

## JULY / AUGUST 2023

## Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not – 2 Corinthians 4:1.

**Eisch!** (sounds like *eesh*) is an African expression synonomous with some of our American words like: "amazing, awesome" or it can be akin to a deep sigh followed by an "oh my" or even a "good gravy" if your roots are southern (ha ha). It expresses a wide range of sentiments such as amazement or delight, or it can convey frustration, exhaustion, irritation, etc. I like and use the word so much that I even bought a t-shirt about it. **Eisch** best describes the past several weeks, a blur of everything intense from great blessings and amazing answers to prayer on one side coupled with spiritual warfare, persecution, and total physical exhaustion. Through it all – GOD IS FAITHFUL! In both trials and blessing, we are sustained and encouraged by your faithful prayers and gracious financial support. Words cannot express how endeared we are to you. Here's a bit of what's been going on here in Botswana in recent weeks:

- Crazy cold weather, a contankerous witch doctor, and a vehicle breakdown didn't stop more than 2000 families in 4 remote villages from receiving Setswana New Testaments on the Village Evangelism Outreach Tour. It was an AMAZING time with 8 hours of door to door distribution and ministry to public schools each day followed by good food, hot coffee, and some special campfire conversations each evening. We Praise God for a generation of young adults who love the Lord! These are some of those who will reach this country for Christ in the years ahead! Their fervor for the spreading of the gospel is...*eisch*, special!
- We have now moved from our home of the past 7 years. It was physically exhausting but, **eisch** the emotions were tougher still. As I walked thru the empty house one last time PRECIOUS MEMORIES of souls saved within those rooms flooded my mind. We're staying with our "just married" daughter and son-in-law for a few weeks till we leave for furlough. Lord willing, when we return in December, we'll start the renovations and move to the Grace Oasis as a permanent home for Cindy and I here in Botswana.
- GRACE OASIS PROJECT UPDATE: \$300,000 has been given for the purchase of the Grace Oasis property. We have 57 days
  (September 30) to raise the additional \$150,000 needed to finish the purchase. A Christian businessman has agreed to make a
  short term stop gap loan if needed but our heart is to see the Lord provide the funds by September 30. Eisch! It has been utterly
  amazing to see God provide for this project. Please, specifically pray for the balance of \$150,000 to be given. I'm personally asking
  the Lord to do it by August 21, prior to our leaving for furlough. With God, it's never a matter of IF He will provide but HOW and
  WHEN He chooses to do it.
- Steve and Asa Hathaway from Franklin Road BC in Tennessee visited with us for a week and were a true blessing! We enjoyed some rich fellowship!! Satan is working overtime right now trying to sift God's people and Steve brought some timely admonitions from God's Word that was just what we needed. They teamed up with a group of our young men and reached over 500 homes in one day distributing Setswana NT's. We trust the Lord that the seed sown will result in many souls coming to Christ.

We know that God's hand of blessing on this ministry is the direct result of the faithful prayers of God's people. As you pray, would you kindly lift up these requests to the Lord on our behalf:

The remaining \$150,000 needed for the Grace Oasis Property – Our church leaders & Shane and Emily as they oversee the ministries during our furlough – For our Permanent Residence applications to be approved – For our Grace BC families (every one in the church is going through a specific trial – and it seems that as we hear reports from you that it is much the same around the world – I Peter 5:9) – For Grace Christian School and our co-laborer Ms. Pamela, a government official is trying to shut it down unjustly. Fortunately, we have the law and more importantly, THE LORD, on our side but it is going to be a battle.

We love and appreciate you, Mike & Cindy Haley

Initial Introduction to Grace Oasis Youtube Link <u>https://youtu.be/V6eJpNnXatY</u> First Update link <u>https://youtu.be/V6eJpNnXatY</u>











Steven & Asa Hathaway Joined in ministries of church and preachers training class

Sis Libby teaching at Grace Christian Homeschool Bible Time

