

lesotho letters

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Hope International Missions

Prayer and Praise

- Please keep **praying** for us as we take care of legal business for properties in Lesotho.
- **Praise** the Lord for a good trip to camp meeting in Florida and spiritual refreshment for Glenn.
- **Praise** the Lord for protecting Stephanie and the children while Glenn was gone!
- We will begin the application process for Caleb's U.S. citizenship in May. **Pray** for us as we put the paperwork together and that the application process will go quickly!

January-February 2017

Humanitarian Ministries: Matukeng Health Centre

Around 1976 Roger and Sonya Reifeldt, missionaries with the Church of the Bible Covenant, came to Matukeng, Lesotho to start a clinic. Even though this village was close to the capital city of Maseru, it was actually quite remote. A river that could only be forded during the dry season separated Matukeng from civilization. Matukeng Health Centre has provided accessible healthcare to a couple dozen villages around the Qeme Plateau, and many lives have been saved over the last forty years.



The original maternity



The clinic today

In 1993 HIM became responsible for Matukeng Health Centre. While HIM missionaries have helped with the administration of the clinic, all the actual medical work has been carried out by qualified Basotho nurses. Thanks to the U.S. government the infrastructure of the clinic has been upgraded several times through the years, most recently in 2014.



State-of-the-art equipment

Today Matukeng Health Centre provides free health care to an average of 75 patients per day. More than 500 children from the area receive their immunizations and checkups here. The clinic provides free Antiretroviral Therapy to more than 500 HIV+ patients every month. Because of this care, these people will be able to live relatively normal lives instead of facing almost certain death in a few years. The physical benefits are obvious, but it also means greater opportunity for them to respond to the Gospel. *"The Lord...is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."*



Humanitarian Ministries: Orphans and Vulnerable Children

December and January are always busy months for HIM's Lesotho Orphan and Vulnerable Children's ministry. At the end of December and beginning of January, we purchase and distribute Christmas gifts to orphans and needy children in each congregation. The focus is meeting needs. Pastors and lay people visit families to learn what the children urgently require—often clothes and shoes for the coming school year. In January Pastor Kali also evaluates which children honestly need financial help to continue their education.



This involves much time and wisdom.

HIM's goal is to help children with a "hand up," not just a hand out. We want orphans and other needy children to become productive citizens who are able to give back to their community. And most of all, we want them to become committed disciples of Christ.



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Visit to America

This year the FEA Ministries' board budgeted money to bring all the regional directors to Sea Breeze Camp in Florida. There are several reasons for these annual visits: representing the different regions on Missions Day, face-to-face meetings with the board and other leaders, meeting prospective new missionaries, and connecting with supporters. Though the trip was short and chock-full of activities, it was a great blessing to me spiritually.



HIM Mission Leadership Council



Homegoing of Rev. Tsikane Pheko

Rev. Tsikane Pheko served as HIM's Lesotho National Leader from around 1993 until 2012. Since then he served as a pastor and leader for ICHA. Rev. Pheko passed away in the early hours of New Year's Day 2017. During his life he mentored many Christian leaders, cared for orphans and needy children, and was a friend and advisor to missionaries. His funeral was attended by hundreds.



The Kids' Korner



Daddy took us camping on the mountain at Uncle Johan's farm. The S'mores were our favorite food. We also roasted hot dogs. None of us slept very well, but we still had fun!



I LOVE LEGOs. Mommy says I sometimes play for more than an hour without disturbing anyone!



Valentine's Day



I enjoyed going to Maletsunyane Falls.



I like cooking "fat cakes" outside with my friends.

Thank you for partnering with us to make disciples for Jesus in Africa!

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