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Sharing The Hope!



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It has arrived!

“Advento, adventare, adventavi, adventatus,” Dallas droned the principle parts of the Latin verb meaning “approach or arrive.”

I stopped him in his tracks and asked, “So how do you state that as a past event?”

He looked at me quizzically and replied, “You just use the third principle part, adventavi. Why?”

“Oh, I was just thinking about Advent and wondering about what happens after something has come that you have been waiting for. Don’t mind me. Go back to conjugating.”

Yes, I was wondering about what happens when what you have been waiting for occurs. You see, when we returned to Botswana after being in the U. S. for Sarah’s wedding and launching John and Emory at college, we found that RETENG, a multicultural coalition of Botswana nationals dedicated to advancement of language development, had been going full speed ahead. Richard was, and still is, stretched to catch up with them. When we arrived several workshops had been

scheduled with people groups around the country. Since our return, Richard has attended two other workshops and even missed two others that RETENG planned and conducted. We had been praying for this enthusiasm and productivity for years. Here it was before our eyes. It has arrived.

So how should we respond? Looking at the nativity of Christ as an example of a long awaited event, we could see a variety of reactions. After verifying Christ’s arrival, the shepherds returned to their fields praising God as they went. Simeon took Him in his arms and blessed God as he uttered a profound poem. Anna gave thanks to God and told everyone else who was near her who had also been waiting. The wise men fell down and worshiped Him, offered Him gifts, and then departed to their own country by an alternate route. Herod killed all the baby boys in the vicinity. What an array of reactions!

So how should we respond? Join us in praising God for the enthusiasm of RETENG and the open hearts and minds in this wonderful surge of advancement. ☼

*But as
for me,
I watch
in hope
for the
LORD,
I wait
for God
my
Savior;
my God
will hear
me.
Micah 7:7
NIV*

Please remember
in your prayers

☸ Praise ☸

for the season of
Advent which calls
us to wait patiently
on the Lord

for the enthusiasm
of RETENG and
the open hearts
and minds in this
wonderful surge of
advancement

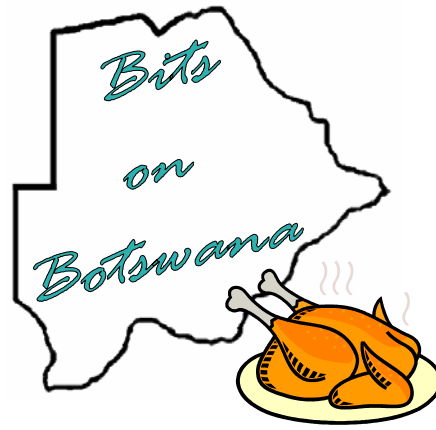
☸ Prayer ☸

for the members
of RETENG
as they strive
to assist in
developing all the
languages of
Botswana

for new
opportunities
to share the
Good News of
Jesus Christ

for families
separated during
this holiday season

Prayer
Requests



If we are unable to find a turkey or ham for our Christmas feast, we shift our taste buds to chicken. Recently, we have noticed some new cuts at one of the new “super” grocery stores in the capital city. Give a look at the prices and see if you can guess which cut goes for which price. Prices are stated as Pula/ kg and [US\$/pound].

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|-------|------------------------|------------------------|
| _____ | 1. Whole chicken | a. P 3.75 [\$0.27/lb] |
| _____ | 2. Chicken heads | b. P 9.80 [\$0.71/lb] |
| _____ | 3. Necks | c. P 12.50 [\$0.91/lb] |
| _____ | 4. Wings | d. P 15.50 [\$1.12/lb] |
| _____ | 5. Livers | e. P 15.85 [\$1.14/lb] |
| _____ | 6. Intestines | f. P 17.65 [\$1.28/lb] |
| _____ | 7. Gizzards | g. P 18.55 [\$1.35/lb] |
| _____ | 8. Skin | h. P 19.95 [\$1.45/lb] |
| _____ | 9. Breasts | i. P 19.95 [\$1.45/lb] |
| _____ | 10. Thighs | j. P 24.95 [\$1.80/lb] |
| _____ | 11. Legs (drum sticks) | k. P 25.95 [\$1.96/lb] |
| _____ | 12. Feet | l. P 28.65 [\$2.07/lb] |

Key:
1. g
2. a
3. e
4. j
5. f
6. c
7. k
8. b
9. h or i
10. h or i
11. i
12. d

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