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II Corinthians 3:5: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

A word from the heart – The work here is not without difficulties and challenges. A foreign missionary has the unique responsibility to teach the universal, all-encompassing, and unchanging truth of God's Word within the cultural context of the place he lives and the people he serves. Every moment he navigates the unfamiliar aspects of culture and communication; daily contends with doctrinal confusion, corruption and chaos on every side; all part of an UNENDING STRUGGLE that is spiritually draining and mentally exhausting as he labors to preach the TRUE gospel of Christ. Sometimes, it's overwhelming. We don't write about it much preferring to emphasize the blessing of what God is doing in spite of the battles and the weaknesses of our flesh (Philippians 4: 4-14). When writing to you of the blessings of God on this ministry we're not trying to boast in ourselves and I pray that we're not giving that impression. What is happening here in Botswana is GOD'S DOING and HE ALONE is worthy of praise! We want to rejoice IN HIM and WITH YOU for what WE TOGETHER are a part of. His call + our obedience + your faith to give and pray + God's power and blessing = the work of God being accomplished for GOD'S GLORY!

Scripture Distribution Projects – Get ready to shout! Several recent contributions, including an \$8000 VBS offering (Thank You Temple BC) has our total funds received for the printing of New Testaments in the Setswana language at \$14,000! We are only \$1000 short of our estimated goal of \$15,000. Please pray for the remaining funds to come in and ESPECIALLY for permission to use the Setswana translation. The paperwork is prepared and soon we'll travel to South Africa to meet with those who hold the copyright on the translation. Recently the Lord orchestrated a meeting with the Senior Chaplain of the Botswana Defense Force (BDF), the army of Botswana. Next week we are scheduled to preach and distribute English New Testaments at Glen Valley, the first of several military bases located around the country. Glen Valley is home to 3000 of the approximately 20,000 soldiers serving in the military. This is an incredible opportunity and an inroad to a greater work that I'll share more about in a later letter. Please pray for God to move mightily in the hearts of these to become soldiers for Christ.

Continued Growth – More of the first-time visitors at Grace BC are becoming regular attenders. The room for adults is full and we're still praying about and looking for a suitable place to relocate. Recently a married couple and two adult men who left the Seventh Day Adventist church began attending regularly. I've met with them twice to address doctrinal issues/questions they have about the deity of Christ, the trinity, and Bible prophecy. The original group of four has become 7 and this past Wednesday they brought a "pastor." Please pray for Bruce and company to embrace the truth, receive and follow Christ.

Meet Brother Amantle Tumagole – He's Brother Monte to all of us but his proper name, Amantle, means *"His words are beautiful or Good Tidings"* appropriate as God has called him to preach the Word of Life to his people (Romans 10:15). Brother Monte is 27 years old, was born again several years ago, and will soon marry his fiancé Boitumelo! Monte serves with us full-time as a treasured friend, co-laborer, and Pastor in training. For the last year and a half, he has studied for the ministry in the Grace Baptist Bible Institute with a desire to plant churches and reach his people with the gospel. He is a tireless soul-winner, loves teaching his Gideon class (teenage boys) and is also involved in weekly discipleship ministry with a group of men. Monte truly is a man of God among men and an example to us all. He is bold as a lion in his faith and gentle as a lamb in his love for the Lord and God's people. He does have a weakness – sweets! The man loves sweets. Please pray for Brother Amantle:

- God's blessing on and provision for his wedding to Boitumelo
- Lost family and recently saved family members to grow in Christ
- Success in testing as he is getting his driver's license (very difficult here)
- Continued growth as he studies the Word and prepares for ministry
- God's hand to rest upon him in preaching and leading his people

Serving Him, Mike, Cindy & Emily Haley

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