



The Hills

Nathan, Akemi, Makoto & Megumi

Missionaries to Botswana

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Hello faithful friends,

This summer we have traveled across the country and spent all of July in California, and in August, we visited several churches in Utah, Missouri, and Colorado. God has allowed us to see and enjoy his beautiful landscapes along the way, and the heavens truly do *declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork*.

God opened many doors, and we were privileged with opportunities to share Botswana with new friends. Each church has been excited about the openness of Botswana and the possibilities of reaching hungry souls for Christ. Both Makoto and Megumi have been practicing piano, and they have had opportunities to share their talents with churches. We thank each of you who have had a part in helping their musical talents continue to develop. Thank you to those who sent cards and gifts to Megumi as she celebrated her first birthday away from friends and family; you truly made her feel special and loved. At the end of the day, her words were, "Thank you for making my birthday special. It's been a good day." Short and simple, but for Megumi, a little goes a long way, for those who know and love her.

I have also been privileged to preach and speak at men's prayer breakfasts. It is always an honor that I don't take lightly when a pastor welcomes me into his pulpit. Makoto and I have also enjoyed the time of outreach and fellowship when we join with the men of the church and go out into the community. These moments prepare us for our time in Botswana, and we are thankful to still have the opportunity to go out. We even had a nice lady gift us with some of her plants in California. Although we miss our garden at home, and we appreciated the kind gesture, I'm afraid the aloe plant and succulent that were gifted to us are struggling to adapt to camper life. Akemi has also been able to share her testimony which is always a powerful reminder of God's providence and our motivation to continue to serve Christ because we truly never know how our lives will impact others.

As you read this, we are currently making our way back to the east coast. Pray that God would continue to guide our steps and keep us safe on the road. We are continuously amazed at God's provision often before the need ever arises. Once again, God provided for a need with the truck. A sweet friend sent Megumi a birthday card and included some money for us. Just when we needed it, God provided what we needed before we even knew there was a need. Please pray that God would continue to open doors for churches to partner with us. We are praying that God would allow us to reach 75% by fall. Pray, also, that we will continue to keep our focus on God and be an encouragement to those we meet along the way. Lastly, we earnestly seek your prayers for Cindy Haley. Continue to pray that God would touch her body; give her strength, rest, and healing. Please pray for grace and strength for the family and wisdom and mercy for the many doctors, nurses, and medical staff that surround the Haleys. As always, we are grateful for your prayers and your partnership with our family. You have and will continue to be an encouragement to us.

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