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Sunday Safari

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Tonights Sunday safari is easy to write. The Lord gave us 103 in church today and a wonderful spirit in the services. Still, it was bittersweet as Elias, a young college student from Kenya, who has been a faithful servant and soul-winner in the church, spent his last Sunday in Botswana with us. On Tuesday he flies back out to Kenya. Yesterday (Saturday) he and I partnered together out soul-winning in an apartment complex. I noticed a man sitting alone not far from a row of apartments where we were canvassing and told Elias I was going over to witness to him and to go on ahead. The man was very receptive and wanted to hear the gospel but as I began to lead him down the Romans Road I went into an uncontrollable coughing spell (getting over a bronchial infection). I called for Elias to come and take over and he led the man to Christ.

Meanwhile, as I walked away and settled the cough, two neighborhood kids came alongside. I had already knocked on their door and their parents were not at home but they were interested in following along. A few minutes later two of their friends came along and we sat down on the sidewalk together as I told them the story of Jesus. We talked about a Creator God who loves mankind and how sinners needed a Savior and worked our way all the way through the gospel story. All I can say is that I was amazed at how much they understood, how well they answered my questions, and how intent they were as all four of them asked Jesus to come into their heart, save them from sin, and give them eternal life. It was amazing to see how God gave them understanding and to witness their child-like faith. As I left them I told them I hoped they would come to church soon.

This morning - two familiar faces came running into church and hugged me before I could place who they were. Was I ever blessed to see eight year old Loapi and his six year old sister Lobopo in church this morning. A few minutes later I met their father who told me with a lot of humor how that when he got ready to leave this morning for his Sunday errands his kids were sitting in the back seat of the car and when he asked what they were up to they said, "Daddy - you are taking us to church today." Well...that's what happened. I couldn't get dad to stay for church but he said he appreciated the wonderful enthusiasm he saw in his kids this morning.

Every soul saved is precious but there is something special about seeing the sincerity and purity of heart in a child. Our adult hearts can be so layered with reasons to not believe. No wonder that Jesus said, "...except ye become as little children..."

God bless you. We love you all and appreciate the great honor you've given us to serve the Lord here in this place. Please pray that God will send forth laborers to help with the harvest. Opportunities abound!!

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