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Baptism Sunday – In recent weeks several in our church family have been slipping into a spiritual rut allowing nominal and petty distractions to keep them out of church. When you start missing church – it doesn't take long before your joy goes missing as well and the devil does his dirty work! Two of our men and I have begun meeting on Saturday nights for special intercessory prayer. Last Sunday we had **91 in attendance and 9 people obeyed the Lord in Believers Baptism** and we see it as a direct result of those prayers. Big days usually draw larger than normal crowds but this Sunday was different. There were 3 first time visitors but most of the congregation was the regular



folks being back in their place. As we continue to pray, please pray with us that each one will remain faithful and continually grow in grace.

A New Public School Ministry – Recently Cindy was invited by a public-school principal to attend a Parent Teacher Association meeting. More than 200 parents unanimously voted to give us 40 minutes each week to conduct a Bible club. Today (March 28) was the first day and it was overwhelmingly blessed! More than 500 students attended and sang, laughed, and listened so attentively as Cindy taught on Cain and Abel and how we must come to God His way – through Jesus Christ. **PRAISE THE LORD!** She also attended a convention recently, hosted here in Botswana, of the Scripture Union of Southern African countries. This multi-national organization is responsible for the implementation of Bible clubs in public and private schools in several south African countries. Through nothing more than some real humorous and "typical of life in Africa" confusion about seating arrangements (she was reseated three times) the Lord orchestrated her

being seated right in the midst of the VIP section. The event started two hours late (more life in Africa) but during that time she met and befriended the Ambassador to Namibia, and the national Directors of the SU organizations for Botswana, South Africa, Namibia and more. Of course – they all got selfies! I love this crazy woman and I love the way that God ordains these connections - all part of His working to open more and more opportunities to reach this generation with the gospel. There are so many opportunities but the laborers are so few! Please pray in earnest that God will call others to come and labor alongside of us in this ripe harvest field! We're very excited about some young men and women that are coming on the Mission Team trips later this year and praying that God will indeed call them to serve in Botswana.



Faith Bible Institute – God has led us to expand our Bible Institute ministry to a new level. By God's grace we are going to incorporate, here in Botswana, the Faith Bible Institute that is so widely used in many of our churches there in the United States. This three-year course of study includes a thorough study of every book in the Bible and will root each student in sound Biblical doctrine. With FBI we can better equip and educate pastors and faithful church members to be strong Christian leaders and church planters. This is a vital component of achieving the vision God has burdened us with to train up a generation of Godly, Bible-believing people who will reach this country for Christ. We will start with approximately 10 students and have need of \$2000 (\$200 per student) to sponsor the cost of tuition, textbooks, and transportation for the first semester. Compare this to what a semester of college costs in America? Could you make a worthier investment into the life of a fellow believer than to invest in his or her study of the Word of God in preparation for a lifetime of service? We've designed a feasible payment plan so that each student will pay back half of his or her cost over the course of the semester so that they too have made a PERSONAL sacrifice and commitment to the schooling. What is paid back will go into a fund to help sponsor new students in the future. Not all, but many of our people live on an average of \$150 to \$200 USD equivalent a month. Please prayerfully consider being a sponsor of the FBI in Botswana! Contributions can be sent to BIMI account #1560 and designated as "Bible Institute."

COMING UP – REVIVAL SERVICES AND FRIEND AND FAMILY DAY – Each night, Wednesday thru Friday of April 10-12 we will have revival services with our dear friend and co-laborer Chad Branch, missionary to South Africa preaching. On that Saturday we will have a Bible and Braai in the Bush (cookout) Men's Fellowship and on that Sunday we will have Friend and Family Day at church. This will be our first ever revival services and our first annual Friend and Family Day. We're promoting it to the hilt but I have no idea how our people will respond to it. Sometimes the Batswana can be a bit bewildering as to how they take to new things so needless to say, I'm a bit nervous with all we're putting into it. Please pray that God will bless BEYOND EXPECTATION, that souls will be saved and many visitors will come to the church.

We love and appreciate you all! Thank you for being a faithful part of this wonderful work that God is doing! Mike, Cindy & Emily Haley

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