

July 31, 2015

Dear Circle of Prayer,

Since our return to Botswana from furlough, we have had two new additions to our lives. The first, of course, was the birth of our second grandchild, Ethan Gabriel Sutcliffe, born to our daughter, Elise and husband Rob.



He was born in Gaborone on May 16th and has brought much joy to our lives and many sleepless nights to his loving parents. We feel very blessed to have a grandchild close by as our first grandchild, Ruth is in Texas.

While in the capitol for the birth of Ethan, Keith received word that our Toyota Land Cruiser was ready for purchase, our second new addition. As many of you know, during furlough, we raised funds for this vehicle as we begin a new ministry. In September, we will be traveling as far north as Tanzania with the Allison's conducting marriage seminars. Some of these are held in remote, rural areas that require a dependable vehicle.



Thanks to your generosity, Keith was able to purchase the vehicle and has just completed outfitting it for our travels. We are so grateful to many of you who gave so that we can be a part of this new work.

Though purchasing this vehicle and outfitting it has taken several weeks (rather more like a month), we have been able to get back into our regular ministry routines. Robin is enjoying her tutoring at Noka ya Botshelo (River of Life) School where she

works with students with learning disabilities. Recently, she has been involved with the restructuring of the Reading and Language Arts curriculum for the school.

Robin is also teaching Sunday school to about 16-20 young people. For some, this is the only time they will hear Bible stories. Please pray for these young people.

Counseling couples and individuals is a large part of our ministry as well. It is very challenging to do so in a cross-cultural setting. Some of the couples that we counsel have very little understanding of what a Christian marriage should be. Often, the couples keep their finances separate, and even secret from each other and often, because of jobs, live apart for months at a time. Both of these situations can be fraught with disaster. It is especially challenging when we counsel those who are not believers.

Keith continues his mentoring classes with two men of the church and with the young evangelists, while preaching every other Sunday at church.



He is also very involved in getting the Trucker's Chapel ready to open. He has had to do some extra work as underneath the Chapel's office, a 20

foot container, a sounder (herd) of local warthogs has made themselves a cool, comfortable den. (Notice the hole in the sand under the door.) That has necessitated manufacturing a skirting out of tin that will keep even the most determined warthog out! He thought about putting up a sign, "NO PUMBAS ALLOWED" (Lion King) but figured that would not work, as warthogs, generally, can't read!

We have been studying with a young girl who is wanting to be baptized. Her mother is a Christian but her father is not interested. Pray that through her faith and her mother's, her father will be open to Jesus as well. Keith has also studied with Jamie, pictured above, who recently was baptized.



Another community activity in which we are involved is The Chobe Challenge, a fund-raiser for Noka ya Botshelo School which is dear to our hearts as this is the school where Elise taught for 6 years. This Saturday, corporate/business teams from the community pay to participate in sport and academic challenges with hopes of claiming the title, "Champions of the Chobe Challenge". It is great fun and a wonderful way to introduce the school to the community.

Sunday, after fellowship time, we will drive to the capitol, Gaborone, to procure our Zambian visas for our trip with the Allisons in September and October. We are excited about joining this amazing Christian couple in their ministry to couples.

So as we send this to you, please accept our gratitude for your support of our ministries here, for your prayers for us and our work, and for your amazing generosity that has enabled us to purchase the new vehicle.

God bless and keep you,

Keith and Robin