

Sunday Safari

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Hello folks! I'm doing my best to get back to a weekly recap of our ministry that we call the Sunday Night Safari. This week I find I am writing it on Tuesday. It's been that kind of a week already. Praise the Lord, now that we have our permits the work is back in full swing and the Lord is blessing in wonderful ways. Our theme for 2018 for our personal lives and church ministry is "Unprecedented Blessings" based on Jeremiah 33:3. Our desire is to seek the Lord and as a result, to experience God's greatness and grace like never before in our Faith, Families, Finances, and Future. We love you and when we specifically pray for you, your family, ministry, and church family we are asking God to also give you a year of Unprecedented Blessing.

Sunday was a great day with 79 in attendance! Brother Monte is literally hitting it out of the park with his new Sunday school class the Gideons. On Saturday five 12 year-old boys showed up to go out door knocking with us and invite their friends to church! They had a great class on Sunday and as many of these boys do not have a father figure in their lives the impact that Monte is having on their lives teaching them the ways of the Lord and manhood is invaluable.

Ms. Tjada and Emily report that enthusiasm and the attendance at the public school Bible club has doubled in the past three weeks from an average of 20 to over 40 students attending. Last week they ran a bit late and the parents started filling in the back of the room and listening in as the ladies taught the "Stories of the Bible." Tjada said the great blessing was that at the end 7 different students raised their hand volunteering to dismiss in prayer, something very unusual for these typically shy kids. Not sure who to pick she just had each one say their own dismissal prayer!!!!! Folks that is just awesome and shows God much at work in the hearts of these kids. Praise His name!!

Here we go again...Prayer warriors please pray with us! Emily's application for a residence permit to live and work with us here in Botswana was denied with no explanation. We are now engaged in an appeals process that is tedious and unpredictable. Emily came back to Botswana last July to live with us and has grown tremendously in her personal walk with God and understanding of His will for her life. I'm so proud of the beautiful young woman she has become and her presence here is a vital asset to the ministry. This latest trial of our faith reminds us once again of how dependent we are on God to move mountains of resistance, adversity, and obstruction towards the work of God in this place. I appreciate your prayers on our behalf and we'll keep you posted as things develop.

We're working the ministry on a lot of different "fronts" right now. As you're able, please pray for the following:

- Emily's permits
- An open door to locate and start the new church plant in the village of Mmopane
- An open door on a date for a Bible distribution at a Teachers College to some 400 teachers
- Upcoming meeting where we'll preach and distribute scriptures to the Special Forces Police Headquarters
- A meeting with a Muslim businessman to discuss renting one of his properties for a more accommodating place for Grace Baptist Church to meet in.

- Scott Haynes, a young man from the States who is with us for three weeks and praying about God's will for his life in the area of missions.
- Several folks in our church who need employment or are working on business opportunities
- The US \$ has tanked in value here and we're getting a low exchange rate that has adversely affected our budget.

Thank you for standing with us.

Together in the harvest, Bro. Mike Haley Acts 20:24



