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BLESSED CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

"OVERWHELMED"

As we enter into this blessed Christmas season, Cindy and I are truly overwhelmed by God's love for sinners and your love for us. The word overwhelmed is most often used in a negative context but we are overwhelmed with thanksgiving and joy - not sorrow!

We are overwhelmed that our Holy God gave the gift of His precious Son Jesus to a world of lost sinners. We deserved Hell. He gave us eternal life in Heaven. We deserved wrath and condemnation. He gave us the Christ-child, born on Christmas day, horribly slain on a cross, yet gloriously resurrected and coming again! What a gift!

We are overwhelmed by the outpourings of your love and generosity. We could not begin to praise the Lord or thank you enough for the precious offerings that have been given to help with shipping the container and providing Sunday school supplies. Cindy and I have never witnessed anything like it in our ministry. Over \$10,000 has been received and boxes upon boxes of supplies so that we have need nor want of anything. One morning we broke into tears of laughter as we praised God for His goodness.

We are overwhelmed with a sense of awe and responsibility knowing that to whom much is given, much shall be required. We are ready to take the gospel back to Botswana. Please pray that God will endue us with Holy Spirit power, wisdom, strength, and understanding for the days ahead as we begin this great work.

We have been overwhelmingly blessed as many of you sent unexpected Christmas offerings for our family. Because of it we will be able to do some "special" things for our Brock and Emily which means so much to us as we will not have the holidays together after we leave. Cindy has put in an order for a Christmas puppy to be found as soon as we arrive in Botswana. Oh boy! That'll be interesting!!

We love each of you dearly! Our Christmas prayer is that you will be overwhelmed with the abiding presence of our blessed Savior and the joys of family and treasured traditions. Wishing you a Merry and Christ filled Christmas!

Mike and Cindy Haley Botswana, Africa - December 2016