

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

- *“Building Healthy Communities,”* by Lynn Lagore and Keren Massey is now in print and helping to address critical health issues in rural communities.
- Rick and Heather on route to Canada for furlough..
- Paulo Roberto, our Brazil director selected to attend the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism .

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Your Child Sponsorship IS Making a difference

“Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.” (Matt 18:5)



The word “welcomes” is translated “receives” in some translations and means among other things... “to take with the hand or, **to receive into one’s family to bring up or educate**, to embrace, to make one’s own.”



Child sponsorship is certainly one way you can “receive” or “welcome” a child in Jesus name! It is how many of you have been involved in the work SAM Ministries is doing both in Brazil and Mozambique for some time and it is making a dramatic difference!

Presently in Mozambique we have around 250 children in our grade school, another 20 regulars in our pre-school and a further 48 who now have had the privilege of studying further due to individuals like you who faithfully sponsor a child. We have a further 300 children in Brazil, over half of which need

sponsorship in order to study.

There are still over 150 of these children (in both Mozambique and Brazil) who still need someone to “receive” them,

and partner with us to forever change their future.

Francois Rauch (pictured bottom left) has been instrumental in directing our school in Mozambique and assisting our teachers with in-service training. His passion for the children is contagious and he has been instrumental in motivating a number of South African churches and teams to partner in a number of ways to further improve conditions for our sponsored children.



Francois says, “Each child receives a Bible in Grade 1 (which will be taken back after every Bible Education period). They will use these Bibles year after year until they reach Grade 5. Their graduation gift will be their own Children’s Bible. We have really been looking forward at

Main Title Picture: “Colour a child’s life” Painted rocks welcome visitors to our school in the Mozambican bush

Child Sponsorship Special Continued...

making this possible for all our children.”



Keren Massey who served with us in Mozambique for ten months returned to Canada in August with plans to pursue further studies. Her hard and creative service while with us resulted in her completing a health curriculum (right) for our schools along with amazing visuals

that are going to help not only our schools but many others.

Her compassion for children from the smallest on up expressed God’s love in a powerful way. In one case a child she accompanied to the Vanduzi hospital needed a blood transfusion. The hospital had no blood and the mothers blood was the wrong type. Keren willingly offered her blood and the child was saved.



. Keren has left a clear legacy of love in the lives of our children and you are doing the same as you faithfully help us monthly through your sponsorship. Not everyone can offer their blood, but almost all of us can afford the \$1 per day to bring hope into the life of a child and forever change their history. Thank you for sponsoring a child!!



Seven Men, Seven Years, Dream’s do Graduate

Dwight Lagore



This was the year for seven men in two communities that began studying seven years ago. They finally completed the studies required and graduated with Diplomas in Biblical Studies.

As pastor Inacio spoke at his

graduation in Nyangoma, he shared the difficulty he and his two colleagues had to believe they could do this. But after some encouragement from our coordinator, they decided they would choose to believe it was possible. He went on to very eloquently describe the difference this training had made in his life. Instead of trying to lead a church and pastor people with no knowledge of what he was supposed to do, now he was able to teach the truth and help correct the wrong thinking and ways of his people. And most importantly he could bring hope!

We now have over 670 leaders (both men and women) enrolled in the program in 36 communities with another 200 waiting to be able to study.

These men are not just earning certificates, they are teaching others, caring for orphans and leading their communities to Christ.



“A Right time for everything”

by Dr. Ligia

Brazil

I hope I can convey what God has done in my life over the last few years. I always loved reading about missions and missionaries around the world, it ignited a desire in my heart to do something worthwhile with my life. I lived a very comfortable life, doing what I liked best and working my way through university to become a dentist. Yet, every day I saw poor people around me and wondered if they had ever heard the story of God’s love for them, something I thought I would like to share with them.



Simple acts of service in Cacador

One day in the quietness of my bedroom I spoke to God and told Him I would like to serve Him more and wanted very much to study and prepare myself for full time service missionary service. God gave me an assurance that this was His will for me as well, and that He could use me in my chosen profession as a dentist for His honour and glory. I began to pray about this and asked the Lord to show me where I should

go to study his word and missions, and at the same time be able to support myself through my work.

One day some friends told me about a special government program where I could write an exam, and if I passed, I would be eligible for a permanent position as a dentist in a government run clinic. I applied to write the exam and gave it my best shot ... but I was not among those chosen. Another year passed and I became rather discouraged and asked the Lord whether I should give up the whole idea of studying toward becoming a full time missionary, or perhaps it was His will that I give up my work and dedicated myself fully to missions. Again I asked God for direction and guidance. Just about five days after I prayer this prayer I received a call for a friend that was taking theological studies in an evangelical university in the city. She asked if I was still interested studying theology and learning about missions. She said she knew about a mission in the nearby city of Itaperucu, and heard that they were in need of a dentist. My heart was in my mouth, once again I prayed, “Please Lord give me the confirmation that this is your plan for me”.

I made the trip to Itaperucu where Paulo Roberto (Mount Horeb’s director) showed me



Repairing a roof so kids have a school

around and explained how things worked at the mission. I was captivated by the entire operation and how God had motivated these Christians to serve Him in such unique and practical ways. Right there God solidly confirmed His plans for me, and had in fact been preparing me for this new phase in my Christian life for a long time. **He has a ‘right time’ for everything. This was the right time for me to follow that path He had laid out for me, even if it meant leaving my comfortable life behind.**

Now I have the privilege to study Theology and missions in a Christian University, work part time as a dentist at the Dental Clinic in Itaperucu, and join the team that goes into the rural area of Cacador every week-end where the mission is establishing another base. We are able to provide dental and medical services, education for the children, give agricultural assistance to the small farmers, and in essence ... care for the poor. Working here is God’s gift to me, and I am learning about the simplicity of God at work among simple people in the everyday things of life.

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Mercy Air Pulling Hard



house, build the airstrip and raise support for flight hours needed to get people to where they need to be quickly and safely.

They have been donated a back hoe and a tractor and are now working with us to find sponsors

Well after five months of hard work, Ron and Barb left for the States to meet with supporters and attend the 20th celebration of Mercy Air USA. They will remain for a while to challenge people about the needs in Mozambique and to raise funds to finish the

to help pay for the shipping costs to Mozambique and the import costs. This equipment is so critically needed for both the airstrip and the training center that is under construction.

Pray for these two faithful and fun people as they pull together!

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Children's Ministry Seminars Making a difference!

Mozambique

We ran four CMTS's this year and have continued to be shocked by the eagerness of the leaders to be trained. In Inhangoma the pastor informed us that this seminar would have 25 participants, but requested we come back soon as he had two more lists of 25 who were waiting to be trained!



This year we were able to provide a Bible to each children's leader that completes our seminar. Additionally they each receive a training manual, that

covers the seminar materials, as well as giving them several starting points for developing lessons in their own churches.

As we teach at each seminar it is amazing to watch the leaders, as they learn to present short dramas based on scripture or parables, practice Bible Memory techniques, or learn how to use object lessons. It is so much fun to see their eyes light up when they "get it" and how excited they are to start ministering to the children in their communities, using the new concepts they have learned.

We encourage each pastor to look for ways to reach the children by meeting them at their level or meeting a need they have. In one com-



munity, following our seminar, the Pastor decided to start an informal soccer league where each game involves a devotional, as well as a preschool that meets outside the church, giving the young orphan children much needed educational head start! Our goal is to do at least six of these seminars a year, please continue to pray with us for these pastors who desire to reach their communities with Christ's Love.