



A SUNDAY SAFARI REPORT ON TUESDAY – Cause it's too good to wait till Sunday to tell it!

We had a late night last night driving about 30 minutes one way to a town called Mochudi to visit in the home of an elderly lady to pray for God's blessing on her daughter and soon to be son in law's upcoming wedding. This middle aged couple Conrad and Mmpho just started attending the church!

We rose this morning with a "Christian" hangover rejoicing that, late last night, Mrs. Mercy (isn't that neat), a 70-year-old grandma, who had never heard the clear gospel, called upon the Lord for His mercy and grace and was born again into the family of God! Glory to God and Hallelujah! I never cease to be amazed when God saves a sinner!

Mrs. Mercy has a hard time reading as her eyes are poor and said that whilst she prays three times each night, at different times in the night, her understanding of God and the gospel is limited to what she sees and hears from the false prophets on the TV. She said, I want to understand the Bible! Though she does not speak it well, her understanding of English is very good so I read from our English Bible, then her daughter would read from the Setswana Bible and then we together would explain the meaning of those Scriptures. Wow! The Holy Spirit moved mightily as the eyes of her understanding were opened and you could see it on her face!

How precious it was to hold the hands of this dear sweet woman and help her to pray as she trusted in the Lord! The likelihood of someone of that age receiving Christ is so small as most people by that time are "set" in their way of thinking and not willing to abandon their traditional beliefs.

When a couple is going to be married, the tradition is to have the Ngaka (the traditional doctor (witch doctor) come to the house, do his thing with cantations and the like, and ask the ancestors to place a blessing on the engagement. Failing to do this is a BIG DEAL and sure to bring a curse on the marriage in the minds of the Batswana. Mrs. Mercy's daughter was saved a few years ago and told her mom that she was not going to abide by the traditional customs that are unbiblical but she was willing to bring her new Pastor from the church to meet mom and pray for all involved. I had prepared Joshua 24:15 in my mind as a starting place to explain how each family must choose to walk in the ways of the Lord in hopes of using that as a lead in to the gospel. But GOD HAD PREPARED a heart that was very ready to receive the gospel and we never got to Joshua 24:15.

Please give God the glory and rejoice with us in Mrs. Mercy's salvation and specifically pray that our relationship with this family would open a door of opportunity to lead the rest of the extended family to Christ. Mrs. Mercy will be at church Sunday where we will present her with a LARGE PRINT Bible in her Setswana language.

It has been extremely hot and dry in recent weeks, over a hundred each day. One day this past week it was 111 degrees Fahrenheit at 12 pm in the afternoon. But yesterday we had cloud cover and last night it finally rained. Please also pray that God will open the heavens and pour out the rain. We really need the abundance of rain that comes from the rainy season!

We love you all! Have a blessed Thanksgiving and THANK YOU for letting God use you to pray for and support this ministry and our family. What a joy to serve the Lord together! Amen!

