

FRESH START FOR ALL NATIONS

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ABOVE ALL ELSE... guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life. Proverbs 4:23

10 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

What a privilege it was to carry the Fresh Start message to Africa! This was the 10th year that Fresh Start For All Nations has teamed up with [Open Baptist Church](#), and our 9th year with [Face The Nation](#). Our team has returned home and we are giving God the glory for all He did to provide for our team which included Pastor Steve and Mindy Peterson, David Anderson, Carol Perkins, Bonnie Dennis, and Brad and Susan Thomas. By the way, the only team member to be part of all team trips to Botswana over the past 10 years is Pastor Steve!

FACE THE NATION

Face The Nation is a program where approximately 100 college age young people apply to volunteer their time and to be trained in discipleship, Fresh Start and abstinence for three weeks. After training, they carry the three-fold message to high schools throughout Botswana. The young people we worked with for five days were a wonderful group - all anxious to honor God and go into the respective schools with clean hearts. We were so blessed to get to know them and hear their hearts.

A "FULL THROTTLE" APPROACH

After spending the morning and early afternoon with the students, we had afternoon one-on-one sessions with them as well. What a privilege to hear from them, care for their hearts and share God's love and truth with them! Then, in the evening, we taught the congregation and Fresh Start leadership of Open Baptist Church. The topics included: 'Exposing Denial', 'Temptation and the Great Escape', and 'Processing The Issues Of Your Heart'. They were so hungry to learn and participate!

(By the way, if you are interested in hearing the teaching on these and many other topics, check out the Fresh Start website/resources: www.freshstartforallnations.org/resources)

BEFORE and AFTER

On our final day with the students, each one came forward and shared words that described the condition of their hearts before and after experiencing the transforming power of forgiveness. Here are some of the words they proclaimed:

BEFORE: Angry - Rejected - Depressed - Heartbroken - Violated - Unwanted - Inadequate - Insecure - Abandoned - Hopeless - Used - Hurt - Loss of a Dream - Overwhelmed - Betrayed - Worthless - and Unloved

AFTER: Liberated - Accepted - So Happy - Fulfilled - Released - So Worthy - Peaceful - Significant - Joyful - Restored... and more than any other response, we heard "**LOVED!**" and "**FREE!**" Thank you Lord!

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU

We could not have gone to Botswana without your prayer and financial support. We truly felt your prayers in all we did. Thank you, thank you for thinking about us. We covet your prayers.

God is so good and may He receive ALL the glory.
We appreciate and love each of you... May God Bless You!

Bonnie Dennis on behalf of the 2018 Fresh Start Botswana Team

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