

FRESHSTART™ Trip Report

“Providing The Opportunity For A Fresh Start, For Every Heart, In Every Nation!”

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What an incredibly blessed and fruitful time in Africa! There were some health challenges and travel delays along the way, but because of your prayers and God’s provision, our FS Team prevailed!

Fresh Start Zambia / Brad and Steve

We were really able to drill deeply into "Processing The Issues Of Your Heart" with the men, women and young people who participated in the Fresh Start seminar in Kabwe!

The week concluded with an amazing crescendo as no fewer than 29 participants came forward and shared publicly, in meaningful detail, who they had processed and forgiven! It was amazing! Most shared with clarity and confidence and many stated: "today, I forgive _____"

Publicly and privately, it was music to our ears to hear them share how their hearts had been transformed. Burdens were lifted, hearts were beginning to heal and facial countenances were noticeably brightened. The beauty and glory of the Lord was clearly shining through!

At the conclusion of the seminar, Pastor Boston, the Director of Fresh Start Zambia, announced a Leadership Team of 10 from those attending the seminar. **Fresh Start Zambia** has launched!

Face The Nation 2011 / Steve & Mindy, Brad & Susan, Mary & Carol

Our week in Gaborone, Botswana for the **Face The Nation** discipleship training "gained altitude" each and every day! This year, once again, our priority focus with the university students was leading them through "Processing The Issues Of Your Heart."

Near the end of a week of 20 general sessions and nearly 70 individual ministry appointments provided by our team of 6, I invited the students to come forward and share publicly in one word the condition of their hearts when we started on Monday compared to the condition of their hearts now. Some of the many heart responses that were shared with much gratitude and sincerity...

Before: Downcast ~ Now: Ignited / Before: Wounded ~ Now: Healed / Before: Total mess ~ Now: Organized

Before: Suffocating ~ Now: Free / Before: Trapped ~ Now: Released / Before: Hungry ~ Now: Full

Before: Confused ~ Now: Convinced / Before: Poisoned ~ Now: Pure / Before: Worthless ~ Now: Worthy

Many, if not most, of these young people had been used, abused or abandoned. Some have never seen their fathers! Think of the significance of so many of them experiencing a "fresh start for their hearts!" At the end of the week, the students were singing, dancing and celebrating!

Our Fresh Start Africa Team firmly believes that our week with the precious FTN students will have "nation changing" impact in Botswana and beyond in the years to come!

"...He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...to comfort all who mourn...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair..." Isaiah 61:1-4 NIV

The 2011 Fresh Start Africa Team - Pastor Steve & Mindy, Brad & Susan and Carol & Mary

"It's NEVER TOO LATE for a Fresh Start!"