



40 Day Prayer Journal

**6 March-
14 April
2010**

Dear Intercessor

Thank you for partnering with Face The Nation, in what we consider the foundation of the program-PRAYER. This year the order of things for building our prayer support is a little different from previous years. By the time you start using this Prayer Journal, we would have Prayer Walked most of the Senior Secondary Schools in the country. The first day of the use of this Prayer Journal is Saturday 6 March, which is a Day of Prayer and Fasting. In previous years the Prayer Journal has preceded the Prayer Walk of the schools.

This year we trust that you will find this Prayer Journal very focused. Spurgeon said, "As a petitioner coming into the court does not come there without thought to state his case on the spur of the moment, but enters into the audience chamber with his suit well prepared, having also learned how he ought to behave himself in the presence of the great one to whom he is appealing; so it is well to approach the seat of the King of kings as much as possible with premeditation and preparation, knowing what we are about, where we are standing and what it is which we desire to obtain." He goes on to say "David puts it, 'In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up'; ... to mean that he aimed his prayers like arrows. He did not take the arrow and put it on the bowstring and shoot, and shoot, and shoot anywhere; but after he had taken out the chosen shaft, and fitted it to the string, he took deliberate aim. He looked-looked well- at the white of the target; kept his eye fixed on it, directing his prayer, and then drew his bow with all his strength and let the arrow fly; and then when the shaft had left his hand, what does he say? "I will look up." He looked up to see where the arrow went, to see what effect it had; for he expected an answer to his prayers..." (Spurgeon; Effective Prayer)

We believe that every year thousands of lives are transformed because of Face The Nation. 40 Days of deliberate and focused prayer plays an enormous role in this transformation process.

Welcome to the body of believers that are Facing The Nation, Shaking The Nation and Transforming The Nation of Botswana, through 40 Days of Prayer.

Face The Nation and Vision 2016

Vision 2016 of the government of Botswana includes no new HIV infections by that year. The vision of Face The Nation is “To be the most effective HIV/AIDS intervention program in Africa.” As we join the Vision 2016, we want to be praying arrow prayers that are aimed, focused and deliberate. For the past 2 years we have gleaned information and challenges that the youth of Botswana face and have asked our intercessors to pray through these topics. These are titled “Country Wide Prayer Focus for the Day”. It comes as no surprise therefore, that the government appointed Joint Advisory Committee on Social Values, identified many of the social ills that have been our prayer focus. These include domestic, child, alcohol and drug abuse, cohabitation, passion killings, rape, witchcraft, commercial sex, lack of youth discipline and disrespect for elders. Below are some Finding –Conclusions of this Committee.

- Behind the positive achievements of the country, “there is a growing culture of impulsive and anti-social tendencies of self-destruction.”
- “The identified social ills are interrelated and therefore one strategic solution can have a wider impact..”
- “At the individual level, it is critical that every Motswana should be reborn spiritually and morally.”
- “Individuals need to exercise their rights with responsibility and accountability.”
- “There is no doubt that through well thought interventions, Batswana can take control of their social transformation and direct it to the betterment of every citizen.”

(Report of the Joint Advisory Committee on Social Values,
October 2008)

We, therefore believe that our prayer focus is on the right track. Let us now strive to aim carefully targeted arrows of prayer at these issues.

Glossary of terms used in this journal

OBC Open Baptist Church

FTN Face The Nation

Volunteer A student primarily from the University of Botswana campus, selected to go and teach and peer mentor in the schools

Region Botswana has been divided into 5 administrative regions by the Ministry of Education- South, South Central, Central, North and West

Facilitator A leader is appointed over each of the Regions to oversee the FTN program. The volunteers working in their assigned schools, in each Region will fall under the leadership of a facilitator

Senior Secondary School There are 28 such schools in Botswana. They are government schools for Form 4's and 5's, catering for students of 16 to 18 years of age. These schools are the focus of Face The Nation

The School of Discipleship FTN's active stage is divided into 2 phases. Phase 1 is the training of the volunteers in what is known as The School of Discipleship. This lasts for 5 weeks.

Teaching Phase Phase 2 is the teaching phase, where the volunteers are dispatched in teams into the schools for 5 weeks to teach and peer mentor in the Senior Secondary Schools

Rally Teams These are volunteers who are trained in the performing arts of mime, puppetry, dance and drama. They travel from school to school during the Teaching Phase, performing rallies and dove-tailing the message already being taught in the classroom

Double shift school A school that has 2 student bodies sharing the same premises. i.e. one session in the morning and a second in the afternoon and early evening

Guidance and Counseling (G & C) Department This is the life skills department in every school. FTN volunteers work under and with the G & C department teachers and teach their timetables during the 5 weeks of the Teaching Phase.

Sugar Daddy or Sugar mummy This refers to older people who are in sexual relationships with teenagers in return for money, clothing, cell phones and other luxuries

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NOTE: FTN has made every effort to provide accurate facts and statistics in this journal.

Day 1

Saturday 6 March

“Where there is no vision the people will perish.”

Proverbs 29: 18

Prayer Focus for the Day

- Pray through the vision, mission and core values of Face The Nation.
- Pray that the vision will become a reality, the mission will not be compromised and the values will become a part of the life style of every leader, volunteer and student reached.

VISION

To be the most effective HIV and AIDS intervention program in Africa.

MISSION

To reach the youth of Botswana with the message of HIV/AIDS prevention by abstinence through Christian principles achieved using peer mentoring.

CORE VALUES

- People matter to God (John 3:16), and have a purpose found in God.
- Encouraging the implementation of living the A.B.C.'s (Abstain, Be faithful, Claim Christ/ Character).
- Peer mentoring is an effective strategy in behaviour change.
- Leadership and development among the youth.
- Integrity in all relationships.
- An attitude of servant hood.
- Acceptance as we embrace unity through diversity.
- Excellence in executing duties.

Day 2

Sunday 7 March

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding” Proverbs 4:7

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied and years of life will be added to you” Proverbs 9:10-11

Prayer Focus for the Day

Leadership

- The names of FTN leadership are found on page 5 of this Journal.
- Pray for a sensitivity to God’s will and purposes as they lead this program.
- Pray for strength, wisdom and discernment as FTN grows and moves forward.
- Pray for wisdom as they deal with hundreds of people from a broad cross section of the community– government officials, school staff, pastors and church leaders, community leaders, university students, school students and people in the business sector.
- Pray for the unity of the team.
- Pray for the physical, spiritual and emotional safety of all the leaders and their loved ones. Every year the leaders are very conscious of the attacks of the evil one.
- Pray for the leaders’ daily walk with God. Pray that in the busyness and demands of the ministry of FTN, they will not lose touch with the God of FTN
- Pray for FTN co-ordinators in the USA: Donna Chisam and Jeff Williams. Pray for wisdom and insight as they seek to raise ongoing logistical, financial, prayer and leadership support in the USA

“...The authorities that exist have been established by God.”

Romans 13: 1

“I urge, then first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone– for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Saviour.”

1 Timothy 2: 1-3

Prayer Focus for the Day

Government

- Pray for President Ian Khama and cabinet, that they may hear and hinder the voice of God, as they lead.
- Pray that FTN would find favour with the government., especially in the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and National Aids Co-ordinating Agency (NACA).
- Significant contact has been made with high profile people in government. Pray that the leaders of FTN would continue to grow and develop these relationships.
- Pray that the government will move towards adopting a strong abstinence and faithfulness message as their response to HIV/AIDS in this country.
- Open Baptist Church (OBC) and FTN have contributed to the formulation of a Government blueprint, on how to better integrate Faith-Based Organisations into other efforts against HIV/AIDS.OBC has been made a member of this Steering Committee. Pray that the message of FTN and the truth of God's word will be heard and well received.
- Pray for the patron of Face The Nation, Former President Sir Ketumile Masire.

Day 4

Tuesday 9 March

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault; and it will be given to him.”
James 1: 5

Prayer Focus for the Day

Interview of Volunteers

The success of FTN hinges on the university student volunteers who will be deployed into the Senior Secondary Schools ,around the country to peer mentor and teach the message of hope in Jesus and moral purity. Over the next 6 weeks (8 March– 16 April) our Facilitators will be interviewing + - 300 applicants for this year's program. From this we select + - 130 candidates. Each volunteer applicant will be interviewed by a panel of 3 Facilitators.

This is an enormous and challenging task. The 2 principle requirements of our volunteers are:

1. Must be born again Christians with a clear understanding of their salvation experience.
2. Must believe in and adhere to a life style of abstinence and striving towards ever increasing moral purity.

Please pray for wisdom, discernment, perseverance and a sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit as our Facilitators undergo this rigorous duty.

Day 5

Wednesday 10March

Prayer Focus of the Day

PASTORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

- We are making good contact with churches at a grass roots level, especially with those that belong to the Evangelical
- Fellowship of Botswana (EFB).
- Pray that Pastors around the country will catch the vision of FTN thereby support the program and the volunteers.
- In some areas these pastors organize accommodation for our volunteers and logistical support for FTN, organizing Rallies and other outreach opportunities.
- Pray for Pastors to take a stand against the immorality in their communities and promote the message of moral purity.
- Pray that these Pastors will support the volunteers and that the volunteers will be able to feed new converts into these churches for further discipleship, accountability and support.
- Pray for favor with community leaders such as chiefs and counselors so that the message of FTN will gain credibility in the community and that the rallies can be held in public areas.
- Pray that churches and pastors around the country will
- become more kingdom minded and move away from being denomination minded and wary of working with others because of the fear “sheep stealing”.

Day 6

Thursday 11 March

“This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe....for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

Romans 3 : 22-24

South-Central Region includes schools in Gaborone, Mochudi and Molepolole. Facilitator South-Central: Chino Emereole

SCHOOL PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

**GABORONE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION
Gaborone**

Information Gathered in 2009

- Double shift school: Inadequate time to counsel with students
- Population of school: 2 400
- Academic Ranking in the country: 8/27
- Number of salvation commitments in 2009: 198
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 368
- Drugs
- Teenage pregnancy
- Focus on issues of much less importance ie trying to side track and not face the issues being discussed in the FTN curriculum
- Delinquency and disrespect

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Salvation

- Praise God for the 4 821 recorded salvation commitments that were made in 2009.
- Pray for the salvation of many during the teaching phase of FTN. While there is a strong belief in the existence of God, there is not a deep understanding of salvation by grace.
- Pray against the synchronism of Christianity with other belief Systems.

Day 7

Friday 12 March

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ." Colossians 2:8

**LEDUMANG SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION
Gaborone**

Information Gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 749
- Academic Ranking in the country: 11/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 332
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 10
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 8
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Alcohol and Drug abuse
- Absenteeism
- Early Sexual relations /Sexual relations with Sugar Daddies

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Humanism

Secular humanism is a religion and a philosophy of life which views man as the supreme being of the universe. It rejects the existence of God . It sees moral values as relative, changing & varying from person to person. It sees evolution as a scientific fact. It does not accept the Word of God. It sees man as basically good. It rejects the idea of a "sin nature." It believes that whatever I want to do is ok, as long as it "doesn't hurt anyone else." It says no sexual acts should be considered improper as long as "it doesn't hurt anyone." It believes that values, morals, and ethics are determined by each person for him or herself.

http://www.aboundingjoy.com/humanism_chart.htm

The subtle teachings of this philosophy are evading many aspects of life. Pray that the truth of the Gospel will replace these lies.

Day 8

Saturday 13 March

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables”
2 Timothy 4:3-4

**NALEDI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH REGION
Gaborone**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 739
- Academic Ranking in the country: 1/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 48
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 7
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 6
- Absenteeism
- Abuse in the form of neglect from the parents
- A lot of Orphans
- Due to the strong focus on academics, the volunteers didn't always feel that there was time for their message.
- There were students doing their practical teaching experience at the same time as FTN was in the school. This meant that the timetable had to be shared. The condom message was being taught by other students
- We were unable to secure a Rally . No salvation commitments were recorded in this school

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

New Age

New Age promotes that salvation involves enlightenment. The stress is upon a change of consciousness, not faith and in obedience to Christ. Transformation and enlightenment are produced by a large number of techniques that can be applied to either mind-body and/or spirit. No forgiveness from God is needed because sin is only ignorance, not a moral violation of God's law. (http://ankerberg.com/Articles/_PDFArchives/apologetics/AP3W0704.pdf) The teachings of New Age have permeated every aspect of society and eroded the truth of God's Word. Pray against this.

Day 9

Sunday 14 March

“Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away, as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; Yes let them rejoice exceedingly.”

Psalm 68:1-3

**ST JOSEPHS COLLEGE
SOUTH REGION
Gaborone**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 554
- Academic Ranking in the country: 2/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 599
- We were unable to secure a Rally . These challenges are reflected in the statistics showing no salvation commitments.
- Substance abuse
- Getting students to understand & commit to abstinence
- Lack of interest in work
- Poor parent/child relationships
- Poor discipline

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Witchcraft

Witchcraft is illegal in this country.

“Any person who for purposes of gain, pretends to exercise or use any kind of supernatural power, witchcraft, sorcery, enchantment or conjuration, or undertakes to tell fortunes, or pretends from his skill or knowledge in any occult science to discover where or in what manner anything supposed to have been stolen or lost may be found shall be guilty of an offence and liable to the punishments provided by section 3.” <http://www.laws.gov.bw/Docs/Principal/Volume2/Chapter9/Chpt9-02%20Witchcraft.pdf>

- Pray against witchcraft, which is still very prevalent in some communities. The volunteers saw the crippling effects that cursing has on families and individuals.
- Pray for those volunteers who will find themselves counseling students that are affected by witchcraft. Pray that they will clearly present the Gospel of truth. Pray for their protection and for effective follow up and discipleship of these young people.

Day 10

Monday 15 March

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

Romans 6:12-13

**MOLEFI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
Mochudi**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 700
- Academic Ranking in the country: 17/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 195
- Widespread use of dagga-girls and boys Alcohol abuse
- Students ill mannered and rude

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Masturbation

Masturbation is an enormous problem amongst teenagers. Many organizations promote it, as it means that someone else doesn't get pregnant or contract an STI. Our own research has shown that masturbation is very common amongst girls, as well as boys.

Some common reasons for masturbation include:

- Medicate pain of rejection, abuse, poor self-esteem, etc.
- Medicate frustration or stress
- Love of pleasure
- Self-pity
- Independence / self-sufficiency
- Complement a porn habit
- “Safe” sex / trying to maintain physical virginity
- “Healthy release” of sexual tension
- Impatience: Unwilling to wait on God for sexual provision

Masturbation is addictive! Masturbation conditions our bodies to respond to self-stimulation, which is *self-centered*. Masturbation causes sexual imbalance. Masturbation causes you to be "mastered" by sin. Masturbation uses your body as an instrument for sin. Masturbation reinforces "carnal-mindedness"

Day 11

Tuesday 16 March

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love in honour giving preference to one another” Rom 12:9-10

**KGARI – SECHELE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
Molepolole**

Information gathered in 2009

- Double shift school
- Population of school: 2 021
- Academic Ranking in the country: 24/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 372
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 13
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 9
- Poor discipline, largely put down to absentee parents
- Absenteeism

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Sexual abuse by family members

“The presence of sexual abuse ...in Botswana is an ...occurrence that is usually denied albeit the police report on it and legal frameworks have been established to combat it. Several factors influence the concealment of sexual abuse among adolescent girls, which includes cultural factors and social status of the perpetrators.”

<http://informahealthcare.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01612840903039367>

“According to Tabengwa, "If no one in a school takes action, you can go to the police, but it never happens. It just won't go anywhere. If the parents can't help, usually the student drops it."

http://www.afrol.com/News/bot005_girls_abused.htm

“Human rights activists estimate that 6 women in 10 are victims of domestic violence at some time in their lives.”

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/faculty/rwinslow/africa/botswana.html>

None will actively condone it, but few will confront or report it. It is a secret that children must shamefully bear, with devastating consequences. Pray that victims and community leaders will take a positive and aggressive stand to root out this evil.

Day 12

Wednesday 17 March

“Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for the food, but God will destroy them both. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.” 1 Corinthians 6:13-18

Central Region includes schools in Mahalapye, Palapye, Serowe, Selebi-Phikwe, Shoshong, Moeng and Bobonong.
Facilitator Central Region: Godswill Seele

MADIBA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

CENTRAL REGION

Mahalapye

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: : 1 404
- Academic Ranking in the country: 21/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 365
- In 2008 32 girls dropped out of school due to pregnancy
- High failure rate academically and in extra curricular activities
- 36 students dropped out of school in 2009
- High number of sexual relationship between pupils
- Disrespect and vulgar language

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Sexual Exploitation by teachers, sugar mummies/sugar Daddies

“... Often in rural areas, girls are offered gifts by older men - of food and uniforms where in urban areas like Gaborone, the gifts are more likely to take the form of clothing and cellular phones.”

http://www.afrol.com/News/bot005_girls_abused.htm

Sexual favours are also given in return for good grades

Sexual exploitation and harassment continue to be problematic, particularly with men in positions of authority (including teachers, supervisors and older male relatives).

<http://genderindex.org/country/botswana>

The government has declared a policy of zero tolerance for perpetrators In 2008 and 2009 a number of teachers lost their jobs. But as with sexual abuse by family members this form of exploitation goes widely unreported.

Day 13

Thursday 18 March

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and you will keep my commandments and do them”

Ezekiel 36:26-27

**LOTSANE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
CENTRAL REGION
Palapye**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 547
- Academic Ranking in the country: 15/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 274
- High Rate of Teenage pregnancy. 40 were reported in 2008
- Drop outs in 2009: 34
- Late coming, absenteeism,
- Theft
- Graffiti

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Passion killings

Former President, Festus Mogae, noted in his keynote address in October 2008 at the ‘National Conference on Crimes of Passion among the Youth in Botswana’, “these crimes are new to Botswana and are not part of our culture as a peaceful and compassionate nation”. ...“crimes of passion are a festering sore on the conscience of our nation... they are eating into the fabric of the society”.

A number of reasons have been put forward, the most obvious one being unequal power relations in most of the relationships, where a woman is perceived as a minor to be disciplined from time to time.
<http://www.acp-eucourier.info/PASSION-KILLINGS-A-Fest.605.0.html>

Pray against the rise of passion killings amongst the youth of Botswana. Pray that there would be an understanding that violence and death are not answers to unresolved conflict and misplaced love. Ask God to give youth a new spirit and cause them to walk in His statutes.

Day 14

Friday 19 March

“..neither the sexually immoral ..nor adulterers...nor homosexual offenders...will inherit the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 6: 9,10

MOENG SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

CENTRAL REGION

Moeng

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1223
- Academic Ranking in the country: 5/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 429
- Drop out in 2009: 6
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 6
- Strong and supportive staff
- Females provided with accommodation. Boys stayed a long way from the school with poor public transport.
- Boarding school-allowed for lots of time with students
- Theft
- Fighting
- Use of abusive language
- Love relationships
- Drug abuse

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Homosexuality

Homosexuality is taboo in traditional Botswana culture. It is commonly seen as a western, non-African problem.

Although homosexual acts are illegal, prosecution of such acts is rare. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT_rights_in_Botswana

In Feb 2010 the Botswana Network Of Ethics, Law and HIV/AIDS (BONELA), is set to fight it out with government in court over section the Penal Code, which criminalizes same sex relationships. <http://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=1&aid=258&dir=2010/February/Friday19>

Our FTN volunteers are counseling an increasing number of girls in lesbian relationships. In the vast majority of these cases these girls have been sexually abused by men. The stigma and guilt of being in these relationships is enormous.

Please pray that God will give our volunteers the wisdom to point these people to the forgiving and healing love of God.

Day 15

Saturday 20 March

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”
Romans 12:1-2

**SELEBI-PHIKWE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
CENTRAL REGION
Selebi-Phikwe**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 510
- Academic Ranking in the country: 6/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 431
- Drug Abuse
- Teenage Pregnancies
- Love relationships

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Teenage Pregnancy

In a study of teenage pregnancy in the town of Maun, teachers linked it to adolescent insecurity, peer pressure to have sex, lack of parental guidance, poverty, unemployment, low levels of education, alcohol and marijuana abuse, ignorance of contraception and safer sex, and disempowerment in relation to older men.

<http://www.goldpe.org.za/youthzone/nitty-real-binge.php>

The average age at first sex is 17 years. But three out of 10 girls aged 10-14, and one out of 10 boys aged 10-14 has had sex, said a 2001 study on knowledge, attitudes, behaviour and practices. By age 19, half the boys and girls are sexually active. Among girls between the ages of 15 and 19 who have had sex, four out of 10 have been pregnant.

<http://www.plusnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=39151>

Many of these young girls do not raise their own babies, receive little or no financial, physical or emotional support from the father. These girls are allowed to return to school after their pregnancy but few do. The result is these children grow up in female headed households, with no positive male role model.

Day 16

Sunday 21 March

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise” Proverbs 20:1
“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of God is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.” Ephesians 5:17-18

**SHOSHONG SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
CENTRAL REGION
Shoshong**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 398
- Academic Ranking in the country: 12/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 400
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 13
- Number of drop out in 2009: 21
- Accommodation was a problem for some of the volunteers
- Not a huge amount of support from the staff.
- Volunteers didn't feel that had much teacher supervision

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Alcohol Abuse

Quoting government statistics, Khama said a national household sample survey found that by the time, "our youth reach age 13, 18 percent were already drinkers, rising to 72 percent by the time they were 17. No responsible government, no government professing to be of, by and for the people, can afford to turn a blind eye to such circumstances". It also observes that: "Studies in Africa have shown increasing evidence linking alcohol consumption with high-risk sexual behaviour, infection with HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and reduced adherence to anti-retroviral (ARV) and tuberculosis (TB) treatment.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200810060737.html>

Pray against this evil that has gripped this country and is literally tearing it apart. For the first time this year, in line with government's stand, FTN volunteers will be teaching the dangers of alcohol abuse in the classroom.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” Romans 12:1-2

**SWANENG HILL SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
CENTRAL REGION
Serowe**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 729
- Academic Ranking in the country: 27/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 537
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 26
- Number of pregnancies in 2008: 25
- Double shift school
- Many Child headed households , parents worked in elsewhere
- Lack of interest in school
- Many students have been raped or sexually abused
- High pregnancy rates and sexual relationships.
- Girls highly dependent on men financially
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Suicide
- Dysfunctional Families

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Drug Abuse

After alcohol, Dagga (marijuana) is the most widely abused substance. It is cheap and readily available, throughout the country. The use of ecstasy is also widespread and growing. Inhalants are also used.

The dangers of dagga abuse are not widely known, with many people advocating that it is harmless. Dagga is THE gateway drug into the world of drug abuse. FTN volunteers report more cases of counseling teens addicted to dagga and other drugs every year.

The resources available for rehabilitating and referring teenagers with drug addiction are very limited in this country.

“A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His habitation. God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land”

Psalm 68:5-6

MATSHEKGE HILL SCHOOL

Central Region

Bobonong

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 600
- Academic Ranking in the country: 9/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 506
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 15
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 15
- This school dropped from 9th place in 2008 to 17th in 2009
- High rate of teen age pregnancies and love affairs
- Drugs and alcohol abuse
- Transport issues. There are no taxis to go to the school.

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Teen/child headed households

In Botswana it is estimated that 95,000 children had lost their parent(s) to AIDS by the end of 2007.²⁵ UNAIDS (2006)

['Report on the global AIDS epidemic'](#)

Children whose parents are living with HIV can start to suffer neglect, including emotional neglect, long before they are orphaned.

<http://www.avert.org/aidsorphans.htm>

Anxiety, depression and anger were more found to be more common among AIDS orphans than other children. Children orphaned by AIDS may miss out on school enrolment, have their schooling interrupted or perform poorly in school.

Traditionally, orphaned children ...have been cared for by extended families. However, due to social and economic strain some families are no longer willing - or indeed able - to do this. Even when they are, the level of care orphans receive is sometimes unacceptable. In some cases, families have been known to take on orphans merely to benefit from government orphan packages.³⁰IRIN News (October 2002), ['Botswana: AIDS orphans exploited'](#)

Pray that government, churches & communities would rise up and meet the needs and challenges of these children.

Day 19

Wednesday 24 March

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.”
1 Corinthians 6: 18

West Region includes schools in Kang, Ghanzi, Letlhakane and Maun. West Facilitator: Desmond Lesetedi

**LETLHAKANE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEST REGION
Letlhakane**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 398
- Academic Ranking in the country: 18/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 278
- 33 drop outs due to pregnancy in 2008
- Good support for volunteers and with follow up through a Baptist missionary
- Drug and Alcohol abuse
- Teenage pregnancy
- High drop out rate

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Pornography

The devastating effects that pornography has on young people is well documented. Our own research has revealed that it is a massive problem even among teens from well grounded Christian homes. It is not only a boys problem. Many girls have admitted addiction and have asked for help. Research has also revealed a strong link between pornography, sex related crimes and divorce. Pornography is becoming more and more readily available as more cell phones have the capability of internet access. This makes it increasingly more difficult to control and monitor. Satan is trapping teens and adults alike in a web of deception and deceit with this form of exploitation. It is destroying God's view of sexuality, marriage and intimacy. Pray against it and pray that churches will have the courage to stand up and speak out against it. Research has shown that up to 50% of pastors have struggled with pornography. Pray that God will restore his view of sexuality in the church.

Day 20

Thursday 25 March

“Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear; to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may oppress no more.”

Psalm 10:17-18

**GHANZI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEST REGION
Ghanzi**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 318
- Academic Ranking in the country: 18/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 261
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 27
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 4
- Student teacher relationships
- Witchcraft
- A boarding school– poor parental influence. Many students supported by Department of Social Services
- Alcohol abuse is also a serious problem.
- FTN has an excellent relationship with True Love Waits in Ghanzi. They provide accommodation, logistical support and follow up in the school and community

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Absent fathers

Currently about half of the households in rural Botswana are headed by unmarried, widowed, divorced or separated women. Fifty-seven percent of all women with children are unmarried, of whom some are heads of households while others are still members of their parental household.

<http://www.cababstractsplus.org/abstracts/Abstract.aspx?AcNo=19941805253>

Every year we counsel those with the anger and disappointment that is experienced because of the absent father. Many volunteers have to face unforgiveness before in their own lives before we can expect them to go and minister to others . Absent fathers play a role in involvement in risky behaviours and looking for love and acceptance in the wrong places

25 Pray that God would raise up a new generation of men that will take up their God given responsibilities as head and priests of their homes.

Day 21

Friday 26 March

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29: 11

**MATSHA COLLEGE
WEST REGION
Kang**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: unavailable
- Academic Ranking in the country: unavailable
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 353
- The Rally Team did an outreach to the Kang Brigade (technical school)
- Challenges:
- Alcohol abuse
- Poverty and unemployment

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Lack of Hope and Vision

In many schools there is a sense of hopelessness and helplessness with regards to the future. Students feel that they will never be able to get out of their current situations, that they are victims of a dysfunctional system. Many lack the skills to make positive and wise choices.

The result is no desire to do well at school, respect other people or have dreams for the future. This plays itself out in little consideration for getting involved in risky behaviours.

Pray that God would bring about a revival in Botswana, that he would plant in this generation a desire and a hope that is set of Jesus– who is our hope.

Day 22

Saturday 27 March

**“I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in
from this time forth, and even forevermore” Psalm 121:1-2&8**

MAUN SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

WEST REGION

Maun

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: unavailable
- Academic Ranking in the country: unavailable
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 300
- Double Shift school
- Alcohol abuse
- Teacher/student relationships
- Witchcraft
- Boarding school with many students supported by Department of Social Services

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

HIV+ family members

With the high HIV prevalence rate in this country, there are few families who have not lost a loved one to this disease or have a family member that is HIV +. In spite of government being one of the fore runners in Africa to address the AIDS pandemic, there is still a stigma attached to the disease.

The successful ARV program means that 80% of citizens who qualify for ARV's are on them. Adherence to this strict regime is not easy.

Absenteeism from the workplace and children having to look after sick family members takes it's toll on them in every aspect of their lives.

Pray that teens living in such conditions will come to know Jesus as their sure foundation and as their hope for the future.

Day 23

Sunday 28 March

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrong. Love does delight in evil but delights in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

**OKAVANGO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEST REGION
Maun**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: unavailable
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 45
- A private Christian school run under the auspice of Love Botswana

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Definition of love

Our experience in speaking with tens of thousands of teenagers every year is that they want to experience trust, respect and faithfulness in their marriages one day. But when you ask them for about their current relationships we are told that love = sex. The girls say that a boy will not stay in a relationship unless she has sex with him.

There is very little understanding that practicing abstinence now is actually being faithful to a future spouse and faithfulness in marriage means abstaining from sexual immorality.

Pray that the true meaning of love will be communicated to these teens. That they will understand the perfect love of God and strive towards experiencing and giving the love that is defined for us in 1 Corinthians 13.

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Matthew 6:14-15

North Region includes schools in Francistown, Tonata, Tutume and Masunga. Facilitator North region: Thato Nkomo

MASUNGA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

NORTH REGION

Masunga

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school:
- Academic Ranking in the country: 10/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 424
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 10
- Number of drop out in 2009: 10
- There was a massive response to the Rally team
- Accommodation for volunteers was extremely problematic
- Access to the school by facilitator difficult due to poor transport availability
- Witchcraft
- Substance abuse
- Poor parent/child relationships
- Despondency

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Unforgiveness

Counseling teenagers through issues of unforgiveness is extremely common. Unforgiveness is like drinking a bottle of poison and hoping that the other person will die. Pray that Satan would not be able to deceive people into believing that unforgiveness must be owned and fed. Pray that there would be a measure of understanding that forgiveness is not so much for the person who has wronged but for the person who has been wronged.

Day 25

Tuesday 30 March

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding”

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied and years of life will be added to you”

Proverbs 4:7; 9:10-11

**FRANCISTOWN SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
NORTH REGION
Francistown**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 2 000
- Academic Ranking in the country: 24/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 305
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 53
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 37
- Double shift school
- Very supportive school administration
- Orphans and vulnerable children
- Poor academic performance
- Students not serious about school work
- High pregnancy rate
- Substance abuse

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Struggle with education

Many students expressed an interest in wanting to do better but struggled with their studies. Many felt they needed extra tuition and that accomplishing their dreams was unrealistic because of their home situations and socio-economic factors. Many volunteers held extra tuition classes. In so many cases the odds are really stacked against these students. Pray for these students that they will persevere and have a spirit of tenacity.

Day 26

Wednesday 31 March

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

John 8: 36

**MATER SPEI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
NORTH REGION
Francistown**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 800
- Academic Ranking in the country: 11/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 188
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 10
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 10
- Substance abuse
- Sugar daddies because of poverty
- Students not serious about school work
- Teen pregnancy rate

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Breaking with culture

While we all know that our culture plays a large role in defining who we are, there are practices in all cultures that are against the will of God. There is a sense, among teens, that they are victims of their culture- that is how it is and that is how it will always have to be. Pray that teens will start to discern between what is wholesome and healthy in their culture and what is not. Pray that they would be able to break the bonds of these cultural expectations and their resignation to the system. Pray that teens would redefine culture in this country so that it is based on Biblical principles.

Day 27

Thursday 1 April

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.” Ephesians 1: 17

**McCONNELL COLLEGE
NORTH REGION
Tutume**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school:
- Academic Ranking in the country: 7/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 501
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 20
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 18
- School very supportive
- Positive support from pastors in the community
- Transportation difficulties to the school

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Christian Students

There are literally thousands of Christian teenagers in this country. Last year alone, over 2 000 young people made commitments to Christ through the FTN outreach. Many of them do not own a Bible or have little access to proper godly discipleship. Pray for these Christians. Pray that God would keep them safe from the clutches of Satan and that they would grow in the knowledge and grace of Jesus. Pray that they might learn what it means to live an abundant, fruit bearing life, free from the ravages of their past sin.

Pray for those Christians who are making a stand in their schools. The pressure on them to conform is enormous. Pray that they will be shining lights in the darkness. Pray that they will support, encourage one another and hold each other accountable.

Day 28

Friday 2 April

“The wicked flees when no one pursues, but the righteous is as bold as a lion. Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich.” Proverbs 28:1-6

**SHASHE RIVER SECONDARY SCHOOL
NORTH REGION
Tonata**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 729
- Academic Ranking in the country: 11/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 514
- In previous years the school had not been very receptive. In 2009 was great support from school, especially Guidance & Counselling Department
- Suicidal spirit
- lesbianism

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

School Principals

Pray that FTN might find favour with all school principals
Pray that these men and women might turn to God as they face the daunting task of leading these schools that are plagued with problems
Pray that God would raise up godly men and women who have a passion for the youth of Botswana
Pray that principals would take FTN programme seriously and thereby encourage an openness by staff and students
Pray that God would put a desire in the hearts of these men and women to govern the schools with wisdom and justice and that they would be able to uproot the evil practices that prevail in the schools

Day 33

Saturday 3 April

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!.....For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for evermore.”
Psalm 133: 1;3

**KAGISO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH REGION
Ramotswa**

- Population of school: unavailable
- Academic Ranking in the country: available
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 537
- One teacher wanted volunteers to include the promotion of condoms in their curriculum
- Spirit of suicide
- School known in past for Satanism

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Placement of volunteers in the schools

Once we have recruited our + - 130 volunteers for the year, these people need to be placed in the 29 schools around the country. It is a tough, time consuming job.

Volunteers are preferably placed in schools where they can find their own accommodation. This means that some volunteers go back into their own schools.

Volunteers provide us with 3 preferences for placement. Those doing placement have very little idea of who they are placing where. They are often simply working with a list of names.

The unity of these teams and ability to work together is crucial to the success of the programme. Diversity of culture, nationality, denomination affiliation and personality can make or break these teams. Many deep and lasting friendships are forged. But the dynamics can result in FTN leadership having to step in and do some conflict management. These small teams work together under extremely pressurized conditions for 5 weeks and often live together as well.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will put the right people together.

Day 34

Sunday 4 April

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Ephesians 6: 12

MOEDING COLLEGE

SOUTH REGION

Otse

- Population of school: 1 689
- Academic Ranking in the country: 14/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 240
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 32
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 16
- Guidance and Counselling Department not as welcoming and helpful for last 2 years, as compared to 2007.
- Drug abuse

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Rally Teams

South Rally Team Leader: Terry Gatonye

North Rally Team Leader: Mummy Bunny Gaebolae

Each year we select two rally teams. These are volunteers who go for auditions once they have passed the interview process. They are further trained in the performing arts of dance, drama, pantomime, puppetry and giving of testimonies.

These volunteers do not go and teach in the schools. They travel from school to school throughout the country where our teaching volunteers are based. A rally is organized in each school. Their message dove-tails with the message already being taught in the classroom. The South Team covers schools in South-Central and South Region and the North Team covers West, North and Central Region.

These teams have a strong evangelical appeal and the vast majority of our salvation commitments are made after these rallies.

The very nature of the rally teams means that they are at the forefront of spiritual attack. They live a grueling 5 weeks on the road, sharing cramped accommodation or camping and living out of one tog bag.

Team unity is vital and they live together 24/7 for 5 weeks. They travel several thousand kilometers each year.

35 Please pray for our selection of the right people, the unity of the team and for their spiritual, and physical safety.

Day 29

Monday 5 April

Then He said unto them, “The harvest is truly great, but the labourers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. Go your way; behold I send you out as sheep among wolves”

Luke 10:2-3

South Region includes schools in Ramotswa, Moshupa, Kanye, Lobatse and Goodhope. South region facilitator : Sylvia Kadi

LOBATSE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

SOUTH REGION

Lobatse

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 532
- Academic Ranking in the country: 5/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 367
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 30
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 12
- Rally in this school was cancelled and we were unable to reschedule
- Some staff not supportive and removed Abstinence pledge bracelets from students
- Those who committed to abstinence in 2008 were discouraged
- Not much support of FTN in extra curricula club activities

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Guidance and Counseling Departments and teachers (G&C)

The FTN volunteers work under the supervision of the Guidance and Counseling Departments in the schools. Pray for good relationships between the volunteers and staff of these departments.

In the vast majority of schools FTN has formed a good relationships. Praise God for this.

In order for the FTN curriculum to be thoroughly taught our volunteers need to start teaching as soon as they get into the schools. Many schools are not ready with timetabling when our volunteers arrive. Pray for this.

G&C departments are overwhelmed with their work loads and they
36 are the first line of reporting in cases that involve the police and Department of Social Services.
Many students will not confide in these teachers.

Day 30

Tuesday 6 April

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

**SEEPAPITSO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH REGION
Kanye**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1 840
- Academic Ranking in the country: 26/27
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 518
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 43
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 38
- Double shift school
- Rally Team struggled to secure a date for the rally.
- High pregnancy rate.
- High absenteeism
- Volunteers took a long time to start teaching due to delays in organising the teaching timetable. Little support from school

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Clubs in the schools

Scripture Union (SU) There is an SU club in every school. Some are very active and play an important role in prayer, outreach and discipleship in the lives of Christian students. These are overseen by a Christian member of staff. The success of these clubs largely rests on these staff members. In some schools the SU club exists in name only. Every year there is a revival of the club with FTN volunteers. Pray for the sustainability of these clubs. There are virtually no resources/programmes, teaching material available for these clubs

Abstinence Clubs There is a surge in these clubs during FTN but there is little support, teaching and accountability. Once again the ongoing success of these clubs largely depends on the teacher in charge. Pray that there will be a shift of focus from Abstinence Clubs to Moral Purity Clubs. For to talk about abstaining without making daily conscious decisions to walk in moral purity is virtually impossible. Pray that FTN will be able to provide ongoing material, follow up and logistical support to these clubs

Day 31

Wednesday 7 April

“Honour your father and your mother”- which is the first commandment with a promise- “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

Ephesians 6: 1-3

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men....Show proper respect to everyone.”

1 Peter 2: 3, 17

**MOSHUPA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH REGION
Moshupa**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 1577
- Academic Ranking in the country: unavailable
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 309
- Number of drop outs in 2009: 19
- Number of pregnancies 2008: 15
- No rally was held, due to constant cancellation of dates. This is reflected in statistics on salvation commitments
- Little support from staff
- Poor academic performance
- Poverty

COUNTRY WIDE PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Disrespect

Disrespect of elders, teachers, parents and any form of authority is a complaint we hear in every school and it is indeed a problem that has been identified by the government. (see page 3)

Disrespect feeds into the break down of the family unit and therefore of society at large.

Pray against this ploy of the evil one, who is out to destroy law and order.

Pray that young people may understand that disrespect, is not so much about punishing the adults in their lives, but is sowing seeds they will reap destruction in their own lives.

Day 32

Thursday 8 April

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may sour one another on towards love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10: 23,24

**GOODHOPE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOUTH REGION
Pitsane**

Information gathered in 2009

- Population of school: 2 184
- Academic Ranking in the country: unavailable
- Number of pledges to abstinence in 2009: 181
- School was only opened in 2008
- School very welcoming and supportive and offered accommodation to volunteers
- Doctor from local clinic reported over 700 cases of STI's in the school
- Volunteers were made aware of 3 abortions
- Drug abuse
- A problem of dysfunctional families and poverty
- Students take sex to be a game. It was reported that they even use the multi-purpose hall for sexual activities, saying “sex is everywhere.”
- Students are not allowed to go and fellowships in churches outside school.
- About 50% of the students get assistance with clothing and fees. They come from poor families.
- A high number of attempted suicides.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

US Partners

FTN would not be where it is today without the ongoing, faithful support of our partners in the USA. Churches, Christian Organizations and individuals have given of their time, finances, human resources, expertise, love and prayer for the last 4 years.

Thank God for these partnerships. Pray that God will continue to grow and develop these relationships. Pray for wisdom and
39 guidance as the way forward is planned and developed.

Day 35

Friday 9 April

“May the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him..”

Hebrews 13: 20,21

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

This year FTN has formed several new partnerships that we believe of God ordained. Since its inception the leadership of FTN has recognized the need for effective follow up in the schools. There are numerous ideas and dreams to make this a reality. To date we have been limited by lack of personnel and funding to do more.

True Love Waits International

FTN has now entered into a partnership with True Love Waits

International. This year our facilitators have been trained by them in their follow up material. The vision is to see facilitators stay in the field after the active phase to oversee and train pastors and Christians in the community to lead this follow up. This is yet to become a reality.

For further information go to www.truelovewaitsinternational.org and www.lifeway.com

Fresh Start For All Nations

This is an organization that we are partnering with that provides practical step by step guide lines to help people process the issues of their heart. It enables people to find forgiveness and freedom in Christ.

Every year our volunteers are overwhelmed by the amount of pain that they face on a daily basis. We are very aware of the fact that our volunteers are peer mentors and not professional counselors. We are trusting that Fresh Start material will bring much healing and forgiveness to our volunteers and provide them with a practical, user friendly tool to help them minister to students in the field.

For further information go to www.freshstartforeveryheart.org

Impact:The Student Leadership Bible

This Study Bible is linked to a web site, providing 3 years of Bible study, sermon notes and discipleship. Our volunteers will be receiving one of these Bibles and will be lectured in the use of the web site. It is our vision to get this resource into the hands of pastors and leaders that are supporting FTN and so equip them to be able to do effective follow up and discipleship of converts.

Please pray for these new partnerships and the effective use of all they
40 have to offer FTN and the nation of Botswana.

“ Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.” Revelation 5: 8

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Prayer Partners

We know, without a shadow of doubt that FTN is where it is today because of the prayers of the saints. It is the foundation of the programme.

Every year we have a Prayer Partner programme. This involves individuals, largely drawn from the OBC church family to be assigned to a team of volunteers going into one particular school. We aim to sign up a minimum 70 intercessors.

During the School of Discipleship they meet their team and are encouraged to spend time with them, getting to know them over the 5 weeks of training. Prayer Partners commit to pray for the members for their team for the full 10 weeks of the active phase of FTN. These Prayer Partners regularly contact their team during the Teaching Phase and pray through their joys, struggles and Challenges.

Please pray for this vital ministry. Pray that God will raise up committed and dedicated Prayer Partners.
Pray that we will assign the right Prayer Partners to the right team.
Pray for open and positive relationships to develop between the Prayer Partners and the their assigned Volunteers.

Thank God for many mentoring relationships that have lasted long after the active phase of FTN is over.

Day 37

Sunday 11 April

“He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field.’”
Luke 10: 2

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Face The Nation, Zambia

The vision of FTN is “To be the most effective HIV/AIDS intervention programme in Africa.”

In 2008 we accepted 5 volunteers from Zambia to train in the FTN programme

2009 we accepted 7 volunteers from Zambia– 3 of them were repeats from 2008. During 2009 FTN was officially launched in Zambia under the watchful eye of Pastor Boston Mwebela of the Lighthouse Community Church in Kabwe. This is the church that OBC sends a mission team to every year.

This group of young people are mainly working in churches in the greater Kabwe area, running 3 days youth work shops and presenting the message of FTN.

Last month Daniel Mwebela, a volunteer in 2008 and 2009 came and trained as a Facilitator to further grow and enhance the work in Zambia.

Please pray for FTN, Zambia that they would be able to grow and develop the programme to minister into their specific situation.
Pray that they would gain access into the schools.
Pray for Daniel as he prepares a team to come back to FTN this year.

In 2009 we also trained 7 volunteers from Zimbabwe. Due to Logistics, this year we will not have a team from Zimbabwe. Pray that we can reconnect with interested pastors in Zimbabwe to reach out with the message of FTN in 2011.

Day 38

Monday 12 April

“... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”

Philippians 2: 13

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE DAY

Face The Nation Club

A fully constituted FTN Club was registered at the University of Botswana in 2008. Please pray for this club. In 2009 we started 6 Bible Study groups, 1 from each of the 5 regional teams and one for the rally teams. These Bible Studies meet once a week and are volunteer led. The leaders of these 6 Bible Studies meet once a week with FTN for guidance, accountability and prayer. Pray that these Bible Studies will provide the needed ongoing discipleship and accountability that the volunteers need.

Pray for the opportunity for FTN to put a full time staff member onto the university campus and to man an office there and for student leadership of the club.

Pray for opportunities for the volunteers to work with the HIV/AIDS and peer counseling departments on the campus.

Pray that through FTN the message of moral purity will reach the university students and that they will be active in recruiting volunteers for this year's programme.

Please pray these verses back to God, in the context of Face The Nation.

Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favour with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so that I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The Lord replied, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' Then Moses said to him, "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."

Exodus 33: 12-15

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty for ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of the spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord, for the display of his splendour."

Isaiah 61: 1- 4

“To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy– to the only wise god our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.” Jude 24,25

Our 40 Day Prayer Journal for FTN has come to an end but we believe that this is only the beginning of all the prayers that are going to be placed before his throne of grace in the next few months.

Today is a **Day of Thanksgiving** as we look back over God's Faithfulness, in bringing to pass his will through FTN.

Praise God for the + - 300 volunteers who have been through this programme. Many of them have stepped up into leadership positions in their churches.

Thank God for the connecting of churches and organizations across the globe to make FTN happen.

Thank God for his faithfulness in funding FTN every year thus far.

Thank God for the tens of thousands of teenagers reached with the message of hope and behavioural change in Jesus.

Thank God for a government that is open to a Christian based message being proclaimed in the classroom.

Praise God that every Senior Secondary School in the country has had FTN active in their school.

Thank God for the faithfulness of people who have trained and prepared the volunteers for ministry.

Thank God for the acceptance of FTN on the university campus.

Praise God for godly relationships forged and marriages that have taken place and been influenced by the message of FTN.

Thank God for thousands who have come to salvation.

Praise God that Face The Nation is a God thing and therefore all the honour, glory and praise goes to him.



Map showing towns and villages in Botswana that have a Senior Secondary Schools. These schools are the outreach focus of Face The Nation.

Your own notes, comments and prayers:

