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CANCER – CONSTRUCTION – CHURCH GROWTH Praise and Prayer Requests from Botswana April / May / June 2026

Psalm 104:33-34 – I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Today is Monday, June 29. I tried to finish this letter on Fathers Day – June 21, having started to write it on Friday morning May 29. It's been that kind of a year. We try to write monthly, but going through all that cancer brings has made keeping up with communications almost impossible. I appreciate your prayers, understanding, and patience during these difficult days. **The Lord has led us to a great trial, but we will sing His praise as long as we have our being for in spite of the difficulties souls continue to be saved, the churches are growing, and the work continues to be blessed!** I'm going to start using Facebook as well to share ministry news and health updates in between our prayer letters. We love you more than words can say and appreciate your faithfulness to pray for us and support this great work.

Update on Mom Cindy's cancer: In 35 years of marriage and ministry together, Cindy and I have had our share of the *"for better or for worse"* and the *"richer or for poorer"* of life's ups and downs with a smaller share of *"in sickness and in health."* **Cancer**, has brought on a whole new reality with constant medical visits, bloodwork, travel to and from Botswana and South Africa, scheduling lodging, insurance issues, (oh insurance issues!!!), learning a new level of nutrition and diet, along with all of the day to day norms of ministry has been exhausting and at times overwhelming. Yet, each day we awake to God's endless supply of grace. And we have been constantly reminded of His love experienced through an overwhelming outpouring of your love and prayers and gracious giving. It has given us the strength to carry on during this time of trial and affliction. Indeed, we will be glad in the Lord! Let me try to bring everything up to date:

Just before Easter, Cindy was diagnosed with stage 4 non-small cell lung cancer (adenocarcinoma). A few days later she had more than half of her right lung surgically removed along with the cancerous tumor followed by recovery in the hospital, release, then readmission for a blood clot. We had received a preliminary report that it appeared the cancer had not spread, but in actuality that was not the case. When we met with the oncologist to review biopsies, MRI's and CT scans we were shown that there remains a small tumor in the remaining lung, another small tumor in her hipbone, a medium sized tumor and 14 additional lesions on the brain. The prescribed treatment will involve chemotherapy every three weeks for six sessions of which she has completed two. She will require ten applications of whole brain radiation of which she is half way through and the continuation of immunotherapy for one to two years.

Most recently we have been dealing with a frightening complication. Swelling from the brain tumor has caused Cindy's brain to shift "off center" so that fluid on the brain cannot drain properly. The resulting impairments resemble someone who has had a stroke and suffers from dementia at the same time. Her speech had become slurred, she is unable to recall words and finish sentences, and her mobility and motor functions became very limited. I and Emily have been her round the clock caregiver. The doctors are treating this with steroids and are hopeful that the radiation and subsequent shrinking of the tumor will help this condition to improve. We're thankful to report that the condition is gradually improving.

Just before the onset of these complications our son Brock flew into Botswana for a visit! Shane and Emily came in from South Africa and Emily arranged for family pictures. By God's grace Cindy's hair "held on" till the day after the pictures were done. Oh my!! We had such a great time together. Brock loved Botswana, the people, and seeing the work firsthand. Everyone gave him a hero's welcome with lots of love shown on every side. He gave a powerful testimony to the teens and young adults on Sunday. The joy of a family reunion in BOTSWANA was "good medicine."

Beyond Cancer: We rejoice that we have still been able to make great progress on the construction projects at the Grace Oasis property. In the past three months we've hosted two church group mission teams from the U.S., a precious family from Texas, and then Nichole and Allie from Indianapolis have been with us for the past month. Everyone has been so amazing! So willing to serve, help, pitch in, and also understand the situation and the need for me to travel back and forth. Buildings have been erected, floors

tilled, cabinets built, interiors finished, roofs, walls, doors, and light poles have been painted. Messages have been preached, lessons taught, soul-winning done, Kids Bible Clubs have been conducted and a new one started. Thousands of copies of New Testaments have been distributed door to door and in public schools. At least 11 very solid decisions for salvation were made. The Ramotswa church, the Gaborone church, and what will soon be organized as the Molatwana church are all growing. A new bus ministry has been started and new Bible Institute classes have begun with new students. I wish our readers could see firsthand and understand the amazing ways that the Lord continues to do His work through the willingness and the faithfulness of His people. It really is "something only God can do."

Please pray: For Cindy, please pray specifically that the treatments will be effective and that side-effects will be minimal. For Mike, pray for stamina and the ability to balance daily responsibilities and for safety in traveling. For Shane and Emily, as they are helping with Mom Cindy's care and also finalizing for their move to Zambia and the DRC at the same time. For Brock as he is very burdened about being in the U.S. and also wanting to be close to the family and help with his Mom at this time. For Miss Derryanne, our co-laborer from Canada who is a priceless treasure – pray for her permits and funding to build a cabin for herself on the Grace Oasis property. Please pray in a special way for our church family, ministry team, and staff here. They are all carrying this burden with us and many of them are also going through great trials in their lives as well. Please pray for the Lord to continue using us for the furtherance of the gospel. We have seen some wonderful decisions for Christ as of late. We have also encountered opposition publicly in a way that is not common in Botswana. Time is short. People need the Lord. Satan will fight! Cancer is consuming, afflictions abound. BUT GOD!! I say it again – BUT GOD!! He is faithful, He is greater, and He is good! We will sing His praises as long as we live and have our being!!!



Mom Cindy Treatments and Time with Family



Bunk House Project

New Bus Ministry

Mission Teams



Church Ministries & Father's Day

