

# Botswana

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Dear Pastor & Church Family:

I pray you are well, and I hope you have/had a great Thanksgiving. It's extremely hot already here in Botswana. In the absence of fall like weather and our family "Thanksgiving Day" is always a little different, a bit quiet, but it's a quiet that we enjoy. And, we have so much to be grateful for, that it's not difficult to enjoy a special day of reflection recounting God's goodness to us each and every day.

I wanted to reach out and inform you of a special need/situation that we have and ask if you would consider helping with it with a one time offering or monthly support for six months to a year.

Our fellow missionary Ms. Pamela Wieler has resigned from missionary service after serving 20 years in Africa and will be returning to the U.S. this week. She has done a good job helping to establish the Christian school ministry here in Botswana. There was a scholarship fund available to the school that came through her relationship with one of her supporting churches that does not partner with us and with her departure those funds will no longer be available to the school.

In addition to the scholarship for students Pamela also underwrote the salaries of two of our teachers out of her personal support. The school ministry will continue and we're already considering prospects for another missionary that we hope will join our team late fall in 2025 and help to head up that part of the ministry. Until then, we are in an interim time of transition. My wife, Cindy, will step in to coordinate the day-to-day ministry of the school. We will also have to shoulder some of the financial burden of the school unless we can offset that burden with some additional support specifically designated for the school. I am reaching out to each of our supporting churches, especially those who have a Christian school ministry, to ask if you would consider specifically assisting the school ministry for a period of six months to one year. One church has already done so and is sending it as a one-time lump sum that will make the immediate continuation of the school possible. I think this could be a great "project" for a Christian school fund raiser or Sunday school class. Each of the parents pay school fees to the best of their ability and we have already had to raise the fees substantially for this next year. The school, as it is now, will run on a razor thin bottom line. A little help for a short while will make all the difference in our being able to focus on the quality of education instead of the day-to-day stress of financial burden. We do not intend for the operation of the school to remain dependent on support from churches long term. Once we are past this transition time, the school will be able to stand alone.

Please know that we do not want to take away anything that would hinder you from helping another missionary to get to the field more quickly. We need missionaries like never before! So please don't help us at the expense of your being able to take on new missionaries. Yet, I also think that there are some little "missionaries in the making" that sit in our classrooms every day. God has blessed this ministry greatly and we have the opportunity to be far reaching into the next generation. If you can help us in this way, we would be eternally grateful. If you have ANY questions, please feel free to contact me personally at [pastormhaley@gmail.com](mailto:pastormhaley@gmail.com). Support for the school can be sent to BIMI Account 805 and designated Grace Christian School. I'll do my best to call you asap and hope we can have a few minutes to share what God is doing here in Botswana! It's amazing and Something Only God Can Do!

Thank you, Preacher, for your love, prayers and support and please give our loving regards to the church family. We remain...

Together In The Harvest,

*Bro Mike Haley*