



# Captivated for the Gospel

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From my heart...

These past months have been a whirlwind of joy and sorrow. I experienced a great work of the Lord in Botswana, had my community completely overhauled, started training 22 incredible students, traveled thousands of miles and said farewell to my cherished Granna. Our entire team in Botswana dealt with overwhelming change while we were abroad. We borrowed wisdom from our teammate Janice and claimed the truth that "We either trust God or we don't" as tides of emotion, allow fear and stress to creep.

Friends move, furnaces breaks, plans change, Granna's pass on and through it all, we either trust God or we don't. In our moments of joy and the saddest farewells the option remains: trust God for big and glorious things or choose to let fear and stress reign. Slowly I am learning, change can be overwhelming, but it can also usher new and marvelous seasons for the expansion of God's Kingdom. My Granna represented Christ in so many ways and she always reminded us **"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and do not forget to thank Him for His answers."** **Philippians 4:6.**

...and this is what I choose.

## PRAYERS

- ☑ For healthy grieving and celebrating amongst my family after the loss of my Granna.
- ☑ For a permanent Christian leader among the Deaf in the north of Botswana
- ☑ For Tshenolo, the only Deaf pastor in Botswana, that the Lord would give Him strength and wisdom
- ☑ For the preparation and training of our students going to Thailand. Also pray for unity amongst the teams and deepened personal relationships with the Lord.
- ☑ For rest amidst this exciting and at times overwhelming season. As much as I hate to admit it my body and mind are feeling weary.

## PRAISE

- ☑ For a strong and growing body of believers in southern Botswana.
- ☑ For a growing and incredible volunteer staff developing in the Deaf department of our ministry.
- ☑ For the Lord's grace, protection and sovereignty during Botswana, my first trip leading solo (I needed lots of grace!)
- ☑ For a season full of visiting people I love and being encouraged by the faith and growth of my family and friends all over the globe!
- ☑ For provision to get a new furnace so my roommates will not freeze all winter!



# GOD HAS GONE BEFORE US

*Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you." Deuteronomy 31:8*

This scripture came alive as we entered Botswana. Every place we turned we could clearly see that the Lord had been working and we were honored to join His work there. Last year we met a young, small body of deaf believers in Southern Botswana; this year we met a thriving, large body of deaf believers who had changed spiritually to a degree that was visible physically. They anticipated time to learn God's word, they go out and share God's story and they come back to church with a few new friends in tow. We were able to spend several days encouraging the church and training on communicating the Gospel clearly and effectively. Our time at the church left us encouraged and excited for all that the Lord will do with these faithful believers in the coming year.

After our time at the church, we traveled up North. We saw the Lord going before us in a different way. Up north we had formative contacts and no deaf church established. The Lord provided contacts for us and we were able to find two new schools for the deaf where we built relationships with the leaders of these schools. We also returned to the primary school in Maun that had become like home last year. We were burdened for the teachers as there were now only 2 teachers for all 7 grade levels. We continued to speak God's promise over the place "do not be afraid or discouraged...He will neither fail nor abandon you." By the end of our time there we saw the Lord developing understanding in the lives of the students, the teachers regaining a small glimmer of hope for their weary souls, and the team resting in the knowledge that we serve a God faithful to all his promises.

We pray that the church in Botswana would soon become a sending church. That they would go out to the far corners of their country, the countries around them and beyond. They have a commitment to God's word, a insatiable hunger to know more and a humble posture as they share the good news. Please join us in praying for how we can be an encouragement and resource as this body begins to live out the great commission so that the Deaf worldwide may understand and receive God's glorious grace.



## Deaf Branch Ministry

Unexpectedly and slightly reluctantly, I have moved into overseeing our new and growing branch of School to the Nations. This part of our ministry is focused on reaching Deaf peoples worldwide. The Deaf have been classified as the most unreached people groups in the world. Botswana is just the beginning of our goals and heart at STN for these precious people. I started knowing little sign and even less about Deaf culture but the Lord has been drawing Deaf and hearing people with a heart (and great skills) to join in this ministry. It has been such a joy to watch the Lord develop this team and I cannot wait to introduce them to you in future updates. The Lord is signing to His Deaf children and I am thankful to be in the game!

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