

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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CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS:

Six weeks from today we will begin our journey to the States! In preparation for the transition we are requesting that a change in our email address be made with immediate effect as our botsnet.bw account will be closed out by the end of March. Please change to bellsr@live.com

Last week Alex's, the newly saved university student, 30 year old sister passed away. It was an opportunity to be reassured of his profession of faith in December. He gave testimony that if it was he rather than his sister he would be with the Lord.



Former President Masire

On Tuesday this week I was asked to attend a government meeting along with the leadership of the churches in our district. The issue they wanted to tackle was a goal they have to be reached by the year 2016 – that is to have poverty eradicated within the country. Former President Masire [ma-see-ray], whose home village happens to be Kanye and the second ruling president of the country, was the keynote speaker. I had my thoughts organized launching off with Christ's words to the twelve on that occasion his feet were anointed with that costly perfume which in turn the disciples became indignant. You recall Jesus' response was the poor you will always have with you, but me you will not always have. I was soon to learn that we were not called for our opinions or interpretations but strictly to comply with their agenda and rules.

It was an eye opener to say the least. Of the 110 delegates all but 4 of us were African Independent Churches. During the session it was even deliberately questioned "are the main-line churches relevant today?" and dropped as quickly as it was asked for the poison to spread. Seated next to me was the leader of the African Pentecostal Baptist Church. Talk about a rainbow! Next to him was a female Apostle! Furthermore, it was about 50/50 ratio of men to women amongst those present. The former President made a comment that adultery was a problem in the country of which the audience responded in laughter. His translator bypassed his role and continued on in English with a local traditional illustration. "In Botswana on a brides wedding day she cannot call the groom and say to him 'you are all mine from now on and nobody else's' as he is a bull and there are many cows in the field." Greater laughter broke out from the 109 church leaders. The Apostle seated at our table revealed that in Botswana we have prophets, apostles, and powerful healers and miracles workers. What we need to do is rather than having foreigners coming to our country and holding crusades we should "set up spiritual tourism" and invite the foreigners to come to us and be healed. This is just the nutshell as the meeting lasted from 9:00 AM – 3:20 PM. But should give you some kind of picture of what we are facing as we strive to labor together with Him in this seemingly spiritually drought stricken land.

Last Sunday Makua [ma-kwa] having finished his high schooling in December and receiving some of the highest grades in the country (4++A, 3-A, 1-B) preached on "Living the Christ-like Life." He along with his two younger brothers and sister are Nigerians who have been with us now for 11 years. This Sunday Ditiro [dee-tea-row] who likewise finished his high schooling in December and a national will be preaching. Great to see young Timothy's come up the ranks after so many years of waiting upon the Lord.



Makua in the background

This might be the last "Update" until we reach the States. You might check our website until then for periodic updates as they arise.

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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