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This month's prayer letter is coming from 38,400 feet out over the ocean of flight that is about 3 hours out of New York, where I'll connect for a flight to Indianapolis. I'll be stateside for 2 weeks to visit with my family, care for so routine medical needs, and report to a few of our churches. Cindy had a brown but very blessed visit with her family earlier this month and returned to Botswana in time to finish preparing for Baptism Sunday. She's still jet lage

This past Sunday 14 adults followed the Lord in believer's baptism and joir the church. Afterwards we had a wonderful meal of fat cake and mince (thi sloppy joes) with coleslaw and homemade lemonade squeezed out of 183 picked lemons! It was a GRAND day!

In general, Batswana do not readily embrace commitment and oftentimes a missionary you can be left very disappointed by their lack of it. Those bapti have already been very faithful so the joy of seeing them commit to this ne step in their Christian life was doubly encouraging. And its wintertime here Botswana (a desert country) and though it usually warms up beautifully by

that pool and I thought we might have to do CPR on a couple of them! I will each of you could have been there to witness the fruit that is abounding to account. What a joy to serve the Lord together! We'll try to get a highlight put together soon.

The church is growing steadily and attendance now averages in the 90's. Unfortunately, the owner of the hotel where the church meets has become be kind) less than accommodating and (to be truthful) very greedy. He is offering us less space to use and wanting more money for it and we've had reshuffle our setup to make it work. Undoubtedly the devil is at work to run interference but I also believe the Lord is using it for good to take us to a n location and a new level of ministry. Please pray with us that God will open right door at the right time.

Thoroughly and properly training a national Pastor to lead the church and training the people to follow his leadership is essential to planting indigeno churches. Next month we will highlight the testimony of Brother Amantle. E Monte has answered the call to preach and certainly has the heart of a Para a lion's heart! He and another man in the church have studied Bible doctrir and practical church planting with me for 14 months preparing to be spirituleaders. Monte is a man short in stature but is a giant for God in his faith a love for the Lord and the Batswana people. He will fully man the helm the retwo weeks preaching and teaching and overseeing all the day to day responsibilities of the work. Please pray for him. I am excited for he and the church knowing that this is a taste and a test of what is to come in the futurall of us.

This past Saturday we took a group of boys who qualified through a Sunda

honor of personally meeting and speaking with the former President (he just office a month ago) of Botswana – Mr. Ian Khama. It was quite an honor to meet him and his expression of appreciation for the work here was encouraging!

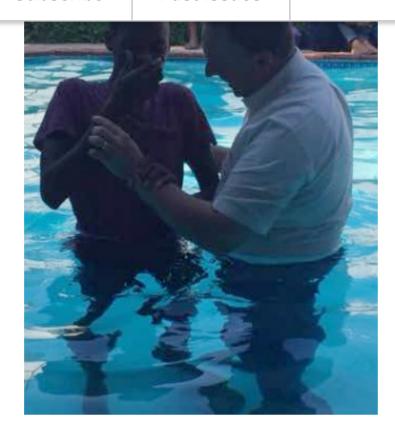
We now have 1/3 (approx. \$5000) of the \$15,000 needed to print the New Testament in Setswana. I appreciate those who have given so generously! heart is encouraged that, though it will not be easy, with the Lord's help - w get it done. Please continue to pray for this project specifically praying for copyright issues and funds to print. Thank you! We love and appreciate y all!





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