

Bell's Botswana Bulletin...



The Truth...John 17:17 & 18 (KJV)...¹⁷ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. ¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

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Answer to prayer... the Lord has directed in providing Pastor Paul Banda to “fill-in” for us in ministry so that we may embark on our much overdue furlough. Pastor Paul is one of many the Lord used us in bringing to the Lord while in Zambia. He was not only part of the student body of our first year in which we opened the Bible Institute, but the top student four years later. He then was called to be the pastor of the second church of the five we established whilst in Zambia and has pastored there up till this last year when he was asked to join the Bible Institute teaching staff. The scholastic year at the Bible Institute does not end until November and we are not too anxious of aborting the heat of our summer and diving into the cold of your winter so will let you enjoy that part of the year for us. Thus, Lord willing, we are setting March of 2010 as the commencement of our furlough.



Bits 'n pieces... we received a card from one of the children of our supporting churches which had inscribed: “I go to Great (sic) Baptiss (sic) Church” – who can disclose the riddle as to which church it is? Email your answers to bellsr@botsnet.bw Our 2 yr old grandson Ethan in Benin, Africa instructed his parents at the dinner table that "Jonah ran away" When mom asked why did he run away, he said "he didn't obey immediately." When they were leaving Niamey, after seeing a crew from First Baptist Quincy, WA off at the airport, his Mom told him “we are going home.” Which he inquisitively replied, "to see Jesus?"

Week of special meetings... March 01 – 08 Pastor Mark Staley and wife Nancy ministered to the congregation daily. Pray with us that those who made decisions might be earnest and allow God to mold and make them after His perfect will. Likewise, for the new contacts made, over the past weeks, that we might see them “added to the church” in His own time. Sorry many of you were unaware of this event as we were busy with the preparations during February and did not manage to get an Update out. However, we did post it on our website as a matter of prayer <http://bells.net-at-hand.com/> .



Pray with us... Last week in conversation I asked Mma Morekisi [mow-ray-key-see] directly after her sharing with me that she was a Lutheran and she was going to heaven how she knew she would go to heaven. She was speechless and then broke the silence by saying she didn't know. In the same midst was her sister who holds a high position in the United Community Church of South Africa congregation in the village and she neither know what God's Word declares concerning Himself, man, and sin. So I arranged for Ruth Ann to meet with them and when she arrived there were 10 relatives the lady had invited to hear the gospel as presented in the written word of God. Ruth Ann and Mma Modisathebe came away rejoicing at the way the Holy Spirit worked in their midst. After two hours they all needed to go each back to their own houses to prepare supper for their families but scheduled to meet three hours earlier in the day next week to enable Ruth Ann to finish up. Pray with us that the Lord will do His work as the Word is planted in what seems some fertile soil!

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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