



SAM Ministries Inc. Mozambique Special Report

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

Time-line Events

- Jan 5th, 2006 Dwight, Lynn, Earl and Ruth leave for Brazil
- Jan 11th, 2006 Dwight leaves for South Africa and Mozambique
- Feb 03, 2006 Earl and Ruth Trekofski and Lynn Lagore return to Canada
- Feb 21, 06 Dwight arrives back in Canada

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When Mercy and Love Partner in Mission

Last years' announcement by Mercy Air that they were willing to partner with S.A.M. Ministries and Love Mozambique expanded a partnership which has enabled amazing cooperative ministry.

Over the past year while the Lagores have been on furlough, Ron and Barb Wayner (pictured right) along with many of their team have provided key strategic and logistic support to the team in Mozambique. Their efforts have included everything from mechanical maintenance to transport of supplies as well as setting up of our wood-working shop.

Dwight's return in January coincided (was divinely coordinated) with a planned trip

by Mercy Air to highlight the capability of Mercy Air's helicopter. What better way to do this than visiting isolated leadership training schools with the resident missionary and a missionary dentist.

Roland and Anna-Marie are compassionate Christians who serve by helping the poor who have little or no access to dental care. Their assessment was that Mozambique is the worst they have seen.

Sam, an airline pilot, has



Left to Right: Ron & Barb Wayner, Dwight, Roland & Anna Marie, Sam, Matias

joined Mercy Air to promote funding for this kind of outreach in Switzerland.

Matias, Mercy Air's experienced helicopter pilot and staff comedian made our time together unforgettable!

"The Government of this District is wide open to...

partner and to receive you at any time and moment... If it was not for your help, this Government would not have knowledge of these harsh facts on the ground."

Administrator Alexandre Faite wrote these words to us in gratitude after we welcomed him to join us in our visits to

our extension schools that are in areas cut off from outside contact due to rains and floods. The areas we visited were facing starvation along with a cholera outbreak and no one knew about it... until God sent us! After our prayer prior to take-off, the administrator shared his story of faith and assured us of his full

support in any way.



Happy but Hungry!

Children seem to be able to adapt to anything including starvation...or is that just because they have no alternative? They really have no voice or

choice. As we visited community after community we found children who laughed on the outside, but had likely not eaten a full plate of food in weeks.



In Sinjal, cut off from the outside world, what remained to eat was "farelo" (maize chaff) normally only fed to the animals, grass seed and dried immature green bananas. The basket in the middle is the grass seed and it took an entire 60 litre bag of grass to harvest this small amount of seed that would now be dried and



ground to try to provide sustenance. Our visit here helped authorities to plan for emergency aid via Malawi.

Can you imagine life without a dentist?

"MY TEETH HURT SO BAD I HAVE NOT EATEN FOR FOUR DAYS! I HEARD THERE IS A DENTIST HERE?"

Most would answer quickly, "Yes, no more unpleasant visits!" But think of the last time you had dental pain and it just would not go away! Most Mozambicans suffer for days and weeks with no hope of relief. One man showed up and said he had not eaten for 4

days and was now too weak to walk home. This was unfortunately after the visiting dentist had left!

In Tambara, Marta the local health director is preparing emergency letters of invitation to see if we can fly Roland in to help in their district. The need for dentist assistance is overwhelming.

Love Mozambique (SAM Ministries) with Mercy Air are working on a project proposal to fly cooperating



dentists in on a routine basis to remote areas needing help. Interested?

Matching and Multiplying effort for hungry orphans



Our arrival in Mutarara in early February was at the critical hungry time of the year and what a joy it was to be able to bring help from caring Canadians who had participated and generously donated to the Global Care-athon in Heimdal, Alberta.

Our help now enables these children to receive food four times per week instead of only two. Although this is

not good enough, it will stave off starvation during this difficult time and enable better nutrition in the months when food supplies improve.

This was the third project I had the privilege of launching while in this needy area. The other two projects were in Sinjal (see top story) for 36 children and in Murrumbala for 28 children. Thank you for caring!

New Health Clinic Opening

Before even being opened officially, our new clinic was used to vaccinate over 500 babies and toddlers with the new malaria vaccine.

Malaria kills 50% of all children 5 years and under and this new vaccine holds hope for a dramatic improvement.

Thanks to Darryl and Karen Toews and all those who sponsored the Two Oceans run, this clinic is now up and running to meet critical needs.

Dwight had the privilege of hosting

key government officials for the handing-over ceremony which was attended by more than a 1000 local residents.

A local maize beverage (Mahewu - non alcoholic) was supplied to the entire community as they celebrated and danced around the new facility thanking God for this new help for their families.

Following the celebration, the dentist chair was set up and people lined up for the follow-

ing three days to be treated by Roland and Anna-Marie.



No food or milk for babies in the Mutarara Hospital

Our purpose in visiting the hospital was simply see the facility and to get a general feel for the conditions. As we moved from room to room, we took time to pray and as we did, requests came from every bed for more prayer.

When we moved into the pediatric ward we began to ask why the babies looked so thin. It was then we found out that the hospital simply did not have food and the babies had not had milk for over a week. Most of the mothers were mal-nourished them-



selves and as a result did not even have breast milk.

We immediately left and scoured the market where we found baby formula at a terribly high price, imported from Malawi, and bought for as many as we could.

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Water drilling success!!



After two drilling attempts that resulted in dry holes, we courageously tried again.

I say courageously because I read recently that **"courage is not the absence of fear, rather it is certainty that something is more important than fear!"**

We needed water in order to finalize the location for our planned multi-purpose training facility. So much was already underway and we have been in need of this training facility for at least

two years. The empty wells were an extreme challenge to our faith, but we had to persevere.

On the 16th of January, the day prior to my departure back to Canada, Valdo and the drill rig showed up early. I prayed and entrusted the project again to God. By 4 PM there was Valdo with a big smile and a thumbs up! Praise God, now the work starts!

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Carpentry Shop & Study Bibles

Nat Zook, pictured far left, has worked with Ron Wayner of Mercy Air (far right)



to set up our carpentry shop. This has given us the ability to produce our own doors, window frames and badly needed furniture, and is providing the context to train and disciple Mozambicans. Nat who is a long-term YWAMer is now considering a longer term of service with us in Mozambique. Pray for him.

We had the privilege of handing out study bibles to our key leaders. I was able to purchase in Brazil funded by a donation from McMurray Gospel Assembly in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Thank you to all those who made this possible.



Mozambique Farm Infrastructure Developing



It has been nothing short of phenomenal to watch God at work as we have worked to re-establish the mission on its own land. So many different people have come from very unexpected places to participate and make the work happen even in our absence.

Francois and Alta Rauch, missionaries

from South Africa, have provided able and dedicated leadership in our absence and have worked extremely hard to keep the various ministries going and growing.

Besides our local grade school growing to include grade 5, a pre-school is in the initial stage of being launched adjacent to this

new mission land. As you can appreciate much building and infrastructure development is needed in this remote location to enable the rest of the ministry. This is slowly coming together.

Above you can see the first mission house along with the orchard, nursery and final stages of a generator and tool

shed. A carpentry shop and administration office along with the training center and more mission housing are the next critical priorities. The carpentry shop along with wood like the river mahogany Ron cut below enables us to produce our own doors, window frames and roof trusses for the other buildings.

Thank you all for your generous partnership in finances and prayer.

