

Prayer Needs

The Church in Botswana, with the passing of Pastor Emelang Moikothia.

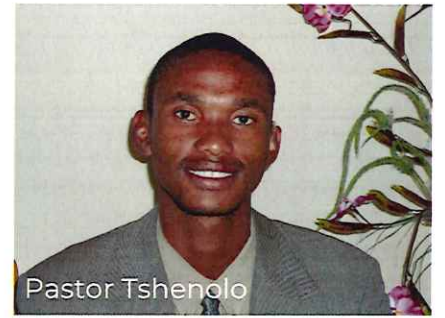
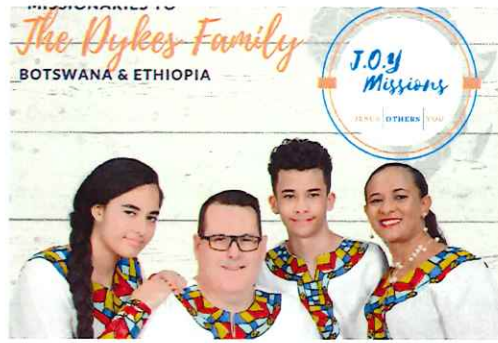
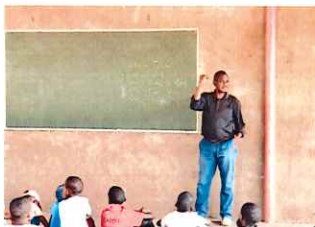
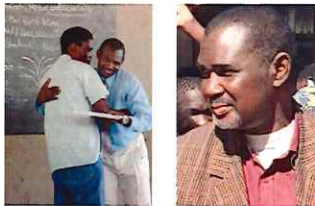
Support to increase. We need to raise additional support for personal and ministry needs.

People in Ethiopia, inflation has increased drastically.

People in Botswana, and the new works there.

Please take a look at the special insert for more information.

Pastor Emelnag was one of the first deaf saved in Botswana and was the first Deaf Pastor in the country for the first Deaf church.



Botswana:

Botswana continues to do well under the leadership of Pastor Carella and Tshenolo. I could not be prouder as a father of these young men and how they have grown in God and continue serving him while working full-time. I do have two appeals for you about Tshenolo and Carella.

Firstly, we greatly need to raise some support for both these men in different ways. I mentioned in my last letter how Tshenolo wants to be married on the first of next year. In Botswana, a dowery is required for marriage, and we need to raise cow money for him to meet his needs. I thank God some people have stepped up and contributed to this need! We have currently raised \$1000 towards our \$3000 goal!

The second appeal I have is for Carella. Carella is faithful to the ministry and a great pastor, husband, and father. He is also sometimes my right and left hand. Carella has one child and another on the way. I desire to bring him to the States in 2025 to raise support as a missionary because I am training him to one day take my place when I ultimately graduate to heaven.



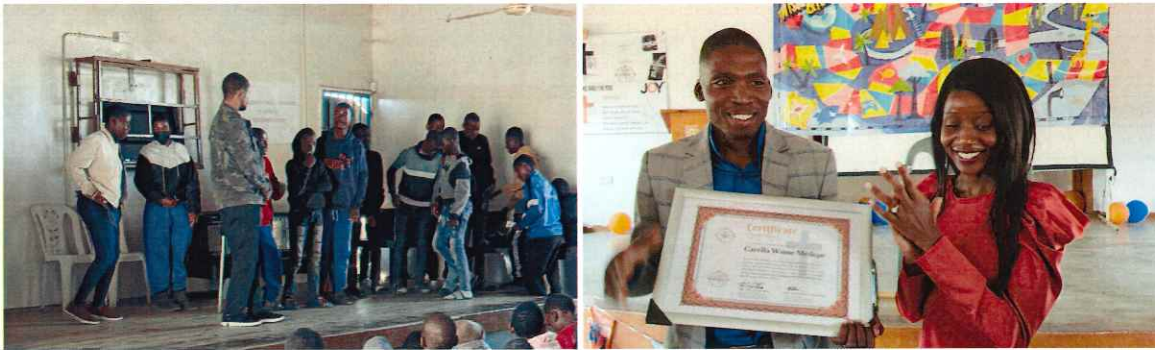
Dear Pastors & Praying Friends:

What a busy time it has been for us these past few months. I have been on the road, traveling through Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and Ohio. God has blessed us as we have been able to pick up some new support and some project support along the way!

Ethiopia:

Please pray for VICKotry School and the Church@VICKtory. The country's economic status has worsened since we were there this summer, and its currency has dramatically devalued. We pray for more support for the school, as we must raise the teachers' salaries to adjust for this massive 75% increase in daily goods and transportation.

The church and school are doing well. Ebenezer Baptist Church (A deaf church we partner with in Addis Ababa) continues to meet at the school under the Authority of Pastor Mekel, who is doing a fantastic job leading both congregations. Pray for Ebenezer as they have lost a few members due to transportation costs, as the school is much farther than the place they were meeting from, where many of the Deaf live in Addis.



The disadvantage is that it would not only take Carella off the field but myself as well. It is a crucial time in the ministry in Botswana that requires both of us to be there and active in the many things God is doing there. With the passing of Moruti Emelang, this is vitally important.

With all that said, we need to raise about \$1000 and then bring him over in a couple of years to report to his supporters and raise additional support. I have raised about \$150 for him with a promise of another \$100, leaving us with \$750 of additional support needed. This will translate to 13475.30 Pula, and he would be able to quit his current full-time job and focus on the ministry full-time. I pray you would consider this great need to further the Gospel in Botswana. If you want to support Carella, you can send your donations to the Baptist International Outreach at the address listed on our letter and mark it Carella Support. If you have any questions, please contact me at (478) 298-3497 (WhatsApp) or dykes4deaf@gmail.com.

I am returning to Botswana probably before you receive this letter for the funeral of my friend Maruti Emelang. Please read more about him on the insert page I sent along with this letter.

In Christ,
The Dykes Family




Moruti Emelang

The word Moruti means pastor. Emelang was just this: a pastor, brother, and friend.

Emelang leaves behind four children, a wife, and a church that loves him like a father.

Please pray for all of us in Botswana as we mourn the passing of a friend. We know he is in heaven and has already met with our Lord, and he has said, "Well done ..."



New Project

The JOY Life Center is about sharing the hope found in Christ with those who lack hope.

The center will serve as a destination point for people going through their darkest times. It will be a beacon of hope to the hopeless. Many in Botswana struggle with addiction, hopeless life situations, crisis pregnancies, and other issues.

Please see our webpage where you can even download recorces for more information.