

June 2017

Dear Circle of Prayer,

As our winter begins to set in, we look back over the past few months and are so thankful for all the people God brought our way.



In March, we visited Gaborone the capital to receive a grant from The American Business Council, a group of American businessmen working here in Botswana. They awarded African Mission Services a grant of P10,000 (\$1000) to aid in our agricultural development program. Please pray we can find a plot of land to begin our agricultural ministry.

In April, May, and June we made trips to Francistown to the Gerald Detention Center for Illegal Immigrants. We found out about these people, who are mainly war refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, from a Christian friend who runs a guest house where we stay when in Francistown. Many of these people only speak Swahili. The men and boys (10 years and up) live in dormitories in one enclosure and the women and children are in another fenced area that is about the size of a football field and is just dirt. The women and children are in tents because the general prison in town is being renovated and so those convicts are in the dormitories where the women used to be living. Now the women and children are living in tents and the weather is turning colder. We were prepared to find a way to give them each a blanket for the winter which was going to cost close to \$7,000.00. However, upon arriving at the Center in May, we found the Red Cross there handing out very nice, thick, warm blankets to every man, woman and child. The Lord richly answered our prayers.

In June, we were blessed with the visit of Sam and Dylan Sheppard, Robin's cousins. These two young men gave up 3 weeks of their very busy summer to come minister and experience life in Botswana. They were able to stay in a traditional village, eat local food, and interact with the small community of Legotwana.



During Sam and Dylan's visit, they spoke at Noka ya Botshelo (River of Life) School on two different occasions. They were such an encouragement to the young boys and girls at this private Christian school, encouraging them in their walk with God. Sam and Dylan

also taught the children in Sunday School at Disciples of Jesus Fellowship. This was a first for



both of them! While visiting the Gerald Center for Illegal Immigration, Sam also brought an encouraging message to the people living there. With little to occupy their time, the gift of toys by Sam and Dylan, to the children was very much appreciated. These two young men also helped with some physical labor cleaning up around the Trucker's Chapel and were able to engage in conversation with several interested people who were passing by. We are thankful to have hosted these two and pray that the experience

they had will bring many blessings to their lives now and in the future.

At the end of June, we attended a regional meeting of the African Institute of Marriage and Family in Seven Fountains, Zambia. Fielden and Janet Allison spear-headed this meeting to establish leaders of AIM&F in southern and central Africa. There were 8 couples present from Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. These four days were spent working on new materials, lessons, brain storming and fellowshiping.



All the couples present had attended AIM&F workshops and seminars and have been involved in hosting and leading marriage seminars in their churches or communities. Everyone left with the desire to see this ministry grow in his church and community.

As we close this letter to you, we ask you prayer warriors to put the following before the Lord:

- guidance in assisting the people at the Gerald Illegal Detention Center
- land for the agricultural project
- the children at Noka ya Botshelo and Sunday school
- the couples committed to AIM&F

Until next time, we pray God's blessing on you.

Love,

Keith and Robin Honey