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Baptism Sunday was an incredible success and brought great glory to God and joy to all as 13 people took this step of obedience to Christ. It's winter here and the water was cold but the Lord gave us a gloriously sunny day for the event. We enjoyed a wonderful celebration service at our home and fed a traditional Setswana meal to 92 people. It was quite an undertaking but one of the greatest joys was seeing the "spirit" of fellowship and servitude as ladies from the church and even some of our guests jumped in to help. The following Sunday each of those baptized stood and gave a public testimony of their salvation, God's grace in their lives, and what their baptism meant to them. It was one of the sweetest services I have ever been in and the "aroma" of God's grace literally hung in the air like the fragrance of a sweet-smelling perfume. Each candidate received their baptism certificate, professional pictures of their baptism, and a hardcover BEAMS Bible. There was a considerable amount of additional expense involved in our ministry this past month and right along with that our monthly support was at an all-time high. Every need was met literally to the penny. God is so good and I cannot thank the Lord enough for each of our supporting churches, family and friends that make this ministry possible.

The Wednesday evening service is growing in number and in spirit. An average of 22 are attending. I am currently teaching on legitimate spiritual gifts and the false doctrines of the Charismatics. This teaching is extremely needed here where sound doctrine is so non-existent. On Sundays, we are preaching on marriage and the Christian home. Again, there is an unbelievable deficiency of Biblical understanding about God's design for marriage and as a result, fornication abounds. It has been incredibly encouraging to see some of our people taking the steps to marry according to God's will and way. This is not easy for them. In many cases, to obey God, they have to turn from the traditions of their culture. That's not always a big deal in our American way of things but in Africa – that's big! Please pray for these to have the boldness and the grace needed to continue to follow Christ.

In the midst of these triumphs we have had some difficult trials. A few weeks ago, I had an onset of horrible pain – like none I've ever known. At first I thought it was an appendix. In the end, it was kidney stones. We received excellent care at the private hospital here and God worked to give us some "angels" on earth at the pharmacy on a Sunday morning. The pain left me completely incapacitated for four days but finally the stone passed. I still have one "looming" in my left kidney but for now the pain is gone.

In July we will host a missions team of 11 ladies for 14 days from Temple Baptist Church in Flower Mound, Texas. Please pray for these ladies and their ministry while they are here. We're INCREDIBLY EXCITED about what is planned and what we anticipate that God will do. They are flying through Qatar so please pray all goes smoothly with their flights. The day they leave a dear friend and his daughter will arrive for two weeks. After that we have a one week field conference in South Africa and then have a young lady coming for a month. It will be a busy time but one filled with opportunity for God to work in the hearts of our people and to see many souls saved. As always we love you and appreciate your prayers.

For Him,
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