

Botswana Africa

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Dearest Friends,

Sept/Oct Update

This year has been an intensely busy and equally blessed season of ministry. The cooler days have passed and the hot summer temps have returned which signals two things: the heavy rain storms and the end of the year is fast approaching. We're gripped with a sense of urgency. First, to prepare the churches and ministry teams for the coming year. And second, to wrap up some outstanding building projects that weigh heavy upon us. Many souls have been saved, the churches are growing, and God has already used the Grace Oasis property greatly. With grateful hearts we give God glory for past and present accomplishments with the accompanying battles and victories. The opportunities that lay ahead, to further the gospel, are greater than we've ever had before. God's continual grace and goodness in our lives and ministry compels us to press on, to make full proof of the ministry, and to seize the prize. We could not do it without your intercessions for us. Fruit abounds to your account! Thank you and may you receive a great reward in Heaven. The events of the past several weeks are best described as delightful, demanding, and dangerous all at the same time. Satan relentlessly tries to discourage us but the Lord is our portion. I echo the words of the beautiful hymn, "Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul!"

Since our last letter we have:

Witnessed many people saved in every aspect of ministry – hosted our sending church for a camp and construction mission trip – experienced an armed robbery – had a wonderful follow up camp for the Grace BC youth – hosted several local churches for camps and conferences at the Grace Oasis – hosted our dear friends from Pennsylvania, Peter & Lois Rall for teaching on the book of Galatians – welcomed Shane and Emily back to Africa (they finished their deputation in the U.S.), participated in Shane's ordination services, and enjoyed a week of vacation with them. I (Mike) was hospitalized and had emergency surgery for kidney stones that were leading to a kidney failure. We are currently engaged in 3 major construction projects – conducted two Bible distribution campaigns – seen amazing strides in the new church plant in Ramotswa – started a new semester of Bible Institute – welcomed our new missionary colleague (Ms. Derryanne) from Canada – hosted a dearest friend (Brother John Haynes) for special teaching on Creation / Science / and the Bible. So...just a little bit going on! Praise the Lord! We hope you enjoy the attached pages of pictures highlighting some of the events.

We have also posted a 6 minute update video that details some of the above: <https://youtu.be/DJHWOOnXAGtM>

Two specific prayer requests and urgent needs:

1. **HELP WANTED:** We are praying for a carpenter and all around handy man to come for a short term mission trip to Botswana. We need someone qualified and capable to come (ideally 2-3 months) to build cabinets and shelving – rebuild doors & install new ones – fix windows – install door locks – run exterior cement board siding – run insulation and do interior finish on a cabin – etc. etc. We can provide airfare (as needed), very comfortable accommodations, all necessary tools and materials are here, helping hands, great fellowship, and a very rewarding experience! Qualified carpenters are difficult to schedule (always busy) and are very expensive in Botswana. Please pray that the Lord would provide just the right person to help us get these necessary things done. This is a great opportunity for someone to escape the winter cold and to enjoy the summer sunshine, lots of lemonade, and great service for the Lord here in Botswana.

2. **UNSPOKEN FINANCIAL NEED:** I know it's unusual but the Lord has definitely led me to present this as an unspoken need for now. We will share more details as the Lord leads and the scope of the need is further known. Allow me to say that Cindy and I really have no personal needs apart from your prayers for our spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being. Any need we mention is always for the sake of some aspect of the ministry. Even then we try to appeal to our churches only after we have done what we can and have asked our local people to give as well. That said, it is a substantial and urgent need and we would ask two things in regards to it. First – Please pray! The Lord knows what we have need of even before we ask. Second – if the Lord leads you to enquire about it contact us personally for details at pastormhaley@gmail.com or emailmrsindy@gmail.com

Our colleague and co-laborer Ms. Derryanne is truly a God send and has already helped in so many ways. We hope to do a better job at being more timely with our prayer letters and will send shorter but more frequent video updates as well. Additionally, I'm taking the plunge and am going to start using Facebook for ministry awareness. Seems that is where the world comes together nowadays. Oh.....the good ole days. ☺ We certainly love and appreciate all of you.

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Happy with their new copy of the New Testament in Setswana



Time with the "kids"



Covert veranda and deck on the cabin