



The Hills

Nathan, Akemi, Makoto & Megumi

Missionaries to Botswana

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Dear Faithful Friends,

We are forever grateful for your prayers over our family for the last two months. We have seen many answers to prayer, and we are thankful for God's guidance and provision. A week before Christmas, God graciously allowed us to purchase a fifth-wheel camper. We found the camper by chance and, we were in awe as we watched God's plan unfold before us. This was a great reminder that God's ways are higher. Nathan even had a chance to witness to the owner of the camper. Our prayer is that our testimony will be a blessing to her and her family. The camper has been our home on wheels for the last two months. We have enjoyed new adventures, and we're thankful for the opportunity to grow closer as a family.

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of events. Once Nathan drove the camper home, we had roughly two weeks to ensure that it was road worthy before beginning our first cross-country trip. This two-week time frame also included the Christmas holiday. We were thankful for a sweet time at home with family. Again, all praise goes to God for allowing us to make it across the country in our camper with everyone, including our furry friends, without any major complications. There were some funny moments with hose malfunctions and tense moments driving along the edge of the mountains praying that the guardrails are reinforced, but God was good. Along the way, we were able to share our burden with several churches, and we are excited about the possibility of welcoming new friends in Botswana and partnering together in the future.

As you read this letter, members from our church are currently in Botswana replacing the roof where we will live. Our home church raised the funds to purchase the materials to ensure that we would have a structurally safe place to live when we get to Botswana. We are so grateful for the support of our church family. In the near future, we will send out more exciting updates.

Please continue to pray for us as we travel the country sharing our burden of Botswana with all who will hear. Pray that we will effectively share our love and zeal of Botswana, and please continue to pray for more laborers. We have been blessed with new friends, both young and old, and our desire is to see their hearts stirred. Continue to pray for Makoto and Megumi as we travel. Pray that they will have opportunities to make lifelong friends, and please pray that their hearts stay tender to God's will. We're excited about the days to come, and we are forever grateful for your sincere prayers and remembrance of us.

Laboring together,

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