



Missionaries To

Botswana, Africa

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TWO AND A HALF YEARS IN BOTSWANA – BY HIS GRACE – FOR HIS GLORY!

It's 7:30 p.m. Sunday night. Today was a great day! **Eight adults were baptized and three others joined by Statement of Faith.** At the beginning of the year I asked God to give us three solid married couples and today those answers to prayer joined the church. One of those serves as the Assistant Attorney General of Botswana. It's amazing to see the Lord building his church. But tonight, joy is mixed with sadness (in a good way) as Lord willing, this coming Tuesday, we will fly home to begin a four-month furlough. We need it and we look forward to seeing family and dear friends alike. But it's hard to leave the church family. Yet, we leave knowing that Pastor Monte and his wife, Boitumelo, will take good care of the church and each ministry in our absence and it has prompted the people to take on more responsibility. What the Lord has done in the past 2 ½ years is almost unbelievable – a miraculous ministry! And **we just received our 5 year permits** so we trust that, by His grace and for His glory, the greatest days are ahead!

In June and for most of July we hosted three mission teams and a total of 41 people from the US and Canada. Even as I type it, looking back, I'm laughing. I can't believe it – we survived! God's grace was abundant in every way. Each group and every person was uniquely special! The fellowship was sweet and God REALLY BLESSED every ministry endeavor. It's staggering to think of what all was done!

Prayer Requests: For safe travel back to the states and during furlough – Emily's permits (still waiting on approval) – Funds for land and/or a building purchase – Co-laborers/Teams to come on mission trips - \$25,000 needed for the second printing run of New Testaments – PRAY FOR THE CHURCH!!

PRAISES

- Several thousand tracts, John and Romans, and New Testaments were distributed in mass outreaches, door to door soul-winning, and one on one personal encounters with dozens of salvation decisions made as the teams ministered in different places and venues. I'm sorry to be so general but the teams were so on the move that it was hard to keep up and record all the decisions.
- A very effective cartoon video that presents the gospel was shown to thousands of kids in public and private schools. Next January we will meet with the Minister of Education to implement a plan to show this film in every school in Botswana and also to discuss the possibility of providing the Setswana New Testaments as a textbook for required reading in the public schools to help the kids in their Setswana language classes. Most kids struggle (and many are failing) to learn formal Setswana as it is more spoken, than a written language. What would be the result if every Jr. and Sr. high school student had to read the entire New Testament?
- Three nights of VBS averaged 120+ and eight children received Christ as Savior
- A special "Saturday Kids Bible Club" in the village of Mmopane was attended by over 200 children
- The Lilly Project – 17,000 Setswana New Testaments are now printed and stacked in our storage container ready to be distributed, one per household, throughout the rural villages in Botswana. The team from our sending church, Grace Baptist had "first honor" to go into a village called Dikwadidi and distribute the New Testaments to over 100 homes throughout the entire village.

As we look towards 2020 we are praying that the Lord will lay it on the heart of Pastors, Youth pastors, Mission directors, young adults, couples and individuals alike to plan a mission trip to Botswana. We need to get the "seed" out of the barn and you can help to distribute the New Testaments house to house, show the gospel film in the schools and to conduct evangelistic meetings at night in the villages. We now have all the resources needed to SATURATE any village with the gospel. All that's needed is more manpower. Some choice young adults who came on the trips this year are planning to return next summer and the greatest burden of our heart is that God would call others to come and join in the work. We look forward to seeing many of you soon to report on the work and to share all that the Lord has put in our heart to do in the future. As always, we love you and appreciate your prayers!

**Together in the harvest,
Mike Haley**



Baptism Sunday 18 August 2019



Setswana New Testaments



Holiday Bible Club



Mmopane Kids Bible Club Special Day