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CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF GOD'S GRACE - January 19th marked our one year anniversary of ministry in Botswana! We are incredibly excited about the opportunity the Lord has given us and are ever grateful for the privilege to serve Him in missions. With His strength and wisdom and your love, prayers, and support, we will continue to give ourselves to the work of reaching this generation and influencing an entire nation with the gospel of Christ. This is our mission! It's a big vision - but we have a BIG GOD! **We appreciate your prayers!** I get excited thinking about Heaven, when you will get to meet these beautiful people, precious trophies of God's grace. Please pray for the Grace Baptist Church family to grow and be grounded in the faith!

FULL STEAM AHEAD – The New Year has brought renewed vision and enthusiasm to everyone and the church is both going and growing again. With many of our core people out of town or working, we still had 59 in attendance last Sunday with 3 first time visitors. Twenty- one adults attended Sunday School class to study discipleship! The good numbers are encouraging but more rewarding is that we continue to see new folks with a hunger for God's Word and a desire to grow in grace. They are learning how to love and serve the Lord. Brother Amantle has become a treasured Timothy. He has a shepherd's heart and is preparing to be a Pastor. He now coordinates soul-winning and outreach on Saturdays and last Sunday began teaching a new SS class, THE GIDEONS, with a burden to see the older boys become manly and Godly men. He had 7 for his first class and they are all going canvassing on Saturday. Many of these boys don't have a father figure in their life. Please pray that God will raise up some Gideons for God! Moses, a man in his fifties and a pastor of two churches for more than 10 years was legitimately born again recently and is now studying Bible Doctrines in the Grace Baptist Bible Institute. Recently he sent me this text: *"Hello and Amen Pastor! Am happy because today I was preaching about the life of Christ at workplace. They enjoyed the scriptures! Hallelujah!"*



At the moment we are working on a new church plant in a village of more than 3000 people and 3 New Testament distribution projects to a military base, the special forces police service, and a teachers training college. The kids are back in the public schools and attendance at the After School Bible Clubs is really growing. Cindy, Emily, and Ms. Tjada are doing a great job teaching the kids the Bible by its stories and we hope to add two more schools this year. A wonderful Mission team with precious folks from Maranatha BC in West VA were with us for ten days and distributed approx.. 4000 scriptures and spent hours stamping and labeling New Testaments for the future distribution projects. Thank you David, Nurie, and Jasmine!

You might be a redneck missionary if... Sandlot Soccer is usually played by the kids on a dirt field full of rocks, broken glass, etc. so a soccer ball does not last long. In an effort to extend the life of some leaky soccer balls I drilled out the rubber inflation plug and tried filling them with spray foam thinking that once the foam dried the balls would be a bit harder and last longer. The only problem came when I pulled out of the ball the fill tube from the can of foam. The aerosol pressure inside the ball turned the ball into a spray bomb of foam that shot out of the ball and went everywhere. Anyone who has ever used that stuff knows what a sticky mess it can be. Well – it should've worked. In theory anyways. 😊



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