

Adventures in Africa



WE'RE SO THANKFUL... A New Year has begun and we just can't help but look back over 2010 and see how faithful God has been. We are so thankful for the *things*, but most of all, we are thankful for relationships within His Family! This letter is dedicated to saying thank-you and at the same time letting you know what's been happening lately.



COULD YOU LET YOUR KIDS MOVE ACROSS THE GLOBE? Our parents did over twenty years ago and we're so thankful. They released us to pursue the call on our lives far, far away from home! Meet some of our family – con't, pg 6



WE'RE NOT WHITE... Only our "house" is white... That's the attention-getting statement we love to make! Even though our natural families live far away, God has brought into our lives men, women and children here in Botswana who are our Aunts, Uncles, Cousins... We're all different colors of beige and brown, but we have one purpose. Con't pg 5



WE DIDN'T INVITE THE BUGS to our Preschool Christmas programme, but they came anyway. When God put on our hearts to begin the Academy, He also prepared the way. We are so thankful for the staff members who help us to carry out this portion of Light of the World Ministries with excellence; truly showing the character of God... con't pg 4



SPENDING TIME AND MONEY TO PREPARE Monday through Thursday evenings, Technicians, Lawyers, Doctors, City Council members, Mothers and Musicians come to Light of the World Bible Training Centre to be trained to be more effective in this Harvest... con't pg 4



Taken the same day we had our first passport pictures taken in 1988



Brothers in Christ – Mr. Nthubu and Mr. Kenosi



The BUGS have been circled for your viewing pleasure!



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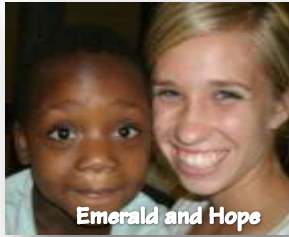
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22 YEARS
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AFRICA!





Emerald handing out gifts at the hospital



Emerald and Hope



Kristin's sister, Emerald's mom, got the prize for carrying green beans African Style!



Crocodile in the background...

BLONDE HAIR, GREEN EYES

and she fit right in! Our niece, Emerald Gyuricza came back from the US with us in October and stayed until mid-January. What a complete blessing she was to our family and to this ministry. Her bubbly enthusiasm is contagious! Emerald is interested in medical missions and came here to experience life as a missionary with us. She had opportunities to minister to children in the hospital and to meet some of the hospital staff. Light of the World Church has received Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child gifts, and now it's our turn to give! Emerald and Light of the World Church prepared shoeboxes filled with gifts which were given to pediatric patients at the hospital just before Christmas. We're so proud of Emerald's initiative and for Light of the World Church youth for being so involved in this project. Thank-You Emerald! You made a difference!

WE'RE THANKFUL FOR OUR LOTW LEADERSHIP

Sylvia Nyamambi was born again at Light of the World Church in 1994. She was among the first to graduate from the Bible training Centre and now successfully pastors Light of the World Church in Matshelagabedi Village. Daniel Jarabane graduated from the Bible Training Centre

in 2004 and now pastors in Tati Siding Village and at Borolong Village. Mrs. Matambo and Mr. Matanda lead Care Groups. We are truly a TEAM and we are so honored to work together with men and women who have a heart to serve this nation with excellence. **You should see the Care Group Leaders play Pictionary next article...**



Top: Kris with Mrs. Nyamambi who pastors at Matshelagabedi Village. Bottom: Mrs. Matambo leads the women's ministry and a Care Group. Mr and Mrs. Matanda lead a Care Group and Usher/Greater ministry Pastor Daniel pastors at Tati Siding and Borolong.





We PLAY together! Get the cookie from the forehead to the mouth – no handel



And we study together!



WE PLAY Pictionary AND BOP-IT! At Light of the World Church, our mid-week services are in the form of “Care Groups.” We study the Word together and we PLAY together! We like that name for our small groups because we CARE about each other, we CARE about the lost, we CARE about meeting people’s needs. At LOTW, Care Groups are a great way to develop leadership within the church and for pastoral care to take place. Our goal is to have visitors and new members become involved in a small group as quickly as possible. Mr. and Mrs. Matanda been so enthusiastic and their Care Group just multiplied! They recently planned a “braai” (American BBQ) and we played Pictionary, Bop-It and other games... those were some interesting drawings, funny faces ... And a lot of laughs! Mrs. Matambo just began another Care Group in their home.



Matthew and Kristin Buckley with Kim and Jon Slusser



SLUSSERS - ACROSS THE GLOBE AND BACK AGAIN! Jon and Kim Slusser have been a part of Light of the World Ministries since January 2009. Jon was such a tremendous blessing in so many areas at LOTW – teaching, building, training... You name it... he helped with it!. Kim is a pediatrician and has been training medical personnel in Botswana pertaining to pediatric HIV. Her contract has come to an end and they recently moved back to their home state of Pennsylvania. They have brought so much to this ministry, to our family and to this nation through giving of themselves so freely. We are so thankful to them and look forward to seeing all that God has in store for them next! Thank you, Jon, Kim and precious Ellianna!



Jon was the commencement speaker for Light of the World Bible Training Centre's 10th Graduation Ceremony



Jon, Kim and Ellianna Slusser

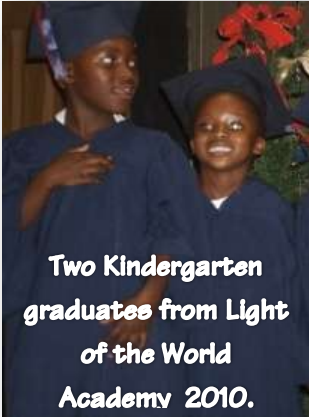


Kim ministered to the women at Light of the World's Ladies Candlelight Christmas Dinner





The day at the game reserve was filled to the MAX with FUN! 30 very tired preschoolers on the way home!



Two Kindergarten graduates from Light of the World Academy 2010.

WE DIDN'T INVITE THE BUGS CON'T... In November, all 30 preschool students had the opportunity to spend the day at a game ranch. They saw giraffe, zebra, deer and dozens of other creatures! The staff at the ranch planned games, snacks and nature activities – and the children came home dirty, tired and so very excited all at the same time!

Parents were invited to watch their Kindergarten children receive their graduation diplomas (from Kindergarten to to first grade), to see academic presentations and to see their children participate in a Christmas presentation. It rained hard the morning of the event and we were so thankful that it stopped before the program. But we forgot to pray about the BUGS that come after the rain... what a sight so see that many 2-5 year olds on the platform jumping, stomping, and grabbing at the little butterfly-like termite bugs that come out after the rain!

We are excited to be able to start a new classroom in 2011. Currently, we admit ages 2 ½ through 6 years, but we will now be able to cater for ages 12 – 30 months as well. Our desire is that this school be used to expose families in our community to the love of our Heavenly Father. Light of the World Staff have demonstrated the love of Jesus to children from Traditional African Religions, Muslim and Atheist families. To hear all of the children recite Psalm 23, Psalm 8 and Psalm 100 is breathtaking. Children with learning and physical challenges have been lovingly cared for while strengthening their mental and physical capabilities. One more classroom means more families exposed to His love!



2010 Light of the World Bible Training Centre graduates

SPENDING TIME AND MONEY CON'T Light of the World Bible Training Centre is truly multiplying the Word sown! The number of nations, churches, occupations and various walks of life represented in the Bible school is far-reaching. On the 28th of November, 16 students from 5 African nations representing 6 different churches participated in the 10th commencement ceremony. In his message to the students, Jon Slusser encouraged the graduates to focus on God's path for their lives. Graduates minister as doctors, lawyers, mothers and fathers; school teachers, business owners and the "techie type" are ministering on the job – together with those who are called to minister in a full time capacity.





Four children in a bath tub!



WE'RE NOT WHITE CON'T... God's love was demonstrated by the LOTWChurch children in their recent **Christmas programme**. The birth of our saviour was told by Granny Mouse to her grandchildren's unbelieving friend. Four adults and fifteen children were saved following the programme – even some of the angels received assurance of salvation!

The adults celebrated as well. Jon Slusser ministered to the men at a **Men's Breakfast** and Kim ministered to the ladies that evening at our **Ladies Candlelight Christmas Dinner**.

The "Generation of Light Youth" enjoyed a **3 day get-away trip** to a privately owned game farm with giraffe, zebra and loads of deer, three dams and a golf course.



Youth handed out gifts donated by Light of the World Church to pediatric patients at the hospital



Anderson helped hand out gifts at the hospital



Several people were saved at our Children's Christmas Program!



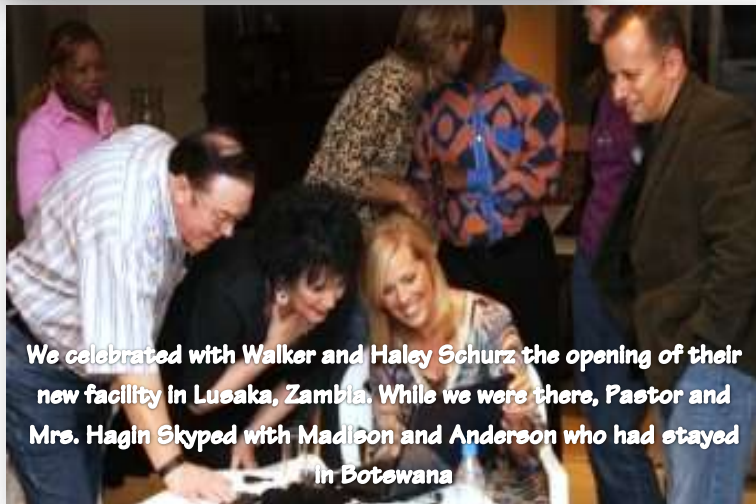
Ellie and her friend Theo



Ladies Candlelight Christmas Dinner – Kim Slusser spoke



WE'RE THANKFUL FOR PASTOR AND MRS. HAGIN - OUR PASTORS. We are so thankful for Pastor and Mrs. Hagin. For all they have put into us through Rhema and through encouraging words throughout the years. We are thankful for their example and that we don't have to "re-invent the wheel!" We're so thankful that we are part of the Rhema Family.



We celebrated with Walker and Haley Schurz the opening of their new facility in Lusaka, Zambia. While we were there, Pastor and Mrs. Hagin Skyped with Madelon and Anderson who had stayed in Botswana



WE'RE THANKFUL FOR PARTNERS!

We would not be able to do what we do without YOU... Our partners, friends and family. All of the exciting reports you read in this update are a result of your prayers, finances and faithful support.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to our many ministry partners and friends! In this picture: Pastors Mark and Dee McKinney



WE MOVED ACROSS THE GLOBE CONT'... Our parents, Jack and Patricia Buckley and Dave and Ruth Mickelson and the rest of our family have invested so much into Matt and I. Now it's our turn... Our sons, Madison and Anderson are such a vital part of Light of the World Ministries – The TEEN years are AWESOME! Thank you for being such a vital part of Light of the World Ministries. You are not *missionary's* kids, but truly are *missionary* kids! Those you have won to Christ during Evangelism outreach time have been noticed by the Father. How you set up and tear down church equipment while whistling a happy song is so refreshing. Thank you for all you do to complete the ministry God has called us to in Africa.

And to our **extended family** – We are so blessed by the support you show. Thank you for releasing us to do what God has put in our hearts on the other side of the globe. Thank you for supporting us financially, through your prayers and through your generous hospitality. It would be difficult to live this far away without your encouragement and support.



We enjoyed meeting Joe Jonae during his trip to Botswana last year



Fun with the Wangler Family during our 2010 family trip to the US



Fun Dune-Cruisin' with Grandpa Jack! (Krietin and Grandma Patricia enjoyed lattees!)



Anderson Family Reunion – This is only part of the the Alfred Anderson portion!



Fun with Family – The Cox's



Gary Buckley is an awesome soccer player and Cana looks like an angel on Icel Fun with Family In Utah... and we stopped to see the Salt Lake!



Travel with a VIEW! The Oregon Coast

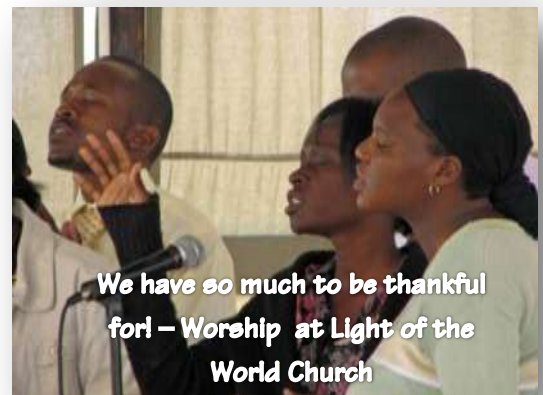


the Shoaf Family



MOST OF ALL, THANK YOU JESUS!

Most of all, we want to express our thankfulness to our Saviour. It is a privilege to serve Him on this continent. It is amazing to have a purpose in life. How wonderful it is to know that He chose us, He called us, and He equips us to work in His harvest. I couldn't imagine life without Him – and when I do, it motivates me to share the Good News MORE!



We have so much to be thankful for! – Worship at Light of the World Church



USA Trips Planned ... we'd love to see you!

1 August – 6 September – Matt will be in the US

19 September – 1 October Kristin will be in the US

28 November – 10 January 2012 – We're coming home for Christmas!

*Please contact us if you'd like to have us in your church OR If you'd like to give toward AIRFARE or TRANSPORTATION during our visit to the US. For scheduling use email address below. For donations, refer to the support information on page one. 100% of your donation goes directly to the Buckley's office@lotwAFRICA.org
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Botswana, the Buckleys and Light of the World Ministries in Brief

BOTSWANA (bo-tswah-nah)

Botswana is a country the size of Texas with a population of 1.8 million people. It lies just north of South Africa and its borders are essentially the Kalahari Desert, which makes for hot, hot summers and cold winters. The main industries are diamond mining and cattle. The government is democratic and it is a relatively wealthy nation. Botswana is made up of different African tribes, primarily the Batswana. The official languages are Setswana and English.

THE BUCKLEYS

Matt and Kristin are 1987 and 1988 graduates of RHEMA Bible Training Center. They met at RHEMA and were married in 1988. During their engagement, Matt worked in Southern Africa with an evangelist for five months. Matt and Kristin returned to Botswana together in 1989. The Buckleys have been in Africa since that time and now live in Francistown, Botswana. They have two sons, Madison, born in February 1994, and Anderson in June 1996.

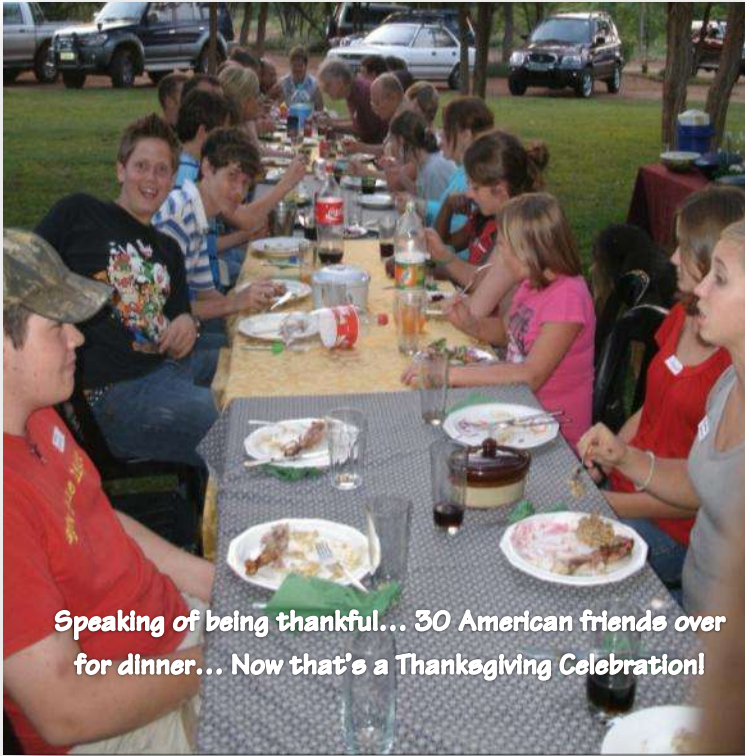
LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES

The vision of Light of the World Ministries is to teach and train national leaders and laity to be effective ministers. This is being accomplished through the teaching of the Word of God in Light of the World Church, in Light of the World Bible Training Centre and in Light of the World Academy. Light of the World Internship Programme is designed to introduce mission life to those from a western culture who have a desire to minister cross-culturally.

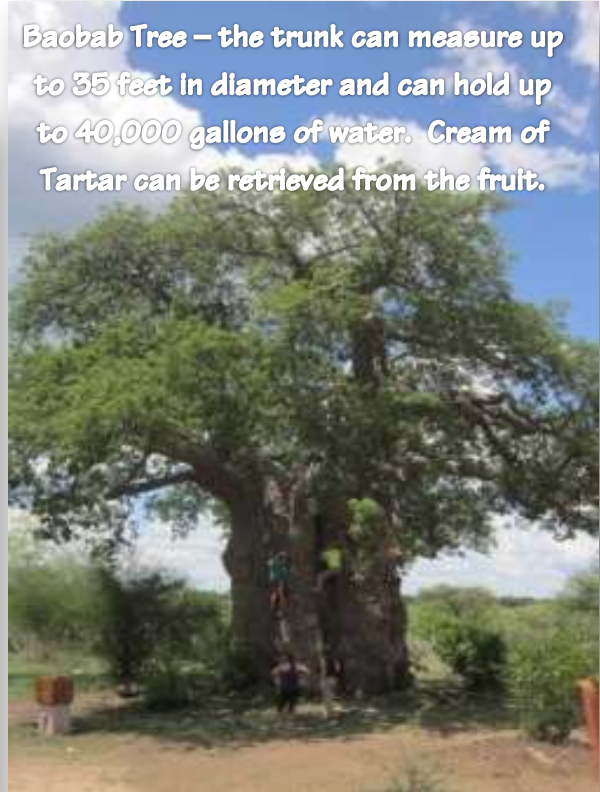
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A FEW MORE FUN PICTURES...



Speaking of being thankful... 30 American friends over for dinner... Now that's a Thanksgiving Celebration!



Baobab Tree – the trunk can measure up to 35 feet in diameter and can hold up to 40,000 gallons of water. Cream of Tartar can be retrieved from the fruit.



This is known the "Loo with a View" –at Oribi River gorge near Durban, South Africa

The LOO

The VIEW



Dug out boats - "Makoro" – used in the Okavango River Delta



There are tracks then there are TRACKS!

