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PLAN "B" = BLESSED!

All eleven ladies from Texas arrived safely, on time, and with all of their luggage! We picked them up at the airport and whisked them off to Wednesday night prayer meeting for a very special first service together. It was the beginning of two very busy weeks as the ladies conducted a Ladies Fellowship, a Holiday Bible Club (VBS), participated in services at the police station, went soul-winning, distributed scriptures at colleges, and attended discipleship meetings. An immense amount of preparation was done for their time of ministry here and we had a well formulated plan and schedule. BUT GOD HAD AN INCREDIBLE "PLAN B" in store that left us all standing in amazement at His power and grace!

We were scheduled to distribute 10,000 New Testaments during registration at the University of Botswana. But registration was delayed a week and only a few students had arrived. We decided to go ahead and find who we could on campus. As it turns out, the national championships for soccer, volleyball, and softball were being held on the athletic fields and we found thousands of student athletes and coaches from all over Botswana present. Over 2000 NT's were passed out in two hours time and some of the coaches halted the games (national championship games) so their players could personally receive the gift of God's Word. Many asked about the church and over and over again students asked if we could come to their town/village and start a church. It became heartbreaking! Moments later I was introduced to the Director of Academic Athletics for all of Botswana. He oversees all athletic directors and sports programs from college level on down and asked if we could meet to discuss a plan to get a NT in the hands of every student athlete in Botswana. It's a monumental task but one that is certainly doable and we will begin raising funds for the Scriptures, container, and shipping costs later this year. Another 700 copies of NT's were distributed on two smaller campuses as well and this coming week (Aug 8-10) we'll be back on campus with a father/daughter team from Cornerstone Baptist Temple in Dayton, OH and a group from the church to finish distribution at the University.

Most of the school kids were out on winter break so we could only hope that the Holiday Bible Club would be well attended. The team prepared for 50 kids a night but we passed out over 1000 invitations. On the first night 96 children came followed by 122 the second night and 110 on the third night. IT WAS OVERWHELMING and at least ten children received Christ as Savior. The following Sunday we had a record 151 in church!! The adults had to give up the main room to the kids and many of the parents attended the service. Four of those parents were saved during the invitation! We've witnessed an incredible season of harvest with 7 adults saved in the services recently and three civilians saved at the police station last week. There is much to be done by way of follow up work as we labor to get folks committed to discipleship and faithful in church attendance. Please pray the Lord will strengthen us for the work ahead.

What the Lord is doing here in Botswana is way beyond us. Only God could open these doors of opportunity. Please pray that God will send laborers to help with the harvest. We love you and appreciate the faithfulness of each of our supporting churches and individuals. Your prayers are making an eternal impact in the lives of precious souls here in this place. It is indeed a joy to be...

Together in the harvest, Mike and Cindy Haley













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