

The Heart of Open Baptist Church
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In the middle of 100 days of ministry in Africa my wife Karen and I were privileged to spend 10 days with Pastor Norman and Gabi and the entire OBC family. We had two very focused days with Maruti James and the 170 children of our feeding station that we help to support in Naledi through the partnership of MANNA Worldwide and OBC. This is a very good work that is not only going to change the lives of these children forever but is also impacting this entire community in a positive way. On Sunday July 25 Karen and I were privileged to present our mission with MANNA to the entire church during both packed worship services. Karen gave a testimony and sang and Sandy preached as we shared our hearts for not only the work here in Naledi but also among other poor and struggling children of the world. Pastor Norman on the spur of the moment with no advance warning or preparation called on the church to give a love offering for another work we support in the infamous Kibera slum of Nairobi Kenya. To our amazement this African church spontaneously contributed over \$2200 USD in this offering. We were shocked and humbled by the outpouring of love from the wonderful people of OBC. This sacrifice speaks to the incredible heart of Pastor Norman and the entire OBC family but also further illustrates the potential this body of believers has to continue to impact Botswana and the entire continent of Africa for the cause of Christ. Thank you OBC for your love and heart for Africa and the world.