

Sunday Night Safari

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Dearest Family, Friends, and Prayer Warriors,

It's 9 pm on Sunday night here in Botswana. We've had a great day!! It's a joy to get back online with our Sunday Night Safaris. We need and appreciate your prayers and so many of you are so very faithful to comment back. We're always encouraged to know that folks are getting blessed by the great things the Lord is doing here. Today the Lord gave us a "handful on purpose." It's a four day holiday weekend here in Botswana and we expected the attendance to be way down as many of our faithful folks were planning to be out of town. Well - as He usually does - the Lord poured out a blessing! There were 13 first time visitors at church this morning and at the end of the service two folks were saved. A dear lady named Ruth was walking past the church this morning, saw the sign, and just felt compelled to come and visit. That's happened on several occasions. As we preached on the grace of God for salvation, Godly living, and Christian growth she hung on every word. During the invitation she prayed, publicly (out loud) and sweetly and unashamedly asked Jesus to forgive her of sin and save her soul. Warren, the fifteen year old nephew of Sister Tjada, is in town visiting his aunt and he too readily received the Lord. The congregational singing this morning was unusually robust and the spirit of the service was incredibly sweet. It was a great day at church!!

Great blessings usually come on the heels of great battles. I'm oft reminded that there has to be a cross before there is a crown. A few weeks back it was a bout with kidney stones. Last week I had to make an unexpected whirlwind trip to the U.S. to deal with some difficult issues there. This past Thursday morning we were on our way to the police station for our weekly service and whilst sitting in stand still rush hour traffic Cindy's car door was jerked open and a thug tried to take her phone. By the grace of God she had a cup of coffee in her hands and was able to throw it into his face. When I got to her side of the car he had brandished a knife and retreated to the median. I returned to the car as he stood in the middle of the road in broad daylight looking like a wild eyed devil. It rattled us but served as a good reminder that you can never let down your guard and we are incredibly thankful that THE LORD protected us - especially Cindy. These things don't just heighten our physical senses - they also work to heighten our spiritual senses so that we're reminded of how dependent we are on God's power and grace. Please pray for God's hand of protection to be upon us physically; but also pray that we will be sensitive and obedient to what the Lord wants to do in our lives spiritually as a result of these testings and trials. We would also ask you to pray for the unity of the church. We are praying and working through a delicate and difficult situation that needs to be handled in the spirit of Christ and with great wisdom. Please pray with us for God's will to prevail in the matter and that new Christians are not uprooted in the process.

In a few days a group of 11 ladies from Temple Baptist Church in Flower Mound, Texas are set to arrive for two weeks of ministry. We are ecstatic about their coming and sense that God is going to bless their ministry here in an overwhelming fashion. Would you take a moment even now and pray for the *Temple Ladies Mission Team*. They are flying through Quatar. Please pray for their safety as they travel to and from Botswana and whilst they are here, for their baggage to not be lost or delayed, and for God's hand of blessing to be upon all that they do as they minister each day. Pray for Cindy and I and Brother Amantle and Sister Tjada and our church family that we will be great hosts and for all of the logistical details involved. Thank you for praying!

We love each of you and count it a great joy to be ...

Together in the Harvest,

Brother Mike and Cindy Haley