

# Bell's Botswana Bulletin...



*Good news* Matt 1:21 (KJV)... *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

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**Born to die...** the words of the third verse, by Ron Hamilton – **From His throne Jesus came, laid aside Heaven's fame In exchange for the cross of Calv'ry; For my gain suffered loss, for my sin He bore the cross He was wounded and I was set free. Born to die upon Calv'ry Jesus suffered my sin to forgive; Born to die upon Calv'ry He was wounded that I might live.** His birth was planned for His death. His death was planned for His resurrection. His resurrection was planned for Him to draw us to Him in saving faith. Rejoice in such grace!

**Bits 'n pieces...** We had a cloud burst this afternoon which turned into little white balls – the closest we will ever get here for snow! Real refreshing after not having rain for some weeks now and temperatures in the 100's... Our electric fence alarm awoke us at dawn this morning (shortly after 5:00). The cause has been anything from a cockroach, a frog, a snake, a praying mantis, or perhaps someone testing it to see if indeed we have it turned on. But this morning it happened to repel what it is intended for – would be two legged intruders. His weight caused the wires to sag and the warning sign that was attached to the wires was in pieces some inside the yard and the rest outside. All I can visualize is that there was one quick reaction after he made contact – jolted backwards and of course with the screeching alarm his scurrying to pick himself up and collected and scamper off before we make our debut. Thank the Lord the system works.

**Testimonials...** two weeks ago I noticed **Mma Modisathebe** seemed down in spirits. I inquired and she began this way “If I didn't know who I am in Jesus Christ and what He wants of me I wouldn't be able to bear all that my family and relatives are burdening me with.” She then shared that the day before she was informed that her youngest daughter was pregnant out of wedlock. This is the fifth of her six children that have chosen that route. The third since her coming to know Christ... **Nelson** after falling into immorality couldn't live without the joy of the Lord and so disclosed his sin, confessing and seeking restoration – two weeks afterwards he writes me “Individuals are coming to me asking how they can be saved and I can't understand how that God would want to use me after what I did.” Praise God for His forgiveness and desire for us to move forward in our walk with Him.

**Continue to pray with us...** you recall the lady in the photo is the one which we have accosted as she carries this “heavy load” everywhere she goes. We requested prayer last month as Ruth Ann and Mma Modisathebe were going to share the gospel with her on that Tuesday. Continue to pray as she understands but still needs further working with. She has since lightened her physical load – that we can see – and trust that her load of sin will soon be freed. Her name is **Mulala** [moo-la-la] and has Seventh Day Adventist indoctrination.



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