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### Lois Ebersole Reports on Recent Trip to Botswana

Last month JC and I were grateful for the opportunity to travel to Botswana. We were deeply humbled by the passion to equip and train people that we found among the leaders and grateful to hear their appreciation for the AABS program which is a tool they can use to fulfill their passion. Joshua Tuffour, the manager at our head office in Ghana, also joined us. A highlight was attending a festive graduation ceremony for 120 students from some of the 18 AABS member Bible schools in Botswana. The guest speaker from Zimbabwe challenged them to preach God's truth in a world that so desperately needs it.



*A graduate receiving her diploma*



*JC & Lois with Dr. & Mrs. Mothibi*



*Some of the graduates at the graduation ceremony*

We also attended our two-day National Conference organized by Dr. and Mrs. Mothibi, our Southern Africa Region Director. During one session JC and Josh met with about 25 persons who were interested in learning how to take AABS into their countries and begin Bible schools. Representatives were there from 8 of the 10 southern African countries: Namibia, Malawi, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Lesotho, Mozambique and Botswana.

Another goal of the trip was to train Dr. and Mrs. Mothibi whom we recently promoted to Region Director. Over the past 3 years, Dr. Mothibi has done a tremendous job as Botswana National Director. It is now his job to oversee AABS in the southern Africa region, find someone in each of the 10 countries competent to serve as National Director, and support them to take the training program throughout their countries.

We are amazed and grateful for all God is doing in this region. One graduation speaker mentioned - "We are affiliated with AABS forever!" They are so grateful for the training program and its quality curriculum.

Thank you for your part in helping these leaders fulfill their passion to train church leaders and workers across their countries! We could not do this without you. Contributions may be sent to AABS, PO Box 556, New Holland, PA 17557, or given through our website, [www.friendsofaabs.com](http://www.friendsofaabs.com).

Sincerely,

Lois Ebersole