

# African Training Schools Report

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The school in Botswana started in January 2003 with four students. Because of a lack of funding for Student Support, the school takes 3 or 4 students for 2 years and when their training is completed, then another group is enrolled. The first 4 students graduated in 2005. They were well qualified students with a great desire to work with the church in Botswana. All are still involved in church work around the country. **Ananias Moses**, part of the first group of students to graduate from ACTS, is now teaching at the school. He is a dedicated young man with a great knowledge of the scriptures. Ananias has a strong desire to continue his studies in the Scriptures. Plans are being made for Brother Moses to enroll at the **Sunset School** in Lubbock, TX to gain a first hand knowledge of the Sunset program as well as the knowledge he will acquire while studying there.



*First Group of ACTS Students with Director, Dennis Malepa (right), Ananias Moses (Left).*

The school is directed by Dennis Malepa, a graduate of the *Sunset International Bible Institute, ACU and York College*. A local Board of Trustees is very faithful, and spends a great deal of time overseeing the school. They are to be commended for their diligent work and the financial support they have been able to secure in Botswana. They have also raised funding to purchase property that is necessary for the school to gain recognition from the government. At present, the Boardhurst congregation in Gaborone is providing a classroom and office space for the school. Brothers Malepa and Moses do the teaching and leading in other studies that the students are involved in through the Sunset DVD Courses.



**The New ACTS Property to be Developed**

There are presently 3 students studying at the school this year. They are very determined with a keen desire to study and they look forward to completing their studies this month. As stated above, part of their studies are viewing classroom sessions recorded at Sunset. The Board of Trustees are very eager to see the school develop and move onto the property that has been purchased. There are a few things that must be done to get that property ready for construction. Even though the property is within the municipal area, electricity, water and sewage must be connected. The Board is also anxious for **Ananias Moses** to begin his studies at Sunset in order that he might have the experience to help the school develop even further.



**Highlights for the proposed study program in Botswana:**

1. They will soon graduate the second class of students.
2. The school will accept students who will finish their studies before another class is accepted.
3. The school meets in a small classroom at the Boardhurst church.

**Present Needs for ACTS, Botswana:**

1. Funds for student scholarships.
2. Funds to help with construction of classrooms, library, student dorms, and office space.
3. Textbooks, Christian books, Commentaries, Bible Dictionaries, Bibles and study materials.
4. Visiting Lecturers to teach short- term courses.

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