

# 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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Figure 1 Chisomo on the left

Beginning with July, I embarked upon a new series in our Sunday morning worship hour. Our subject: being "*conformed to the image of His Son*" – "*sanctification.*" So far it seems as though it has weeded out the "*claimers*", as the aging apostle John labeled them in his first epistle, from those "*who walk in the light.*" At last the masks have been taken off by their owners and both groups know where each other stands.

On a more positive note those whom realize they are His children and are to be conforming to the image of His Son have been engulfed in the teaching of the Word and its proper applications to their individual lives.

Here are but a few comments: Chisomo [fig 1] – 18 year old– said after one service – "change is now a priority." Bro. Keith [fig 2] – 49 years old – "the message really spoke to my heart on what needs to be taking place."



Figure 2 Bro. Keith

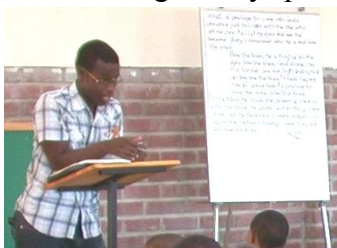


Figure 3 Ditiro

Ditiro [fig 3] – 19 year old – on several occasions – "Pastor, I need your notes!" Rebecca [fig 4] – 29 year old – to Ruth Ann – "Pastor's message was real good. Can you ask him for his notes? I need to go over them together with my husband."

*Oh! to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art; ... Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.* [Thomas O. Chisholm 1897] One of so many of our great hymns that bring us before Him in

humility as we joyfully exalt Him!

Pray with us that the Lord will use the series in a very special way to establish a strong core of believers for His glory.

October is when those who are in grades 7, 10, and 12<sup>th</sup> year take their state exams. Our youth have honored the Lord exceptionally by obtaining high scores compared to the rest of the nation! Last year one of our seniors received the highest score in the nation! This year we have only two seniors, Ditiro [fig 3] and Makwa [fig 5]. Again pray with us concerning Ditiro's call to ministry and his direction of pursuit upon graduation.



Figure 4 Rebecca



Figure 5 Makwa

Mma Ke [kay], a nickname but easier to remember, is in her 70's and has been attending within the past month. Ruth Ann has dealt with her concerning the gospel and Mma Modisathebe has been "watering" the seed that has been sown. We trust that Mma Ke will soon place her faith in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am anticipating shortly, Lord willing, several to take the step of obedience in believer's baptism. I trust it has been a mere reluctance due to the cold winter months we have just gone through. In the meantime, as we focus on

His coming in the air, may we be found faithful bond slaves in the ministries He has entrusted us with.

P.S. Ruth Ann & I want to thank 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! Amen

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