

SAM Ministries

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

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God's Generosity

Brazil

Points of Interest

- *Earl and Ruth Trekofski are presently in Brazil, with Earl to go on to Mozambique with Dwight and Lynn Lagore at the end of April.*
- *Rick and Heather are scheduled to arrive in Brazil on April 22 for Portuguese studies.*



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Easter is the time when we remember and celebrate the extreme nature of God's gift at Christmas. God not only loved us enough to give us His son, but His son, God in the flesh, loved us enough to give us His life... all the way to His sacrificial death. That is generosity personified.

The Christ life and message I believe is wrapped up and tied up and delivered as we love and give! And this is what you help us to do in Mozambique and Brazil where the



You brought joy in Cacador, Brazil

mission is stated as "Sharing the good news in words and actions."

John Maxwell wrote, "the highest form of living is giving." That so well describes the Christ life which really is the highest form of living because it calls us to a life-time of

giving. Not merely a kind act at a special time of the year, but a life of kind action lived out every day as we give ourselves, our time, attention, resources and talents in many different ways.

It has to be genuine and if it is it will be generous and when it is it changes lives...both the lives of those who give and of those who receive.

Thank you for participating in our Unique Christmas gift effort, and thank you for being a part of the ongoing daily and yearly giving that opens hearts to the Greatest Gift.

The Most Important Book for an Important Person

"Thank you so much for this gift. I too am a religious man and this will help my life", said the new Governor of Manica after I had the opportunity to present him a study Bible.

A visit from the Provincial

Governor is a high honor here and a big deal. He expressed many kind words of encouragement for our work here in Mozambique and we were grateful for the chance to meet.



A Unique Christmas at Easter in Cacador

Brazil



A huge thank you to our donors for the wonderful response to our Special Christmas gift appeal to help the poor families that Mount Horeb helps in the remote com-



munity of Cacador. We received enough money to purchase seventy (70) food hampers, and even more school starter kits, since rural people tend to have larger

families.

So besides all the groceries, we took out lots of school material for the children. In fact, it took more than one trip on the dirt road. What would, under nor-



mal circumstances take about one hour, can drag on into a half a day dodging potholes, and washouts. Then of course, provided it does not rain, in which case the road becomes completely impassable. So always we have to check out the weather report or we may risk getting hung up there for more than a day! There is virtually



nothing to be had in the community, and after a few trips out there it's easy to understand why, transport companies refuse to go out there, the fuel and mainte-



nance costs are simply too high. So thank you again for helping us to share Christ in a tangible way.

The First Unique Christmas Gifts arrive in Mozambique



Joyous shrieks and shouts and laughter greeted the truck as it

arrived at our school bearing some of your unique gifts.

We were able to purchase 40 new desks which have been such an amazing blessing to the children and teachers alike as they now have an ordered

classroom to go with the new roof and paint.

These gifts will keep blessing many children year after year with each new class...Thank you!



Mercy Air back to help us Love Mozambique

Mozambique



Ron and Barb Wayner, Mercy Air's founders, along with a team from Holland, MI (U.S.A.) spent a very full and productive five days with us.

Although they worked some on the cottage Mercy Air will be helping us to finish for their temporary use, they painted the camp bathrooms, painted the camp kitchen in preparation for the rest of the teams this year, and the guys worked in the wood shop to help set it up and engage in skills exchange with our staff.

The wood shop, thanks to them, is now producing window frames (for the mission house initially), and will then be working on windows for the pre-school, door frames and doors.



As I flew North to visit two of our schools and meet with our supervisor in the Zambezi province, I appreciated once again the blessing of flight. I was able to complete the entire trip and visit in just over five

(5) hours and was back home. This would have taken me the better part of two days to achieve in a vehicle.

The demands on the aircraft by others have also been hard to meet by myself as the only pilot, so pray with us for the speedy development of Mercy Air's planned co-location.

Thank you to Mercy Air and Ron and Barb along with all of you who make the ongoing work here possible.



University of Saskatchewan Nursing Practicum

We say a sad farewell tomorrow to six amazing young ladies who have been with us for almost 5 weeks!

Joanne Gardner (USask clinical facilitator) along with her husband, Dave, visited us a year ago to see about the possibility of placing graduating nurses with us for an international



practicum experience. We were excited by the opportunity for them and the people here, so we started planning.

Mercy Air helped us fly the team in, and after they got their feet on the ground, they quickly were running. Lynn emphasizes that there have been so many highlights, it is hard to pick one of them. Certainly one of the very high points was the first aid classes taught to key leaders of our leadership program, monitors of the ladies program, teachers and health post staff. The final exam was challenging and very competitive, but as the smiles indicate all passed and are now



better equipped to practically love others in crisis situations.

Dave and Joanne left two weeks back to return, and now after a great time of personal and professional growth, the girls prepare to leave. Thank you to all who donated toward the Usask nursing initiative. See more at www.lynnlagore.blogspot.com

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Sell-ebriation

by Rick & Heather Neufeld

We definitely have reason to celebrate, as we hosted our fund-raising auction this past week and enough money was raised to entirely pay off our debt! We will also be able to purchase needed items once we arrive in Mozambique. We were also blessed to receive donations towards our vehicle fund! Saying farewell to the many wonderful people who have been so important in our lives was hard... but it is comforting to know we have so many people praying for us! The auction evening was a huge success—those in attendance had a great time and



Joy, the star of our Sell-ebriation

gave generously. We have been humbled to see so many people come alongside and support us. We were also blessed to enjoy amazing praise and worship and dance performed by our Sudanese cousins—including the littlest dancer, who, at age one and a half stole the show! We look forward to leaving for Brazil on

April 22, and are excited to see what God has in store for us! Please continue to pray for us as we travel this month visiting Heather's family in the Maritimes, and then on to Brazil. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Juliana's Story (Jeremiah 1:5)



I was born and raised in a very religious family, and for as long as I can remember I tried to fulfill my religious obligations faithfully, but never found the inner peace and joy I was hoping for. When my parents saw my desire to serve God with my life they did their best to encourage and guide me, so at

the age of fourteen they enrolled me in a convent. I spent the next three years there and applied myself diligently to discover my calling, but I did not find the joy and peace I longed for. Then one day in desperation I decided to leave and go back home and seek God in my own way. Of course, my parents were very disappointed in me, and told me unless I returned, I would no longer be welcomed at home. It was a very sad day for me, but I had two godly aunts that loved me, and prayed much for me. When they heard of my plight they took me in and gave me good spiritual counsel. It wasn't long till I came into a joyful relationship with my Heavenly Father. **What I could not find by following strict rules and family traditions, Jesus freely gave me at no cost.**

A year later my mother became ill unto death and my father called and asked if I would come home and care for her. I was only too happy to do so, and our broken relationship was restored. Once my mother was well, God led me to an evangelical Bible College where I studied God's Word for three years. Through one of my college friends I heard about Mount Horeb, so on my own, I went to investigate this mission, and I liked what I saw. I began going to help as a volunteer, and was soon asked to be the school chaplain. I have now been hired on staff, and teach Spanish and Arts as well. I love my work at Mount Horeb, and I know I am where God wants me and teaching children brings me the greatest joy.