

Botswana, Africa

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JESUS IS CHRISTMAS!

That's the message that has been close to my heart this Christmas season and it is the prayer of our family that your family had a blessed Thanksgiving and that your Christmas is filled with the presence of our Lord Jesus. **As you worship the SON may you sense God's great love for us in a special and intimate way.** Humanity is in a dark and desperate place. Sin abounds. The wickedness of man increases. It's not the Grinch but rather, Satan who tries to steal Christmas having commercialized and secularized what is holy, sacred, and special. But **the light that is JESUS STILL SHINES through the darkness** and we rejoice that we, like the shepherds in Luke 2, can go and "make known abroad" all the things that have been told to us, what we have seen and heard, concerning this child! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. You have made this Christmas, *extra special*, for the Haley family with your Christmas offerings, gifts, and cards. Being here with our family and friends for Christmas fills our heart and reminds us to pray for those who are afield this year and will not be "home for the holidays."

BACK TO BOTSWANA

Furlough has come to an end and what a blessed road it has been! We are scheduled to fly back to Botswana on Dec. 30th. God's grace has kept us safe, provided for every need, and the love, hospitality, generosity, and fellowship we have experienced from so many of you has been overwhelming. We are well prepared and ready in heart to get back to our church family and the ministry in Botswana. I'll send out a bullet list plan and prayer list in mid-January detailing our goals for this next season of ministry. We cannot wait to see what God will do in the coming year.

PRAISES – PRAYER – AND PROGRESS

1. \$13,210 of the \$25,000 needed has been given already for the 2nd printing of the Setswana New Testament. Praise the Lord for each church, family, and individual that has given!
2. On Dec. 19th we shipped the *Clothes for Christmas* crate filled - REALLY filled – to Botswana. Over 5,000 articles of clothing were donated and \$2675 was given. The clearing agent in Botswana donated their services (PTL!) which reduced the overall cost but we still lack about \$600 to finish this project.
3. Please pray for Pastor Monte & Boitumelo and the Grace Baptist church family as we all labor together to take the ministry to the next level and to plant a second church. We have many opportunities and need of co-laborers. There are three of our Botswana men that I have much in heart and mind, waiting to see if they will answer God's call to preach and prepare for FT Christian service. Pray that we will have wisdom, discernment and clear direction from the Holy Spirit.



**Wishing you and yours a CHRIST-FILLED Christmas
and a blessed start to the New Year!**

