

SAM Ministries Inc./ ASAM
Field Team Director/Presidents Report 2021
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This past year, as in 2020, continued to be a year of unusual times with unique challenges due to the ongoing effects of the covid pandemic and the uncertainty this brought about. As individuals, churches and other Christian organizations experienced the economic impacts, this started to have a direct impact on us as a mission financially. Besides losing all financial support from some churches, others had to cut a percentage of support. The biggest challenge came when we found out that we had lost all the support we had received for the past 20 years from an organization that donated most of the money we need to feed the children in our school as well as all the orphans and widows and even the babies in the baby formula program!

There were moments we felt like Paul the apostle who said, “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.” And this is our testimony! Because by God’s grace, our mission team was able to put together and launch a fundraiser that ended up raising twice as much funding as we were receiving from the previous organization! Not only so, but we have found others who have come to our aid and helped meet the financial needs that were lost. We praise God in the middle of the storm. Even though we feel the impact of the waves, His presence is always with us to strengthen us and provide what we need.

Travel Schedule

As per my report last year, Lynn and I were able to travel back to Canada and the U.S. in February 2021 and we returned to Mozambique in June in time to participate in our SBF intensive training time. We were then requested by our board to return to Canada by December to help resolve several issues as well as support missionaries returning to Canada. In both cases these trips involved challenges due to Covid, but we are grateful that all this travel was possible and safe! Not only so, but we were also able to achieve many of the objectives set for our travels, including connecting with various donors and securing support for some of our important projects and ministries. We praise God for each of these achievements!

Missionary Transitions and Short-term visitors

Last year Josh and Chelsea completed more than 2 years of service with us in Mozambique and returned for an extended furlough period. They were blessed with the birth of their baby girl Charlee in December and due to complications with Josh’s jaw treatment have taken a hiatus from full time missionary service. They will continue to support the mission in various ways during this time. Please pray with us for them as they settle into being parents, as Josh receives the needed treatment, and as they continue to serve in this new phase of life!

Janette continued to serve the mission very effectively from Canada where she has been able to also support her family through difficult health challenges. Lord willing Janette will be able to return to Mozambique to participate at the AGM as well as achieve some important work in advance of our annual banquet.

We celebrate the application of a new missionary who will be joining the mission in Mozambique in 2025. Kerstin Deleeuw has completed a 4-year Youth Ministries Program at Prairie and is currently completing her Bachelor of Education from the University of Calgary. She has been accepted by SAM Ministries as a candidate missionary and will be raising support while she completes her 2 years of practical teaching to get her teaching certificate.



In July, Steve, an electrician from the UK was able to visit and helped attend to numerous electrical issues as well as to install the electric system in one of our cottages at the mission. Steve was accompanied by Maria Zeissler who taught art to our sponsored children as well as had a chance to do some pottery with one of our widows.

Rick Neufeld returned to Mozambique for a 2 week visit in September and was a huge blessing as he took on numerous projects that needed attention. One of these was designing and manufacturing a frame and taking down our 10,000-liter water tank off its 6 meter tower so it could be repaired. We look forward to more of Pastor Ricks input in the years ahead.

Holger Zeissler along with Luke visited from Mercy Air and Holger focused on refining the wood working skills of our carpenters while Luke assisted Andy with numerous projects!

New Mission Staff

One notable addition to our mission team this past year was Zacarias Tesouro, one of our sponsored orphans who completed his agriculture training and is being mentored to lead our agriculture and animal production teams.

An Amazing Team

This past year has reminded me yet again that it is a united team effort that God has blessed to enable so many achievements you will read about in the reports that follow! Those who pray, those who give and those who serve whether in Mozambique or in North America have been called together to impact literally thousands of people in need. And every year we get better at this! And every year the team grows in both numbers and competence. So, we look forward in anticipation regardless of the dark clouds of chaos that seem to loom in our sin-sick world!