feel blessed by generous people.



Dr. Glen Loewen (Dean of Education- Prairie) with Vera his wife and Shannon

My church family will be featuring SAM Ministries' work in Mozambique at our annual mission's conference in early February which I'm very excited for. This week was also my goodbye party at

Prairie which was filled with memories and many tears. It will be difficult to say goodbye but the Lord is good and I'm excited for the future. ■

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## MOZAMBIQUE



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# BACK TO WHERE IT STARTED

I was 26 years old back then! I was wet behind the ears, but I had God, my beautiful wife and a burning call and vision. Along with my call to Mozambique was a vision to one day have an aircraft to reach across the country to reach unreached communities and to provide training.

But how could I even start sharing this vision effectively? My plan was a slide presentation and the only person I knew that had an aircraft was Pastor Glen Forsberg. I was not sure what he would say, but I worked up the courage to ask if I could do a photo shoot with his Tri-pacer showing me at the controls of an aircraft (that would be the reality one day in Africa!). I am not sure what he thought of this young dreamer, but he kindly let me have access to his plane.

It felt like the story came full circle at the end of November when Pastor Glen and Lois landed in Beira to visit the mission. I was able to pick them up and fly them back to the mission in central Mozambique in the aircraft that seemed like such a pipe-dream back then! ■



Pastor Glen Forsberg (right) with Dwight fixing a snag!

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