

Bell's Botswana Bulletin...



The Truth... Dan 2:20-22 (KJV)... *And he changeth the times and the seasons; He removeth kings, and setteth up kings; ... He revealeth the deep and secret things; he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.*

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Young Timothy's... Makua [ma-kwa] a senior at Lobatse high school [31 miles from here], a Nigerian, and who has been with us now for 10 years ministered by bringing the morning message this past Lord's Day. He is responsible for teaching the primary children during Sunday School and then an activity prior to Children's Church. Ditiro, also a senior but at Kanye high school is a Motswana [national]. He is leading a Bible study at his school. Fairness a junior at Crescent high school [also in Lobatse] and a Zimbabwean is organizing to head a Bible study at his school. Pray with us that these young chaps will be sensitive to the Lord's development and leading in their lives for His glory.



Bits 'n pieces... We had another attempt of someone trying to outwit our electric fence to gain excess into our premises. Again we thank the Lord for His watch care over us. Copied from our news agency BOPA: "Going for baptism? Don't forget the lifejacket! Should people continue to die in the name of religion? This question becomes pertinent following the recent tragic incident in Thamaga [28 miles from us] in which three members of a local church drowned at Kolobeng River [31 miles from us and where Livingstone settled] during a baptizing session. One of the deceased was the pastor of the church, who was the first one to drown. The two other church members drowned after they jumped into the river to rescue the priest." ["Rivers" are only made and flow in our southern part of the country during rainy season. Thus they are not anything of depth and there movement only due to flash flooding.]

Youth outing... Just learnt that an investment firm opened an "amusement park." But for Botswana it's the first and impressive at that! So just before schools opened up after the New Year I took the youth to the Lion Park Resort. Most water they have ever witnessed in person and a bit afraid at first but by the end of the day I asked if they had fun and the answer was not just fun but an awesome time!



Figure 1 Face paintings (Amaka)



Figure 2 The Waves (Lion Park Resort)

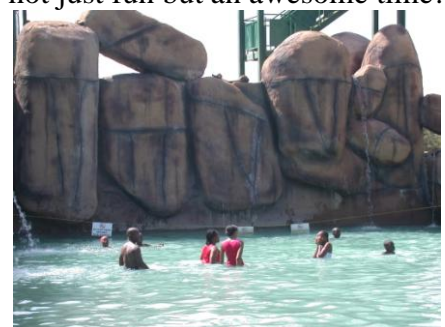


Figure 3 The pool (Low tide)

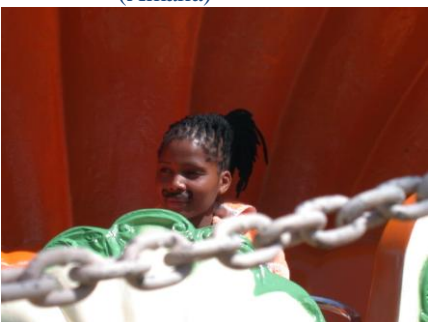


Figure 4 One of the rides (Nka)



Figure 5 WATCHOUT PASTOR! (Yours truly)



Fig 6 After 5hrs - 'shall we go back in?' (Kamogelo & Beauty)

Continue praying with us...for a 'fill-in' so we may be able to return to the States for a long overdue furlough, 7yrs now. **For our lack of national leadership within the church that God would give us men with a passion.** Mma Modisathebe's adult children. Three of her four sons have been attending Sunday morning services this month. **Mma Mulala's salvation. Ruth Ann is with here at this very moment.** That to the many the gospel has been sown that God would rain down on us His shower of blessings. And as He desires to add to His church that we all might faithfully serve Him to His glory! **For Ditiro, Makua, and Fairness as they seek to serve Him where they are and desire to know His will in their lives.**

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.



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