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PERMITS APPROVED

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Dearest Family, Friends, and Prayer Warriors:

Yesterday afternoon I received a call notifying me that Immigration had approved our application for permits. Shortly thereafter Cindy and Emily went to immigration and saw the paperwork for themselves and indeed - WE ARE APPROVED.

We will find out next week when we go to have the permits put in our passports the length of time of our approval but most likely it will be 5 years before we have to be concerned with this again. All I can say is,

PRAISE GOD!! AND THANK YOU FOR PRAYING!

The victory and the glory is the LORD'S and all of us share in it together. This is not about the Haley's. It never has been (Acts 20:24). This is about the precious souls of people here in Botswana and beyond who will hear the gospel, be SAVED, DISCIPLED AND BAPTIZED, and added to the LORD'S church where they will be loved and led to live a Spirit filled Christian life, bear fruit for God's glory, and taught to labor in personal witnessing and evangelistic outreach to bring others to Jesus Christ as local churches are planted here in Botswana. That is what the Lord has given us to do and it is the desire of our heart to be about our Father's business.

An incredible burden was lifted off of my heart (literally, it was both spiritual and physical) when I heard the decision. For more than four months we have lived with the unknown, in a state of flux and our ministry was very hindered as we were unable to have public church services, hand out tracts with the church name, or do anything "official" as a missionary/pastor. At times it has broken my heart. Yet in the midst of it all God has given the increase, our people have grown stronger, and amazing doors of opportunity have continued to open.

Well, the burden is lifted, the gate is open and 2018 lies just ahead. May the Lord give all of us the most fruitful year of ministry we have ever known. We have asked you to pray about so many things and the constant flow of emails has been incredibly encouraging. In coming days I'll share the opportunities God has given us to focus on in the year ahead. Perhaps the greatest burden of my heart is the need for co-laborers. We are now in a position to help other missionaries to come and work here in Botswana. Please pray that God will call and that those whom He calls will answer the call to come and join in these harvest fields. They truly are white unto harvest but seasons bring change and change is quickly coming to Botswana and throughout Africa.

We love you and appreciate your affectionate prayers, faith, giving, friendship and fellowship in the work of the Lord.

Together in the harvest,

Mike, Cindy, and Emily Haley
Acts 20:24
Blessed in Botswana, AFRICA