

Happenings at Open Baptist Church since the beginning of October, 2011

Ken Galyean from Call to Africa Ministry brought a team which ministered in the Northeast District and Zimbabwe up to the middle of the month. Read details of this mission under partner trip reports, Call to Africa/ Botswana and Zimbabwe. Follow this link:

http://www.closeconnections.org/trips/tripreport_oct2011_calltoafrica.pdf

Center of the month O.B.C. hosted its second annual mission's conference in which all our African continent partners participated as did the Call to Africa team. Our members really appreciated having the opportunity to learn what God has been doing in the ministries of our partners. Campus Crusade for Christ and Youth for Christ were additions to this year's ministry presentations. Something new was the Saturday prayer breakfast in which nearly 100 people attended. Besides the emphasis of prayer the proceeds of tickets to the event went as additional financial support to our ministry partners. Pastor Ken Galyean addressed our mission partners with a statement of missions in today's world. Dr. Sam Ndogo from the Baptist Theological College shared with the congregation about transforming the nations.

On Sunday, October 16 we baptized 30 new believers. Many of these are already members or on their way to becoming one. Brother Alfred Tembo spent several weeks in classes with these new converts and assisted Pastor Norman in the pool of water.

In the last week of the month we welcomed our new Youth minister, Pastor Amazing Mutangadura, his wife Audrey and daughter Asher and son Alex. They have lived in Japan for the past five years as Amazing completed his theological studies. They will make a brief trip home to Zimbabwe before returning in November to begin ministry with O.B.C.

On the last weekend of the month Stuart Kemsley came up from South Africa to conduct Precept Bible Study Workshop. Sixty people came forward to participate in the three day event. The inductive bible study method was taught and leadership training was also conducted.

O.B.C. served with Pastor David Thokwane one Saturday evening to present the Jesus Film in Molepolole. Seven people came to Christ that night and several of those are attending Molepolole Calvary Baptist Church. Pastor David continues to do prayer walks, conduct door to door evangelism and oversee a week night cell group.

David Odhuno which is the Botswana national director for Navigators is returning permanently to Kenya at the end of the year. David has been a ministry partner for many years and was founding partner with the Face the Nation program. They continue to look for his replacement here in Gaborone.

O.B.C. continues to send bi-monthly teams to worship with Mantshwabisi Baptist Church in partnership with Sister Angie May of R.T.U. ministries. A big praise recently when two teachers from the hostel primary school joined the Sunday service.

Pastor Norman & Gabi spent several days in South Africa the first week of November to welcome their son and family which are moving back from the United Kingdom. They look forward to having the twins closer for more frequent visits.

We want to thank all our members for their prayers and support. With you many things are possible and with Christ all things are. We are grateful for having you at our side and look forward to the future serving Him together.

Submitted by Jeff Sukup