

November at Open Baptist Church was a month of action and direction.

We hosted our first InAsMuch event on the 19th that directly impacted nearly 500 people in the Maru a pula neighborhood and other parts of Gaborone. You can find a summary at this link

http://closeconnections.org/obc/obc_in_as_much_1111.pdf

O.B.C. also held a leadership retreat with the following goals for 2012

- Register our Theological Studies program with T.E.C.; establish curriculum; grow student body.
- Determine the extent of government support of Face the Nation, then chart the way ahead.
- Conduct three Pastors Encouragement conferences; Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- Plant one new church out of O.B.C.
- Take steps towards sending a full time missionary.

In addition are the physical goals for 2012

- Pay off the bond on the property
- Finalize a master plan for the property
- Begin a phased in building project after determining the priorities of the master plan

The master plan to include

- New worship sanctuary
- Counseling center
- Additional offices
- Theological training center
- Little Lambs hall
- Youth center
- Conference facilities
- Office block for rental to F.B.O.'s

Early in the month we partnered with Moruti David Thokwane showing the Jesus film in Molepolole. Seven people came to know the Lord that evening and several of them have been attending his church.

Later in the month we said farewell to Andy, Gail and Matthew Wingreen as they relocate back to South Africa. Gail has been a driving force behind the Face the Nation program and her influence was seen by the University of Botswana students of the Face the Nation club who joined us on this occasion. We will all miss them and pray for God's leading in their future.

We have mission points like Pastor David Thokwane in Molepolole and the church plant we are currently praying for that we invite you our partners to prayerfully consider being a part of. Join us as we continue to serve Him and build His Kingdom.

On November 30th O.B.C. interns Lenos Ngugi graduated with a Bachelor in Theology and Samantha Sylvia Myambo was awarded her Diploma in Theology both from the Baptist Theological College in Johannesburg. Samantha Mogwe and Gail Wingreen also received a Diploma in Theology.

On December 3rd Open Baptist Church held its first Inter Denominational Sports Day hosting 11 other churches to competitive sport games. Soccer, basketball, net ball, volley ball, table tennis, billiards, track and darts were all played. Nearly 500 youth and adults participated and many others came out to watch and cheer for their church teams. Photos of some events are on the web page.

May you have a blessed and joyous Christmas.