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In Indiana, the Fall season brings with it the harvest of crops, big deer, fall colors, and cooler temperatures. But on this side of the world we are experiencing the heat of a south African summer. Winter is a dry season here in Botswana and for five months there was not a drop of rain. Then, like the flip of a switch, the first rains came and everything is back in full bloom. We're under a heat advisory now with 100 degree days. Averages for late November and December will be in the high 90's. Needless to say, I did not bring my Carhartts and insulated hunting boots to Botswana – Ha ha!!

PRAISE AND PRAYER FOR PERMITS: We have been in a rare “slow season” of ministry awaiting the approval of the permits (visas) that allow us to reside and work in Botswana. Securing these permits required a two-step process. First we had to establish an Association to be locally recognized by the government of Botswana as a legitimate ministry. This has been a VERY involved process but PRAISE THE LORD the association (a branch office of BIMl) has been approved! During the process, some very delicate matters and unexpected complications arose for which we needed much wisdom but the Lord has helped us through the difficulties and we are very grateful to so many of you that prayed for the need. The second step involved applying for new permits under the auspices of the newly formed Association. It usually takes four to six-weeks to get a response after application is made. In the meantime, to comply with the laws of Botswana, our church planting ministry is “on hold” meaning we cannot have public church services until the permits are approved. Please pray with us that the permits will be approved without delay and even earlier than expected. We know that God always has a purpose and timetable for difficulties and delays. Yet at the same time a sense of urgency is upon us as these are matters of eternal significance. Please pray for our church family, especially the new believers, during this difficult season of waiting as we're all very eager to resume church services.

SCRIPTURES PROJECT: We are very excited as already, four churches have committed to give towards the next container load of Scripture. The Lord orchestrated an amazing door of opportunity for us to work alongside senior members of government on a project to distribute New Testaments containing a full presentation of the gospel and a 20-lesson discipleship course in villages and cities throughout Botswana. Our first distribution will reach a population of 40,000 people and the second distribution will reach 20,000 high school age athletes all over Botswana with 10,000 whole Bibles to be given to various government employees and educators. It humbles us to see God pouring out of the well of grace once and again to open doors and provide for these opportunities through the faith, prayers and generosity of His people. In our next letter we'll have some graphics to show the scope and progress of this project. Last week over 700 New Testaments were distributed hand to hand in less than an hour on the largest college campus here in the capital city.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK – We had the greatest joy of hosting folks on three mission trips this first year and are excited as four teams are planning to come in 2018. Special thanks Robert and Michaela Fortner from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio and Charlotte Palmer from Clark Fork Baptist Church in Clark Fork, Idaho.



Bro. Robert was a huge blessing with teaching and some “handyman” work. Michaela was very hands on in all the children's ministries. Ms. Charlotte was a leader in passing out scriptures and tracts everywhere we went. Thank you for being such a blessing!

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