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## In the Remotest Areas!

“Our plan is to establish Bible Schools in all parts of Botswana, including the remotest areas of the country”, writes Dr Jeremiah Mothibi, our Botswana National Director. In December Dr. Mothibi took a significant step toward implementing this plan when he, another Bible school director, and a member of his Support Team traveled from his home city of Francistown across Botswana to introduce AABS in Hukuntsi, a town in the Kalahari district (see map).



*From Francistown in the east to Hukuntsi in the Kalahari Desert region  
(map courtesy of nationsonline.org)*



*(Left to right) Dr. Jeremiah Mothibi with Training Directors Pastor Lesedi and Bishop Mandelo*



*Bishop Mandelo facilitating a lesson in Hukuntsi*

Approximately 50 church leaders in the Kalahari District, from different backgrounds and denominations, ranging in age from 24 to 80 and including 17 women, gathered for two days to learn about the AABS ministry. A condensed version of several curricular courses was taught and, at the close, a certificate of attendance was awarded to all.

Even though 60% are illiterate and have never been to school, Dr Mothibi was surprised to learn that some could at least read the Bible in their mother language and write their names.

A team was formed and assigned to see to it that classes for a certificate in Biblical Studies commence. The name of the school will be Kalahari Bible Training Centre. The AABS Botswana office will make sure to visit the center at least once in three months. If things go well, the appointed team will attend the AABS Botswana national conference next month and have an opportunity to go through training to enable them to teach and train other leaders. Lois and I, along with Joshua Tuffour from our Ghana office, will participate in their February conference, the Lord willing. We praise God for this remarkable step forward!

Our sincere “thank you” to all who gave year-end donations! Because of your generosity and God’s faithfulness we reached our budgeted goal! We wish you all God’s richest blessings in this New Year - 2023!

As always, contributions may be sent to AABS, PO Box 556, New Holland, PA 17557, or given online through our website, [www.friendsafaabs.com](http://www.friendsafaabs.com).

All for Jesus,

JC Ebersole, Executive Director

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