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April has been an exciting and fruitful month! Our precious church family is growing in the Lord and **the building is filling each week with the visitors THEY are bringing in. Last Sunday, Sarudzai, who has only been coming for a short time herself, brought THREE other ladies with her.** It's great to see the first-time visitors blessed by the loving spirit in the church and "glued" to the preaching of the Word. And it is exciting to see the Batswana taking ownership of the church and working hard to reach their family and friends. The past two weeks' attendance has been in the eighties and **in the past month seven adults received Christ as Saviour as well as several children.** With the children, we never discount their sincerity, but as many children would "get saved" week after week we are careful to take ample time to really make sure they understand the gospel before they make a profession of faith.

I'm oft reminded that fruitful ministry is a result of being faithful through all seasons. There are distinct seasons of preparation and planting; watering and watching; weeding and waiting, then FINALLY the wonder of it all, harvesting the fruit. As we are faithful to the task – CHRIST IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH!

Of course, the goal is to have "fruit that remains" and so we are very committed to the ministry of discipleship. Leading someone to Christ is always a joy but the work of discipleship is the enduring and sometimes, exhausting, work of the gospel. Again, we're thrilled to see the older Christians in the church stepping up and accepting the responsibility to reach and teach their people. Three folks will complete their "Continue" discipleship course this next month and are already engaged in discipling others.

Our next BAPTISM SUNDAY is planned for the 27th of May. With a list of more than 15 prospects to counsel with about baptism and over 30 that need to be followed up on to present the gospel it is going to be a full month with four weeks of intensive soul-winning and visitation effort. All of these persons represent those who have recently visited or are regularly attending the church. Each one is a precious soul and another opportunity to see someone saved. **Please pray** for God to fill us with His Spirit and to empower us both physically and spiritually and that many will be saved and that the new converts will be obedient to believer's baptism.

BUILDING NEED – **Please continue to pray** for our need of a new location for the church. We've made a proposal on a very promising possibility and are waiting to hear back from the owner. For now, we're ok where we are but that will soon change.

SCRIPTURE PROJECT – **Please pray about giving** towards the estimated \$15,000 needed to print New Testaments in the Setswana language. Our goal is to print here in Botswana and we are working through a tedious process of getting permission to use the Setswana translation. Today, I visited a hospital in hopes of witnessing to a dying woman. The room was filled with loved ones representing four different religions including Islam. I don't think anyone there was a born again Christian. Our visit was cut short but we left behind a New Testament readily received by the family. **That New Testament is a lantern in the darkness that lights the way to salvation through Christ.** So is every single one you help to provide for as we put them into the very hands of the lost souls living in darkness here in Botswana.

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