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Points of Interest "Progress through Pain"

- www.samministries.org

The new website is launched to better share the unfolding story of God's grace. Check it out.

- *Please plan to celebrate our 10th Annual Banquet with us on May 19th!*

- *SAM Ministries will have a booth (K9) at Missions Fest: Feb 24 to 26, 2012.*

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The birth of a child is the most vivid example in life of progress through pain. And as much as we wish and pray pain away, it is a part of our human existence. When pain comes to you, and it will, it is only as you persevere through it that you see progress! The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus... "endured a cross... because of the joy he knew would follow his suffering" (Heb 12:2 Phillips)

2011 in Mozambique ended with a very big Christmas present. Not "big" in any way related to the size of God's gift to us in Christ, but big in physical dimensions. A 40 foot container arrived three days before Christmas containing an aircraft hangar, a grader, a welder and other smaller items. The donation came through Mercy Air who is partnering with us to make a difference in Mozambique, and the container's safe arrival over sea, through customs, and over bad roads

was huge! But big challenges were still ahead.

As Ron Wayner was cutting wood slabs for the hangar foundation with a band saw, it jammed. While he was working to release the jam, the saw accidentally started and cut off the index finger of his left hand and badly damaged his middle finger. Due to the aircraft being in South Africa for maintenance and no other alternative, Ron had to face the reality of a future without a finger and pray that infection would not set in. A Mozambican doctor was found who could sew up the wound and prayer from many began for quick healing and for courage for Ron and Barb. When Ron went in a week later to see the doctor, the wound had healed much better than anticipated. When the doctor was told that many



The hangar under construction

people in many places were praying for quick healing and for the doctor who did the work, he broke into a huge smile, gave Ron a hug and sent thanks to all those who prayed.

No one would have thought less of Ron and Barb for leaving to South Africa for better care, but they stayed and hosted a team from the U.S. who arrived to start the hangar construction. This project has required much sacrifice of Ron and Barb, **but they have persevered through the pain and we are all seeing the progress.** You can follow the progress online at samministries.org and even help to enable this progress through your prayer and financial support.

Celebrating Victory in Cacador

The year 2011 was a year filled with challenges, and victories as the kingdom of God touches more and more lives in the community of Cacador through the activities and projects carried on by the members of the Mount Horeb mission and church.

We look back and remember the strong resistance we faced as we began to make our presence known in this community, motivated mainly by the tightly held religious tradition in the region. We always endeavoured to face



every act of resistance with a concrete act of love. The result was that hearts and homes were slowly opened to us and as we began to minister in love the sweet presence of Christ began to manifest itself in many special ways. People not only began to accept Christ, but they also began to grow together as families. These families in the community began to come together and care one for another. Relationships were restored, people were healed, and hearts were softened. All this is the result of the gospel of Christ changing the hearts and lives of people.

We have almost finished construction on our multi-purpose building and hope

Paulo Roberto Araújo



to resume our work and finish as quickly as possible. We still need to put glass in our windows, drill a well, build the sewage system and pour cement sidewalks around the building. We are profoundly grateful for your prayers and financial help in getting this project off the ground. We are committed to have an official opening of the 'Mount Horeb Rural School' in 2012. Sixty children will be blessed with a top grade Christian based education.

Keep praying with us as we reach out to this community.

A Remarkable answer to prayer

Ruth Trekofski

We have always made children a priority at Mount Horeb. Children are the most vulnerable in every society. They cannot fend for themselves, nor provide for themselves. It is a great privilege to help shape a child's life and provide opportunities that will give them a better future, especially in poor communities. As a result, having the right people to be there for children is always a challenge.



Our school director, Shia, has been off work for almost three

years now. It took doctors over two years diagnose her illness, and the news was not good. She suffers from Lupus, an auto-immune disorder that has no cure, although it can be managed. We have requested prayer on her behalf many times and we are happy to report that her medications are working well and she is much better. The doctors have given her permission to go back to work. Thank you so much for praying.

Building a house for Jesus!

Dwight Lagore



Sinabale Paradzai (top right) came to our attention when I was introduced to him selling ice to earn around a \$1 per day to help support his little sister and two brothers (Casamilo, Mariamo and Cerio). As Sinabale shared the story of his parents' death and the overwhelming challenges he was facing to supply for his siblings, his lips trembled and his eyes were filled with tears. Not only was the challenge of car-

ing for his family difficult, but he had to quit school in the middle of grade 10 and had little hope of continuing his studies.

Soon after that, Sinabale and his siblings were given a chance through our Amigo orphan program. Sinabale started a practicum with our school until we could get him into teacher training. The children were clothed, fed and the mission ensured they were able to continue their studies with the supplies they needed.

Just before Christmas we were able to begin the construction of an orphan home for Sinabale and the children and it is now nearing completion.

A family in Canada now sponsors these children and others have given to make the house a reality.

“Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did to me,” Jesus said. It’s pretty amazing that we can both demonstrate our love for God and make such a difference in the lives of others all at the same time. Thank you to you who give and love to make this happen.



Trained leaders impacting others

by Leila Frank

Tony and I have had many opportunities to teach pastors and church leaders in Brazil, Russia, Moldova, and now in Mozambique, but **we can't recall a time when we were so impressed with a group of people** as we are with this one in the picture. Pastor Antonio Zimbulane (first from left) invited us to teach at his village on a hot January weekend.

The church building was packed with over a hundred people, including church leaders and their wives from a few different congregations in the area. Pastor Antonio values education. He loves to learn from God's Word. He can't get enough of it. He was one of the first graduates from SAM Ministries' Leadership Training program.

But that was just the beginning. He does not want to stop learning. And he does not want his congregation, and others that he supervises, to stop learning either.

We were so amazed by the involvement of Pastor Antonio's church in their community. They minister at



the local jail, at the hospital, cleaning streets and public areas, assist orphans and widows, offer literacy programs and much more. What an inspiration! We came back home physically and mentally tired by the intensive hours of teaching over the weekend, but very encouraged by what we saw and heard. Our hearts were filled with joy from the fellowship with these African brothers and sisters. There is a good reason for us to be here, in the bush of Mozambique. God is at work. His light is shining through His people, His love is touching hearts, His Spirit is transforming individuals and communities. All we need to do is to make ourselves available to God. What a privilege to be a tool in His skilled hands.

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THE WEB SITE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED. FOLLOW LATEST NEWS AND PROGRESS ON PROJECTS.

SAM Ministries' Web site and Projects

After much work and input by many people, the new web site is up. Although it is almost two months later than anticipated, we are grateful to be this far.

Lynn Lagore took on the main responsibility and worked almost night and day for many weeks to pull this together. Dotty, our web developer, did her best to translate the vision into reality and we are grateful for the result.

The main improvements are that you can access each ministry we are engaged in, and besides view-

ing pictures and video's, you can follow blog news relating to a specific ministry or project including prayer needs for these and updates.

If you like to get involved in projects as a church or individual, you can see a summary of each current project that needs help, print off a full project proposal to share with others, and even access online giving easily to give to one of

these important projects. Signing up to receive our enews letter will enable us to let you receive up to the minute news of the good things happening. **Thanks to all who helped with this big task!**



Housing for Missionary Staff Progressing

Heather Neufeld: Mozambique



Housing for the missionary staff here in Mozambique is always important. Right now space is at a premium and so we are pushing extra hard to get our house done to free up space in the cottage for other staff and visitors. We are so excited that the walls are now going up and in some places they are already to the tops of the window!

We were also blessed over the Christmas season to receive donations toward our house fund that bring us up to the halfway mark!

Just after Christmas, Brenda and Justin Bage (Heather's sister and her husband) arrived on a short-term mission outreach and as a trained plumber Justin assisted on the plumbing for another mission



house and helped install electric conduit for our mission house.



Please continue to pray with us for the rest of the funds to come in. We hope to be putting the roof on by July when a group from Grunthal Abundant Life Fellowship in Manitoba comes to help.