

Dear Circle of Prayer,

What a blessing it was in March to attend the 2016 All Africa Missionary Conference (AAMC) in Cape Town, South Africa. It had been 37 years since our last visit to this most beautiful city. Much has changed as one can imagine. However, Table Mountain remains the same, rising boldly and majestically above the landscape.



Table Mountain

Kudos to the Angolan Team along with the Central Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas and Monte and Beth Cox who worked incredibly hard to create an amazing time of fellowship, learning, fun, and relaxation. The venue, The Vineyard Hotel, beautifully located at the foot of Table Mountain and surrounded by lush gardens, was stunning. Given the accommodations, delicious gourmet food, and the care of the amazing staff, we definitely felt pampered.

Meeting old friends such as Monte and Beth Cox, Larry and Hollye Conway, Fielden and Janet Allison, and making new ones is one of the most rewarding aspects of attending the AAMC as well as learning about the Lord's work in other countries of Africa. We look forward to the next conference in two years in Tanzania.

On our way back from the conference, we stopped at the Kuruman Mission Station in South Africa. It is the mission where David Livingstone met his wife, the daughter of Robert and Mary Moffat. It is also where the first Setswana Bible was translated and published. Only having read about the mission, it was wonderful to see where these Christian missionaries served the Batswana people then and through their translation efforts still serve them today.



The printing press for the first Setswana Bible

The **Disciples of Jesus Fellowship**, where Keith preaches at least once a month and Robin coordinates and helps teach in the Sunday school, recently installed a new deacon. We were overjoyed by their selection of our son-in-law Robert Sutcliffe to serve this body of believers in this manner.

The **Wednesday night Bible Study** group is slowly growing and it is encouraging to be with them and see their enthusiasm for the Lord. Since Pat Carr-Hartley's passing, Heather has been able to join the study and it is so wonderful to have her in the group.

The **young evangelists** are still meeting with Keith and enjoying his teaching and mentoring. They are faithful to meet every Sunday evening and learn about God's word. One of the young

men shared that he is being ridiculed for his faith by peers in the local trade school where he is studying auto mechanics. Keith and the group prayed for him to stand strong in spite of the persecution. The next term a young Christian man came to join the program. How graciously God answered their prayers! Now the two stand firm in their faith in the face of ridicule, leaning on God and each other.

This past week Keith was made aware of some land being sold by friends. The land which is about 8 acres would be ideal for the Small Farm Resource Center (SFRC). Please pray about this as we have been looking for **land for the SFRC** for 5 1/2 years.



The Trucker's Chapel is close to being opened as there is only the need to lay the bricks for the outside area. Recently, there is a record number of trucks (278) backed up due to broken ferries on both sides, Botswana and Zambia. On Sundays, Keith walks the truck line and hands out literature, talks to, prays with, and encourages the truckers as they wait, sometimes in excess of two weeks for their trucks to clear and cross.

When **Robert Siangyapi**, a young man with whom Keith has been studying, heard that Keith's mother was ill, he offered to go to the US to care for Keith's parents since Keith has committed to working here. This really touched our hearts, that he would want to help us by helping our elderly parents.

Oarabile, a sister in the Lord who lives in the capitol Gaborone, called Keith and asked him to visit a young woman who lives in our neck of the woods with whom she had been studying. **Keitumetse** is a single mom who has just moved to live with her mother in Pandamatenga, a village about an hour from us and has expressed the desire to be baptized. After several meetings and a call to "count the cost of discipleship", she is more eager than ever to be baptized. So now Keith is trying to find a place to do so, which is a bit of a challenge as there are no rivers or open bodies of water there. Over the course of these meetings with Keitumetse, a small group of her family and neighbors has gathered to listen in on the discussions and have expressed an interest in becoming disciples as well. So join us in prayer for this group as it would appear that this may turn into a **church plant in Pandamatenga!** Keith has asked one of the Christians to make a portable baptistery to use in places like Pandamatenga where no surface water is readily available. Pictures to follow!

Recently, we were able to help some missionaries who had been to a wedding and had become ill from some of the food. The Clarks were camping nearby, but we suggested they come to stay at our house until they felt better. We enjoyed their fellowship and helping them have a place to recover from their illness.

This morning, **Oratile**, the woman who waters and takes care of our yard, came with sad news that her **21 year old, orphaned nephew tested positive for HIV**. It has devastated her as she is now the closest thing to a mom that he has. Sadly, the mother died of AIDS and passed it to her son at birth. Oh, how sad that sin has such devastating consequences especially for the innocent! Please pray for us to have words of wisdom to share with them.

In August, we plan to join Fielden and Janet Allison for **Marriage and Family Seminars in Zambia**. This year will be a final session for those who attended last year, reviewing and reflecting on what they learned and put into practice from last year. We have never been through the whole seminar with the Allisons before, so we look forward to seeing one completed this year.



Last but not least, we celebrated Ethan's first birthday on May 16th. He now officially has British and American passports! So some days he is our little British chap and on others, our little American boy.

In November, we will be flying to the US for **furlough**. Since our residence and work permits must be renewed in February, we are planning to be home the first part of

Ethan's First Birthday

November and return the first part of February. We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing about what God is doing in your lives as well as what He has been doing in ours.

In His Service,

Keith and Robin Honey

P.S. The **high-lighted items** are prayer focuses for our work. As our Circle of Prayer, please add these items to your prayer list.