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Dearest Friends and Loved Ones,

We just posted our February report (March Prayer Letter) but I need to update and add just a word to that.

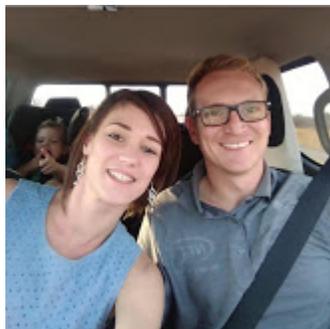
PRAISE: As I mentioned in our letter, Cindy has had some concerning issues with tightness and chest pains. Late yesterday afternoon, through Divine Providence, a friend of mine, who heard about Cindy's issues, arranged a meeting with a renowned cardiologist here in Botswana. Originally from the Philippines, Dr. Apostol was contracted 10 years ago by the government of Botswana to come and spearhead the implementation of Cardio treatment and training of Doctors here in Botswana. It can take weeks or even months to get an appointment with him but he stayed late yesterday evening waiting for us to drive through insane traffic to visit him at his office in the hospital. Just two hours later we left after a FULL complement of diagnostic tests, examinations, and consultation that completely ruled out any issues with Cindy's heart. Her heart is 100% healthy! The doctor could not have been more thorough, competent, and caring and he had at his disposal (right in the office) the modern equipment necessary to fully examine the functions of Cindy's heart. The Dr. concluded that Cindy's issues are being caused by increased stomach acid resulting from her habit of not eating dinner and can be easily remedied. We were so relieved. We're so thankful for our Lord's tender care! In speaking of our ministry, where we're from, and why we live in Botswana, we established the start of an "inroad" with the doctor who is Catholic and whose mother recently passed.

PRAYER: Please pray for Zander and his wife Nequita (photo attached). Zander is the Service Manager at our Nissan dealership and the Lord has worked in unique ways to foster a more personalized relationship (more than just business) between us and them. Zander just lost his dad in January to an unexpected heart attack and in February his wife became seriously ill. She's now fine but the realities of life and death are very real in their lives right now. When people are hurting they reach out and now is an optimum time to share the gospel and reach this family for Christ. They're Afrikaners (white South Africans with farming roots) who've immigrated to Botswana. Afrikaners are a unique group of people in Africa and some cultural issues could make it difficult to get them into our church but we all know that Christ can change all of that in a man's heart.

Please pray for Peter (Andrew's father). Pray for Dr. Apostol. Pray for Zander and Nequita especially as we're taking them to dinner on Monday evening. Please pray for our church and for the work of missions throughout the world. I know that all of us fight the world, the flesh, and the Devil daily but it just seems that even though we are seeing people saved and the opening of greater doors of ministry we are also seeing a STRONG manifestation of Satanic opposition. We are not distressed or discouraged but I am ever burdened about the carnality and the casual attitude we so often see amongst Christians and the complacency of those who are lost about the realities of eternity.

My heart yearns to see these folks saved and fully committed to Christ! Thank you for praying and standing with us! You're part is making an eternal difference in many lives! Please pray that God will call more laborers to come and enter into the harvest here in Botswana. Opportunity abounds! Time is short! The coming of the Lord is soon at hand!

Bro. Mike



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