

# GLIS & BECKY'S MAY 2010 UPDATE

Dear People at Home and friends around the globe,

Well, I'm back from our second trip to the mountains. I feel like a train's run over my legs! Man, did we do some walking! The road has deteriorated over the last month and we made a decision not to go as far as we did with the cars the last time. I think it was wise but meant that we had further to walk to get to Khotatso's village.

We got there at about 16:00, having set off at about 10:00 in the morning. On our previous trip there were just four of us, but this time we took 11 guys from the church. The villagers were as friendly as last time and we all felt welcome. This time we had taken Bibles and some basic medical supplies, although we would have liked to have taken more, we couldn't physically carry another thing!



That evening we had a meeting and gathered twice as many as previously. About 30 people made it and as before every last soul came forward for salvation! Some 2<sup>nd</sup> time commitments but at least 15 new ones. The nights are certainly getting colder, especially sleeping on cold concrete floors in the mountains. The rats scuttled around nearby and nibbled on Pete Bonney's woolly hat while he was trying to sleep. With the boys snoring badly, it was not one of the most restful of nights!

The following day we set off in 3 groups to reach some of the surrounding villages. I went with Khotatso, Nkoti and Teboho to the main village close by. (About an hour's walk)



We spoke and prayed with the Chief's wife. Again, I learnt that I was the first white man to visit there – ever! We then shared the gospel with 4 people and all committed their lives to Jesus, one of whom was lady in the late the stages of cancer. Unless God heals her, she will probably not make it through the winter, but now has a hope and a wonderful future awaiting her in heaven. Khotatso felt he had a scripture for a blind man he knew in the village. We shared the

scripture and prayed with him. He told us he felt something in his eyes so I'm continuing to pray for him and am hoping for full restoration!

When we returned we heard even greater reports from the others. Thabo's team gathered about 20 people who all came forward for salvation and one chap, after being prayed for, had no more pain in his leg. Letsema's team saw about 12 people come to salvation and a lady with stomach ache healed. An amazing morning!



That afternoon it was planned to gather as many people as we could for a 3 o'clock service. Again we saw about 35 people come, some of them from the surrounding villages. Thabo shared excellently some of the biblical values of grace that we are so used to in Newfrontiers. Pete Bonney then went through scriptural truths of the Holy Spirit and many were baptised in the Holy Spirit including the local village chief. We could hear a marked difference in their singing afterwards! It was filled with joy! It was wonderful!

We set off home again the next morning with our tummies still full of maize porridge, sauce and freshly slaughtered goat from the previous evening! Goat tastes better than most mutton I've had by the way! The climb up the mountain nearly killed me. I feel quite unfit but about half way up Teboho helped me out and took my pack. He practically ran up the mountain leaving me in his wake.

All in all we feel that it was a very successful trip. God was faithful as ever and we all got home safely with pockets full of diamonds!

We gave out all the bibles we could carry with orders for many more! Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in their hearts and that they will continue to meet in our absence. It will be some time before we can get there again, most likely only in the spring when the ice and snow has abated and when the roads become passable again.

Thank you again for all the support we've had. The money we received from the Easter offering has made this trip possible. It paid for the fuel there, the medicines and food for 11 people for 3 days (as well as those who kindly hosted us) Without it we would not have seen another 50 people bound for heaven!

So all our love and hope to have some more news soon!

## Gus, Becky and Gideon.

p.s Baby stayed put while I was away which was a great relief!