

July 2016 Start Up Fund

PROGRESS: The Lord has blessed us with Cleveland BC in Ohio, Friendship BC in Indiana & Peoples BC in North Carolina – **three new partnering churches.** Fifteen churches are pending and nine of those have indicated that they too will become supporting churches soon. This is great progress and we're very encouraged by it. We're doing a lot of follow up work this month. Please pray and ask God to give the increase! Our goal is 85-90% before we leave in two weeks. Forty eight churches and seven friends and family members are currently partnering with us. I'm estimating that we'll need approx. 65 + churches to reach 100% of our required support. We'll fly out for Botswana on Monday July 25th to prepare for our permanent arrival in January. If you would like to contribute to our start up fund, (housing, visa, airfare, auto purchase, container shipping) please send your check to BIMI (address below) with Acct #1560 /"Start Up Fund" on the memo line.



PRAYER: We'll be in Botswana for six weeks returning on September 6th. We're ready to see the place and the people that God has called us to. Please pray for safe travel and that God will give us favor with the government officials and that our lawyer will be diligent. Our primary objective is to get BIMI Botswana legally recognized in the country. We are working on all of the documents from our sending church, personal info, and BIMI to get that done. Pray for Emily as she will accompany us for four weeks and then fly back alone. Please pray that God does that "special work" through the Holy Spirit to give her a clear calling & vision for her life. There was a chance for our son Brock to go as well, but he could not be away from work for that long.

PAID IN FULL: The \$1745 needed to pay off the purchase of the shipping container has been given! On June 22nd I asked the Lord to provide the remaining \$1545 needed. A few hours later we rec'd an email and the entire amount was paid for by a dear lady with a burden to see the Word of God go to Botswana! Praise the Lord! Thank you, each one of you who prayed and gave. Please pray as we continue to coordinate the printing and shipping to get the scriptures to the container in Indiana.

PROBLEMS: Apart from the truck repairs last year we've had very few mechanical issues with the vehicles until last month when apparently the Lord decided we needed a good dose of it – ha ha!! Within two and a half weeks our travel trailer had a dangerous gas leak, a water leak that ruined part of the under floor, two flat tires and a third that blew out and took out the wheel well and a flat tire on the truck. Much of this happened in OH and West VA where the heat and humidity that week would steam a lobster. In between services we tried to patch in some repairs in the parking lot of a Home Depot and everything was a struggle! I prayed and asked the Lord to get us to a place and a person who could help us make the needed repairs. I knew the Lord had answered when we pulled into Liberty BC for a Wednesday night meeting and met "building contractor- turned Pastor," Kim Stone who can build or repair ANYTHING! We made a dear friend and enjoyed sweet fellowship with the church family and within a couple of days were able to get everything repaired. Later on I accompanied Pastor Stone on a hospital visit and saw a 77 year old man, whom many had prayed for, receive Christ!

PRAISE: We attended a very FULL week of candidate training at BIMI in Harrison, TN with 40 other missionary families. It was a great joy to see old friends, meet new ones, and see how God is calling choice servants to take the gospel around the world in THIS generation! On our way to Greenville, NC we stopped in Burlington, NC to attend the well-known revival going on there. Over 5100 people were in attendance and 80 folks walked the aisle and were saved that night! All my life I have longed to see a real revival on that fashion and we're thankful that at least for one night – we were there!

