

# **Mosojane Outreach Report**

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### **Introduction**

Scott and Tonya Shipes are National Children's Missionaries to Botswana working to help as many churches or communities as possible take their next step by establishing a sustainable Children's Ministry. This is our second outreach in this village.

### **Mosojane Information**

Mosojane is a village of 3000 people, 490 kilometers North of Gaborone, with 233 children between the ages of 6 and 12 enrolled in the primary school. Education in school is below par because of difficulty comprehending and reading English. There is a preschool in the village to provide a head start on studies to begin primary school.

Once children finish primary school, they have to travel 10 kilometers to the village of Masunga to attend junior and senior secondary schools. Public transportation cost is beyond most families' means, so the students have to walk two hours each way, and some of that is in the dark on a dirt road. Many students become disappointed and depressed by the situation, and end up failing or dropping out. This has caused a rise in drinking, loitering by the young people of the village.

The village sources for income are cattle and rental housing. It has been recently hit hard by hoof and mouth disease on their cattle. The government killed 90% of the cattle in the northeast area in the past 2 months.

### **Mosojane Leadership**

Chief Frieda Mosojane; Moruti Andrew Mwima, Pastor, Mosojane Baptist Church and his wife Elizabeth; Village Development Council.

### **Outreach Goal**

- 1) Provide outreach for the primary school; encourage the teachers and help the church to reach the children in the community with biblical truth.
- 2) Provide assistance to the teachers at the school and daycare centers in Mosojane and Mulambakwena.

### **Outreach Activities**

A team from Alice Drive Baptist Church, Sumter, SC, USA worked in the school and church to equip the teachers and children. A Bible School for the children was held at the Mosojane Primary School after the school released the children in the afternoon. This was done with the blessing and hospitality from the Mosojane Primary School and Mosojane Baptist Church, with funds and supplies provided by Alice Drive Baptist Church. This Bible School provided teaching, feeding, sports activities, crafts and Bible lessons that emphasized the importance of faith and

trust in God. The Bible School ended each day with a meal at no cost to the children.

### **Provisions Supplied**

- 1) School supplies, teaching resources and sports supplies were given to the Red Hills Day Care, Mulambakwena.
- 2) Work at the day care:
  - a) Painted educational information on the walls.
  - b) Cleaned and mopped classrooms.
  - c) Raked and cleaned school grounds.
- 3) Bible School:
  - a) Registered 214 children
  - b) Fed lunch and drink to 214 kids
  - c) Bible School program
    - i) Daily Bible Lesson on Faith and Trust
    - ii) Worship/Music
    - iii) Craft
    - iv) Recreation and team work
- 4) Encouraged HOPE to a small village through the love of our Lord Jesus Christ

### **Successes**

- 1) Large number of children arrived daily after school and were engaged with our message of faith and trust in a God you can not see in life all situations.
- 2) Teachers were encouraged with the US students helping in the classrooms.
- 3) The team connected with the children and understood their needs are not material poverty but spiritual poverty.
- 4) Defining “the win” is now understood by Moruti Andrew to be more effective by working only in the ministry area represented. Be excellent in one area instead of good in many places is our ministry goal for children. Community between church and school is the best method to reach children in small villages.

### **Challenges**

- 1) The daycare in Mosojane is no longer run by Moruti Anderw and his wife and not able to reach and teach young children in Mosojane on a daily basis. They run the one in Mulambakwena which is 10 km away form Mosojane.
- 2) English is poor, not easily understood. Interpreters are needed in the future.
- 3) The school does not have an outreach with the church other than prayer on Thursday morning. Bible study is welcomed but currently not available.
- 4) Moruti Andrew needs to improve planning and organizing the work for teams. He attempted to send the team to multiple locations that were not specific to our ministry. We had a plan but he developed one of his own. He now understands.
- 5) Only Andrew and his wife do the work in Mosojane and Mulambakwena. He has difficulty retaining help. Trained people leave for other opportunities.

Respectfully submitted

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