

Missionaries to Botswana

September/October 2026

Hello Faithful Friends,

The fall season is upon us; the leaves are changing. There's finally a chill in the air, and pumpkin spice is everywhere. The last two months have been exceptionally busy for us as we have entered "missions conference season." God has once again protected us as we have traveled many miles and crossed several state lines. We began September out west in Colorado and slowly made our way back east, visiting churches in West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Florida. Several times we drove through the night and churches were gracious to allow us to come in briefly to share our ministry with them. God has once again protected us, and we're grateful always for his provision. Praise the Lord, we have had several churches partner with us, and we are now at 76%! Please continue to pray that God would open doors and provide opportunities for us to share our burden about Botswana with other churches and partner with them.

As many of you know, Mom Cindy was diagnosed with lung cancer in April of this year, and early Sunday morning on October 11th, God called her home. Her faith has become sight and she has heard *well done thy good and faithful servant.* While we are grieving the loss of our dear, sweet Cindy, we are holding tight to the truths of God's goodness. Cindy's homegoing has left a huge void in Botswana. Please pray for the church as they grieve the loss of Mom Cindy. Please pray for grace as the ministry transitions and as Akemi's role in the ministry changes and develops. Of late, we have often found ourselves asking "Why?" Why take one of God's most faithful servants? Why leave the people of Botswana without their loving Mom Cindy? Why allow this pain? Each time, the answer has always been the same: God's will is perfect. He has allowed this to stretch us and grow us closer to Him. God's grace is sufficient, and he truly is good on the mountain and in the valley.

As we get closer to reaching our full support, our flesh becomes weak and we often battle with thoughts of insufficiency and anxiousness. But once again, God has been good and gracious to remind us through encouraging people, praying friends, and timely messages from God's Word that his *grace is sufficient* and his *strength is made perfect in weakness.* We are scheduled through the end of the year with church meetings; then we'll take a short break to celebrate our last holidays with friends and family. Please continue to pray that our remaining support comes in so we can return to Botswana in the next few months. Pray that we will continue to keeps our eyes on God and put our trust in him in all things. As you pray for us, we will be praying for you.

Laboring together,
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