

September in Botswana

The Alice Drive Baptist Church team carried over into the month working on the Old Naledi kitchen project which will eventually be the new home of the feeding station supported by Manna Worldwide and O.B.C.. They completed the footings allowing the slab to be poured. The very next week the Freedom Fellowship team consisting of Mark Johnson, Allan Waterfield, Jake Ticknor, Donny Kauffman Jason Collins and Nancy Hammett were here to erect the walls. This work was done using Mega Blocks (cider blocks) and mortar which was mixed by hand. Windows and doorways were installed or left open in all but one of the walls. Three interior walls were also started. Funding is still required in order to complete the structure and look to the Lord for this future provision.

The month finished up with O.B.C.'s first ever missions conference starting on September 29. Over 40 people attending the two days of meetings, this consisted of missionaries supported by O.B.C. and others we value and partner with in ministry. All of them were very pleased with this time of fellowship, learning and networking. One couple said that in the 20 years of ministry they have done that they have never been involved in anything like this. On Friday, October 1st O.B.C. members and guests were able to visit with the missionaries at the stalls they set up to learn more about their individual ministries; at the same time some members were selling food for dinner so the fellowship was excellent. Afterward we kicked off the weekend with Pastor Bryant Wright speaking at our service. The festivities continued Saturday morning with a breakfast of about 150 attending and hosted by Face the Nation. Past Botswana president His Excellency Sir Ketumile Masire, Bryant Wright and others spoke at this event, celebrating five years of Face the Nation. That same evening we hosted a dessert extravaganza where members brought in their best desserts for us all to share; this was followed up by another service challenging our church members to step out in missions. At Sunday morning services members of G West and Calvary Baptist from Molepolole joined in at O.B.C. Blue Tree which had us simulcast the service to our conference center room; this brought our attendance for the morning to over a 1,000 attending.