



SAM Ministries

Loving God and Loving people so they have a chance to Love God and Love people



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Points of Interest

- **SAM Ministries Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, 28 May, 2011.**
- **Dr. Roland and Anna-Marie served over 80 people's dental needs which included our sponsored children.**
- **Rick Cogbill and contractor friend Bob arrive to boost the training center construction project and maintenance facility project.**

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Committed to Serve...Together!

The new year started out with two new runners on our team.

Andy (top center) and Joao (bottom right) both have a keen sense of calling to love God and people along-side us here in Mozambique, and they both bring unique gifts and skills.

The book of Hebrews challenges us to "run with perseverance." (Heb 12:1) Perseverance, as an expression of faith, likely best describes the quality most needed to win in most things in life. And if you are going to win with people from different cultures, languages and backgrounds, perseverance is even more critical.

Joao is our first Mozambican missionary to join the team. He is just graduating with a degree in business and brings this training, his relationship with God and his commitment to serve, to



the team. Here is his introduction...

"I'm a Mozambican young man of 25 years from Mutarara. I was born in a Christian family and my father was Pastor and founder of a Church. Two years before his death he helped the mission to open Bible and leadership schools in the Zambezi valley. A strong relationship was born and built.

In 2005 my mother committed me to ASAM (SAM Ministries Mozambique) to serve as a volunteer and to become a "child of the mission". I served for two years (2005-2006) as volun-

teer teacher in the mission school and in 2006 I became the principle of the school. During this time I enjoyed helping in the administration of the leadership training program.. Finally in 2007 I was able to gain entrance to University in Maputo with the support of the mission. I have just completed a degree in Business and Management and I believe that God has a unique and special calling and purpose for my life:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - **Jeremiah 29:11**

Proudly I always say, **'Nobody has nothing to give another in need'**



Our Moz Annual General Meeting

Great Progress on Key Projects

The training center we started on quite a few years back is finally on track! The biggest obstacle was the moving and compacting of over 1500 cubic meters of back-fill just to get to floor level.



The entire first phase was back-filled one shovel full at a time which took months (the area where the building can be seen).

Finally in December this past year we were able to find a backhoe that was available for a month or so and within 16 days we almost completed the remaining back-filling. Unfortunately the back-hoe broke down so we are continuing by hand, but the majority of the filling and compact-

ing has been done and the building will now go pretty quickly as long as we can keep getting the supplies needed.

A building contractor arrives next week for a one month short term and will be helping us with the truss construction, so we are anticipating ongoing great progress.

In the meantime we have built a couple health posts. The lat-

est one pictured below at our grade school. What a blessing this is going to be for the children who often show up with minor health issues that if treated quickly can prevent much bigger problems.

The Mercy Air house roof is now on and with Ron and Barb Wayner's return will likely see good progress.

Thank you to all who so patiently have supported these key projects.



Preparing for Take-Off

The history of flight is nothing short of remarkable. The history of our ability as a mission to use this amazing capability is simply miraculous!

Last year we achieved three critical benchmarks in the ongoing development of the aviation ministry. **The first** was the arrival of Ron and Barb Wayner (Mercy Air founders) to assist with infrastructure development. **The second** was the approval of our petition to government to open an airstrip on the mission property. **The third** was the initial arrival and confirmation in Andy's heart that this is where God was calling him to serve (see pg 4).

Runway 17/35 (the magnetic headings of the runway) started taking shape when the heavy equipment arrived on-site in November last year. Great progress was achieved



but much more work is needed. Once completed the runway will enable efficient access to areas we serve, it will enable more efficient logistic support and will better en-

able the visits of people who minister alongside us.

The work remaining:

- * Compacting and surfacing runway
- * Leveling and grading parking area
- * Building an access bridge, and grading the access road
- * Installing the hangar after arrival

We were informed yesterday that our new Moz operators license is imminent and Mercy Air has a company planning a November trip to install the donated hangar. The project need is available at www.samministriesprojects.blogspot.com.

Please contact us for any further information if needed.

Runway 17/35

“Back to School”

During the month of January parents and children flocked to the Mount Horeb Christian School to register their children. Classes began on the 7th. of February, and once again we have a full house. These first few days are busy ones for our teaching staff who are putting the finishing touches on their strategies and plans for 2011. All our teaching is based on Biblical principles, which is fundamental in the life of every child. Forty percent of all our students are from poor families and need some financial help in order to attend the school,

and for this reason we carry on a sponsorship program .

Without the help of generous sponsors like you we would not be able to offer these children the quality education they receive at Mount Horeb. This

Christ-centered education brings the kind of change that results in not merely salvation of the soul, but true transformation of our cities, countries

Ruth Trekofski



and ultimately, our world. Thank you so much for investing in the lives of the children at Mount Horeb Christian School.

“Unique Christmas Gifts” give us Unique Opportunities

Our “Unique Christmas Gift” promotion this past Christmas has been the best yet with so many participating.



Each year these gifts give us unique opportunities to touch lives and be able to share the meaning of Christmas in practical ways throughout the year.

Jesus Christ’s coming to earth was an event that changed history. He

is willing to come again any day or hour and live in any person who yields their life to Him, changing their history forever! This is the message we must share...we have to share... all year through.

But the message has to be seen and felt as well as told and this is where your “unique gifts” come in.

Here is a health post built with a “unique gift” from last year. This health post will open on the 4th of March, 2011 and we will have the opportunity to tell the true meaning of Christmas to a whole community and government officials. And they will feel the impact of this message in a very personal way in the months and years to come.

This elderly lady has little strength

left to grow her own food and care for her orphaned grandson, but one of your “unique gifts” will give her a chance to meet her immediate food needs until her and her grandson can find a sponsor and get longer term help. And she will know that this is because someone met Jesus!



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Missions on the Mind! RH Neufeld

Sometimes we visit a church and are surprised (in a good way) by the amount of effort they put into educating the church members about Missions! A Christian School Grade One class recently presented us with \$69.00 of spare change they had been collecting since the beginning of the year! One church we visited recently had actually constructed a small "jungle hut" in the corner of their basement complete with paper palm trees and thatched roof, to use as the setting for their Sunday school lessons. They had a world map, country fact sheets, colored flags and pictures from missionaries all over the walls! Simple ideas, that can really help children be aware of missions from a young age.

What really impressed us though was the sign on the way out of the

church- "you are now entering the mission field." Sometimes we, (yes, even us missionaries) forget that the mission field is not only located in the middle of the bush in some foreign country, but right in our own communities as well. If your church or Sunday school would like some pictures, or to have some questions from the children answered, let us know and we would love to be a part of helping your children learn to pray for and learn about missions!



Arrival!

Andreas Kuret

I'm very thankful to God for His guidance during the last few years. It touches my heart when I see how God has prepared me for this ministry here in Mozambique. I am from Switzerland and a Christian for more than 30 years. I grew up in Bolivia, South America, as a missionary kid. After school I studied agriculture in Switzerland and worked for over 10 years as a farmer. I then studied management which gave me the opportunity to become a sales manager in a company. At this time I started with some flight training just as a hobby and I enjoyed flying over and between the snowy Alps very much. After ten years of leading the sales department and studying English in New Zealand, I wondered if God maybe had something else for me? It was then that I



Andy (Right) with Dwight

sensed a strong call into Mission Aviation. "Me...mission aviation?" "No, that's not possible," was my first thought. Then I remembered the story of Jonah. I felt exactly the same, but didn't experience the whale story fortunately. I did however experience other very spectacular leading. In faith I started with commercial pilot training in great and cold Canada. I

gained some more flight experience in the United States, and Switzerland but all doors seemed closed for mission aviation! "And now God, I'm here. Where do you want me to go? You have to open doors!" This was my prayer for a long time. Through a friend I heard that a mission organization, SAM Ministries was praying for a pilot and farmer. Wow, this is my spot without a doubt! And it was. A short term visit to the Mucombeze farm in Mozambique last year brought confirmation. I feel strongly that this is the place God wants me to serve Him and people. I've now been in Mozambique for 3 weeks, getting settled. Many projects await me... farming projects, solar water pump projects, the runway project and the development of the aviation program. I appreciate your prayers.