

Bell's Botswana Bulletin...



The Truth...John 17:19 (KJV)... "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth."

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The old year is history as the new year has dawned. With it I am delightful to add that the "pink" is all gone and the "new" is refreshing. I suppose I need to clarify that for the majority of you who have no clue to what I am referring to. Four or five years ago I had some paint ordered to the same color of our brick work and dropped it off at the church for the youth to paint our building. I then needed to attend a meeting in Jwaneng, 50 miles west of Kanye. Several hours later upon my return I couldn't believe my eyes and blurted out in disbelief "NO! It isn't supposed to be pink!" But it was too late as the youth had already completed painting the whole outside of the church. Just mentioning pink it seems it still has that tint but thank goodness no, as it is a beige cream color. Oh, that as the old year and the "pink" being history and the new refreshing that as believers we would appreciate even more so that in Christ the "old" is gone and the "new" has come!



Chisomo wrote the following in a communiqué to me: "Like you said one day, we must mortify the flesh and then make no provision for it...I thought nothing was wrong with cartoons but I guess I lied to myself. Cartoons are not innocent...they promote lust, hatred, violence...not only that, the time I spent watching television was so much that when I compare it with the time I spend with God in sweet communion, I just see how cheated I was...As far as music is concerned, I'm for hymns, spiritual songs and Psalms only."



Figure 1 Chisomo on the left - notice the "old pink!" It's GONE!

Over the holidays Alex, a University student, attended our services. Last Friday I had the joy of leading him to Christ. He said that he will be attending Pastor Lekoba's church while in the capital city attending classes when he doesn't have the means to make it on the weekends to Kanye.

Speaking of Pastor Lekoba, I invited him as a special speaker for a youth day on the 31 December and the Lord used him during the day to speak to the youth. Several decisions were made in regards to the youth's spiritual walk with the Lord. We are looking forward to his coming and working alongside us the beginning of March and then for his taking over the leadership in April as we commence our journey to the Sates for a brief furlough.

Before we are able to do that, there is much yet to be done in "closing up shop". Not only replacements for our various areas of ministry but materials for seven months, physical upkeep, the bills, finances etc. Then our home – insured security, someone for yard maintenance, arranging with utilities to make sure our water and power won't be cut off. The list goes on! It would be nice to just be able to lock up and be pretty much assured that things will be the way they were when you left – but that doesn't happen this side of the world! Appreciate your prayers for us that He would give us wisdom as well as peace that we can trust Him to meet even these needs.

With thankful hearts for each of you for your integral part in allowing us to be "His hands," "your hands," as well as "our hands" on the mission field of Africa. To Him be the glory!

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