

Mike: Friday Morning, 2 Sep. Don & I leave Tutume, Botswana. Three buses and 12 hours later we arrive in Mafikeng, South Africa, a long day. Catching our bus in Gaborone we learn that the buses don't observe any schedule. They only run once they get a full load, so it takes 1 ½ hrs before all the seats are sold. Like I said a long day.

Arriving in Mafikeng we learn that our host was doubtful we'd come so he hadn't done any of the notification, advertising, lodging reservations, church reservations or any other coordination for the Conference that starts on Monday. Help us Lord.

A culture lesson for us is when a panicky pastor calls his buddies late at night and tells them to attend a very important four-day conference that starts on Monday. These pastors want to verify the "trainers" are actually in town. So we had the parade of pastors coming through our room Saturday & Sunday Night. After they "Interviewed" us and determine the material we bring is badly needed and worthy of their time they turn to our host and ask why they only got a couple hour notice, "we all have commitments this week and can't get away".

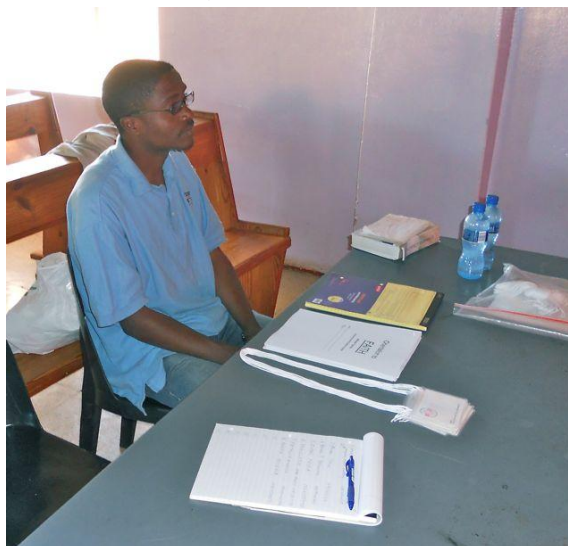
Saturday morning we have a few errands we need to run, student supplies to pick up and expect it to take all day but God allowed us to finish before noon, thanks Lord. This includes Don leading the Internet – Photo copy clerk [Lillian] to the Lord, our first Salvation two days before the conference starts.

Sunday, as is the normal here the three of us are split up and go to three different churches to preach. We continue to be impressed with the cheers, applauded and welcome we get when we tell them we bring greetings from their brothers & sisters in America. After church service Pastor Habakkuk has to leave for the border to get his Multiple Transit Visa restamped then return to us late in the evening. Yes, he had to wait for the bus to fill up before it returned.

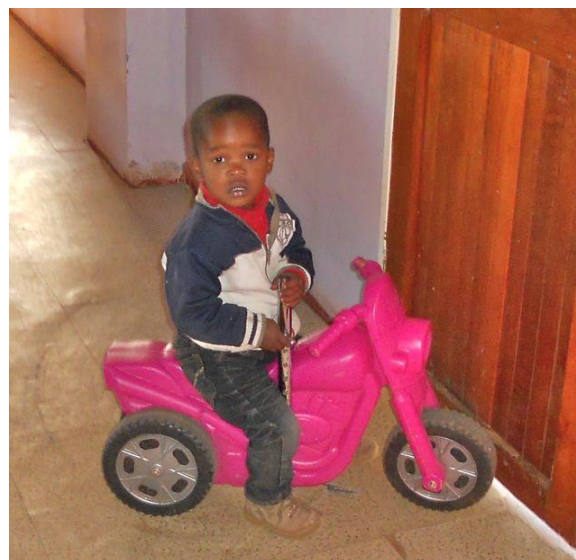
Don: God has been so good to us, we are healthy, eating good, have a safe place to sleep

and are training group of people that are excited about Evangelism. We have started talking about the possibilities of returning at some point to expand the Ministry in the southern part of the Continent.

Monday morning and the hoped for 50 students turn into 19. Oh well, it's the ones God wanted to attend so here we go.



All ready to sign in the attendees, where are they? Don't fret Habakkuk they'll come, sooner or later.



This is the host pastors 2 year old son. Loves his Scooter, right down the middle of the class all day.