

Bell's Botswana Bulletin...



A New Walk Rom 6:4 (KJV)...Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**.

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Meet **Fairness**

Two months ago Fairness was baptized along with his mother and sister, Faith. They have been with us since the inception of the ministry in Botswana nine years ago. They are from Zimbabwe. Fairness schooled his past four years in Zimbabwe completing his high school education. Shortly after his return here the first of the year he came to know the Lord as his personal Savior. Since 1999 and the first convert that God gave us – we haven't had another up until now with Fairness to be 'vibrant' in their new found faith. He has been diligent in assimilating and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Fairness

The last couple months he has been sharing the gospel with others, encouraging other of the youth to be accountable and faithful. This past Sunday he expressed his desire, as he saw the need of someone to minister to the primary children during the week, that he would like to be available. In my mind I am questioning 'what's happened to all the rest these past nine years that along with their profession of salvation the same transformation that is taking place in Fairness' life is missing?' Praise God a cactus has blossom out in the middle of this desert! He is so concerned about not sinning that he discovered a weak spot in his new life in Christ so came to see me for counsel as how he can be on the victory side. Pray along with him in this weakness that he may become strong!



Ditiro You recall (dee-tee-row) back in our April Update. He too has been an inspiration but had much more 'luggage' that accompanied his salvation than Fairness. The Word and the Holy Spirit have been helping him sort through them all and make the proper steps of obedience. He was one of several youth this past Sunday that came up to me after the morning service to say 'pastor that message was personally for me – I kept seeing myself portrayed throughout it. I never understood my responsibility as a believer to others better than this morning. Thanks!' Continue to lift him before the throne of grace that he will remain faithful.

Hard to believe half of the year is gone. But glory! We are that much closer to His return! But then Ruth Ann's uncle, Mark Grings – 78yrs, was given an 'early bird' pass as he entered glory this past Friday. From just less than a month ago not realizing anything out of the ordinary to having two stints, diagnosed having leukemia, and treated right away with chemo, then due to a lung infection put into ICU with an induced coma never to come out. His memorial service is being held this Friday in South Africa.

Today on the other hand marks our 37th year in marriage and serving the Lord together. Having just been 'Father's Day' this past Sunday I praise the Lord for the thoughts and comments received from the four God gave to us to rear for His glory. My, are we spread out! From Botswana to the Congo to Benin to Boston and Seattle. I guess for a family reunion to materialize we will have to wait till glory. And what a reunion that will be with you all there!

In the meantime we are thankful for you and your faithful support enabling us to make known His ways on earth and His salvation among the nations (Ps 67:2) and pass on the baton of 2 Timothy 2:2.

Stephen & Ruth Ann