August 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you so much for lifting up in prayer my many requests that were mentioned in my last prayer letter. God has provided in so many ways!! He has provided more workers to assist in the children's ministries in Botswana, clearance from insurance to move forward with the "top" surgeon for my diagnoses, as well as strength and peace to move forward with the next step.

Previously, I had mentioned that Shaun and Raman have really stepped up and are overseeing the private school and village children's ministries. Over the last couple of months, they have begun engaging and involving even more people from Grace Baptist Church in these opportunities. They have both expressed their desire to begin even more Kids Bible Clubs in other villages, as well as getting involved in more schools. It is so exciting to hear of them training others, with the goal that they will be able to reach more and more children with the Gospel!

Thank you so much for praying about my insurance issues. Many of you had reached out saying you were praying specifically for those problems to be resolved. God has answered and made the way clear! I had four surgeons recommended to me that may be able to help. All of the doors closed except one, which is exactly what I had prayed for. I was able to meet virtually with a surgeon that is located in California. Based on recommendations, consultations and a lot of research this surgeon is supposed to be the best and most experienced for my conditions. He has officially diagnosed me with three issues. He will perform surgery for two of them. He is hopeful that surgery for the other issue will not be needed. Please pray that this is the case. Once I have a surgery date established, I will send another update.

For each of my surgeries, God has always given me a verse(s) that I claim throughout the entire process. I had prayed for weeks that God would give me a verse. I specifically wanted one before my most recent appointment. I was three days away from the appointment and still without that one verse. Then I received a voicemail from a gentleman, that as far as I know, I have never met. He encouraged me to read Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." I knew immediately, that is 'my verse'.

I am in awe of how God has continued to provide in so many areas of need. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support!

Thank you,

Summer



August 15, 2025

Dear Supporters of Miss Summer Scroggs,

I would like to give you an update on Miss Summer Scroggs, our missionary to Botswana. As you may know, she has had to return to the United States due to medical needs. As her sending church, the deacons and I were unanimous in supporting her decision; and we are doing everything we can to assist her—including continuing her financial support during this difficult time. I'd like to encourage you to do the same as the Lord leads.

Miss Scroggs is eager to return to Botswana as soon as she is able. Please continue praying that God will grant her a full recovery and allow her to return in His perfect timing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for your continued investment in the souls of those in Botswana.

John Herdman, Pastor

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AFRICA DIRECTOR

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Dear Supporters of Summer Scroggs,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Summer as she is back in the States temporarily to get her health analyzed and to find a clear way forward. God has opened doors for her to see the specialists and surgeons that will be most knowledgeable in regard to her health issues and have the ability to assist her in regaining the health and strength needed. It is still her prayer and goal to return to Botswana once these health issues are resolved and she will continue to keep you updated on her progress.

While Summer was in Botswana, God used her in a wonderful way to give out the Gospel in several ministries. It did not take her long to adjust to life and ministry there and her heart and determination for giving out God's Word in spite of physical limitations has been astounding.

Summer was able to meet with the top specialist this week and he wants to try a less invasive surgery first. If this works, she may be able to avoid a much more complicated and threatening surgery altogether. The surgeon hopes to be able to get her into surgery within two months. Please join us in praying that she can get her surgery scheduled as soon as possible and that it will be even more effective than the doctors are predicting. God is able!

As you can imagine, this time in the States is frustrating for her as her desire is to be back on the field. We at BIMI are behind her in this health journey and we would appreciate your fervent prayers that God would soon give Summer the health needed to return to the place where God has led her. Your faithful support and prayers are a great encouragement to her during this time.

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