



Missionaries To

Botswana, Africa



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Furlough has been wonderfully blessed! Every meeting has had a special touch of the Lord upon it and each church has been so gracious, generous and kind. We feel like Paul when he told the church in Philippians 4:18, "But I have all, and abound: I am full having received...the things which were sent from you... a sacrifice, acceptable, wellpleasing to God." We have met precious new friends, fellowshipped with old friends, led folks to Christ, and have witnessed a spirit of revival for missions in the services.

Furlough has been a wild adventure! The travel pace has been fast, furious, and at times; downright comical! We've gone from wildfires to wild winter cold in the same day. A few weeks ago we were in Napa, Marysville, and Lancaster, California watching daily news reports about the wildfires. We left California early one morning and landed in Colorado two hours later to 6 degrees and a white winter wonderland. At the moment, we're in Indiana and it feels like Antarctica. Apparently, we have fully adapted to Botswana's desert climate where this week it has been hot, dry, and over 100 degrees. Crazy eh?? Well – Praise the Lord! It's fun!



Furlough has had some WOW moments! – Pastor Ray and the church family at Hopewell BC in Napa, CA spent a week SPOILING us. After a great Missions Emphasis Sunday, a man in the church made arrangements to take us to THE VERY TOP of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco! One in 200 million people get

this opportunity and it was a surprise we'll never forget. Yes, missionaries pay a price but it pales in comparison to the wonderful blessings and precious people that God enriches our lives with.

A CRATE FOR CHRISTMAS – Many of our church members are single parents and struggle with underemployment and find it hard just to pay for the required school fees and uniforms for their kids, let alone purchasing gifts for Christmas like the nice clothing we can get here in low cost thrift stores. Cindy is addicted to thrift stores and each year our kids look forward to their "GOODWILL" box as one of their favorite Christmas gifts. **Well, just in time for Christmas, we have an opportunity to ship a jumbo-sized Goodwill box (a large 6x6x6 crate) of clothing to Botswana. For this year's Christmas project, we are raising funds to fill and ship a crate full of quality used clothing.**

We want to couple this with some boxes of staple food items to give to our widows and single parents. We'll set up tables displaying the clothes and each person will receive tickets to "spend" – one ticket per article of clothing – as they "shop" for their clothes. What a blessing and what fun this will be for everyone involved! Our sending church is going to underwrite a good part of this effort but there's plenty of need and opportunity if your church or family would like to be a part of something very special for Christmas. **We estimate that the entire project will cost about \$4500.** A lot of clothing has been donated but much of it is oversized or winter wear. Botswana is a hot and dry climate and most Africans are skinnier and smaller in stature than we Americans. **We're really lacking on primary and junior aged kids clothes.** We'll sort through the donated items but Cindy can get much of what's needed by shopping clearance racks and Thrift Stores for select items and sizes. She can get a lot of bang for the buck buying the less popular sizes in the thrift stores. **Funding for the shipping and food items or gift cards to shop Goodwill stores is the greatest need.** If you would like to participate please designate your gift as "Christmas Crate." Please contact Cindy via email or by phone (317) 459-8138 with any questions. Thank you for your prayers and giving spirit – especially at this special time of year!



PRAISE AND PRAYER

- \$8000 of the \$25,000 needed for the 2nd printing of New Testaments has been given
- Several students are praying about participating as summer interns in Botswana
- Some prospective co-laborers (families and individuals) are praying and planning to visit the field
- Our son Brock has been more faithful in his walk with God and to "commit his way" to the Lord
- The church in Botswana is FLOURISHING in our absence – so encouraging!