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REVIVAL - REPRODUCING – RENOVATIONS – REINFORCEMENTS – REQUESTS

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. - II Corinthians 9:8

God's grace and blessings continue to abound in the ministry here in Botswana. This letter and our video update are long overdue, and we appreciate your patience with us. Adjusting to the absence of Shane and our daughter Emily (they are in the U.S. on deputation) and the acquisition and added workload of the Grace Oasis property has brought us to a new normal. The past five months has literally been NON-STOP and God's grace has been equal to each task and each trial. Truly HE IS OUR SUFFICIENCY in all things, and we joyfully report to you that many souls have been saved, great progress has been made in each area of ministry and by God's great grace – we are going full steam ahead and making full proof of the ministry here.

We just concluded **REVIVAL** services at Grace Baptist Church with visiting Pastor Dane and Mrs. Joy Keely from Florida. Attendance at each service was AWESOME and six precious souls have trusted Christ throughout the week. In April ten were baptized into membership and four joined by statement of faith. There are eight students in the Bible Institute this term, four men are leading in the church planting initiative and Ms. Pamela has a full complement of 20 students in the Grace Learning Center Christian school.

REPRODUCING ourselves in the men that God has raised up and helping them to establish new churches is the heart and will always be the primary focus of this ministry, with everything we do being a contributing factor to that end (2 Timothy 2:2). Please pray for our church planting efforts in Ramotswa, Gabane, and Ruretse. In coming weeks, we will be able to share exciting news about what the Lord is doing in these places.

The purchase of the Grace Oasis property was a miracle! The second miracle is the way that God has blessed the **RENOVATIONS** and repairs. Like a new baby in the house the work and attention needed to get this place ready for its intended use has been all consuming and quite exhausting. But the hard work is paying off and great progress is being made. Please be sure to watch the update video for a full report on the progress of the GO. We will send out a link in the next few days.

The Lord has truly enlarged the place of our tent and is lengthening our cords (Isaiah 54:2). And, as he does so, he has sent **REINFORCEMENTS** to both assist in the GO project and to strengthen our ministry team. The Visscher family from Florida took a 3 month leave from their jobs (and income) and worked tirelessly on the GO property and in the church. We've never known such selfless people, the epitome of what it is to have a servant's heart! Thank you, Pastor Kelly and their church family, for sending them. Words cannot express what was accomplished and our eternal gratitude. During that time, we also had Rik Daniel and Andy New from Indiana, the Wall family from North Carolina, and the Heyne family, all of whom "pitched in" for a few weeks and assisted the efforts. The Lord has led Chris and Molly Heyne (pronounced Hines), who serve as missionaries in the construction arm of BIMI, to move to Botswana and join us for two years to help with the continuing work of developing the Grace Oasis property. They arrive in July and not a moment too soon. Pastor Harlly Catalino and his family arrived in February to join our church planting team. Pastor Harlly was a church planter in the Philippines and after three years of deputation they are now here in Botswana. Mrs. Rosaline Catalino is also schoolteacher and is a welcomed answer to prayer assisting Ms. Pamela with the ministry of the Christian school. Ms. Summer Scroggs from Tennessee is a registered nurse and has completed her deputation and arrives on May 24 to join our ministry team full-time. She will assist in the work of the churches, children's ministries and the Grace Oasis and will also be coordinating a new and exciting aspect of ministry – medical missions.

We stand fast through your prayers and our **REQUESTS** are many.

- Please pray with us for:
- A continuation of the spirit of revival at Grace Baptist Church in Gaborone
- Open doors and God's hand of blessing upon the new church plants in Ramotswa, Gabane, and Ruretse and for Frank and Rosemary, Moses and Evelyn, and Raman and Michelle as they lead them.
- Permits to be approved for the Catalino and Heyne families and Ms. Summer Scroggs
- Approvals of tax exemptions, safe and timely arrival of Summer and the Heyne family's containers
- Wisdom and strength for each one of our ministry team and unity of spirit amongst us – For God's hand of blessing in each area of ministry: Souls to be saved – New believers to be grounded and disciplined – Churches to grow and flourish – Especially for our young adults as many have started college and face new temptations and stresses of adulthood. Pray they remain consecrated to the Lord and His will.

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- Our need of approximately \$35,000 to buy a bus for transporting our people to the villages for Bible distribution and evangelism, youth activities, kids to camp, and visiting teams from churches in the U.S.
- Cindy's father, Pastor Randy Parker, recently had a heart attack. Cindy is flying home for the first two weeks of June to see him and the family and then will rush back to prepare for a visiting group from the U.S. Please pray for her and travelling mercies.

Folks, we love you and appreciate the blessedness of being able to serve the Lord together for the cause of Christ in Botswana. It's our privilege to serve God in this place and on your behalf. God is doing great and mighty things, and we give Him all the glory. Thank you for your faithfulness to us and in the work, God has given you to do in your place. JESUS is worthy of our all! Till next time....

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