



Missionaries To

Botswana, Africa



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THE ALL CONSUMING COVID 19 PANDEMIC – WE ARE COMPLIANT & CONCERNED & CONTINUING ON!

The abundance of people checking in to ask about our welfare has been so encouraging! Thank you for your love and concern! We're praying daily for our family, friends, and supporting churches as we know everyone is being affected. We knew it was inevitable and on March 30th they announced the first three confirmed cases of Covid 19 here in Botswana. We had 0 cases for about three weeks but it was due to non-detection and minimal testing. Africa, and Botswana in particular, has fared well compared to the rest of the world but that could all change – very quickly! Botswana ranks 4th in the world with HIV infected persons and immunity levels are already weakened. If sub-Sahara Africa continues to experience a low number of Covid 19 infected persons with few fatalities, it will be nothing short of the grace and mercy of Almighty God! Please pray specifically for the African countries. Many could perish (without Christ) and with the lack of economic reserves (such as we have in the US) many people will suffer intense hardships. The hand of God's blessing and protection has been evident upon our church family protecting many from job losses and salary reductions. We're caring for our widows and the less fortunate and your faithful giving makes that a lot easier to do. GOD always takes care of HIS OWN! Thank you for being so faithful to this ministry!

On Thursday, April 2nd we begin a 28-day lockdown with police and military enforcement. Two Sundays back we had our last public church service by meeting at a large school campus and then we spread out in small groups of 10 or less to comply with "social distancing." This past Sunday we published a church newsletter and recorded the Sunday message from our home with video and audio on Facebook, YouTube, and WhatsApp. Few

families in the church have internet access in their home BUT – we're being as creative as possible. By hand delivering DVD's to the students homes we're able to continue with our Bible Institute classes. Everyone still has to "go out" to shop for groceries so we have armed our people with a very timely gospel tract and most people are willing to receive them – at arms length! One guy asked me if it was sanitized – I said, "Yes sir, sanitized and sanctified." He didn't get the humor – ha ha.

HELP AND A HOME IS IN THE NEAR FUTURE!! – We're excited to announce that the Lord has called another missionary to come alongside and work with us here. We'll be able to introduce her by name a few months from now but can tell you that she is a 14-year veteran missionary to Africa with an abundance of experience in Christian education, children's ministries, orphanage work, and ladies discipleship! The C- 19 pandemic changed the timing on some things but Lord willing she'll be in Botswana permanently beginning in January of 2021. This is a great answer to prayer and not only will our ministry team be blessed (and honored) to have such a spirit filled and equipped co-laborer but what it means for the people of Botswana and the future of the ministry here truly REJOICES my heart. Please pray that God will continue to call others!

For OVER TWO YEARS we have prayed for a building that would be a more permanent location for the church and the one you see in the pictures is probably the answer to that prayer. When we received a \$1500 offering for the building project a few weeks ago and then later that week an email reminder from a dear sister in California wanting to help with our building needs I knew the Lord was getting ready to open a door. There's a lot to share about this building and the ministries it will facilitate. I'm going to write a second letter here in a week or so to detail those things. In the meantime, please pray that God would give us wisdom and discernment as we negotiate terms and conditions for initially renting and then at a later date being able to purchase it.

Together in the harvest,
Mike, Cindy, and Emily

