

Metsoalle ea Lesotho

Friends of Lesotho Newsletter
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President's Message

As spring now comes to most of this country, it's easy to forget that Lesotho is well into autumn. The bounties of harvest have been realized and the cold weather is approaching. If that were the only contrast between the U.S. and Lesotho, we wouldn't have much work to do – but of course, it isn't. It's sometimes difficult to know what to think or do about our continuing service, although it becomes a lot easier when we get together with others. Just remembering what it was like can help, and those memories are stirred by friends.

FOL will be publishing the bi-annual membership directory this summer. Hopefully every member will be able to read through it and find someone else they knew in Lesotho, or someone living near them. If you've moved or changed email addresses in the last two years and aren't sure whether we have your proper information, contact us so that the directory will be up to date. See the Members page of the web site, or simply drop me an email or letter.

Also on the web site Members page, you may select a new option to have this newsletter sent electronically. The Board decided to make this option available so that more funds could be sent to Lesotho instead of using them for printing and mailing. If you chose this option, please keep your email address with us current!

The committee reports on page 9 describe the recent activities of the Board. We're happy to



welcome Bill Reed (67-69) who has joined us recently to help in establishing a Memorial Fund for volunteers who have passed away. Martha Munson (01-03) has taken on the role of liaison to the Lesotho Embassy, and Jim Mueller (02-04) is now our point of contact with Peace Corps staff.

At a recent Board meeting, two additional areas were identified where more help was needed. While both the **treasurer** and **web master** duties are currently attended, the Board felt it wise to have additional support in each of those roles. If you have an interest in helping FOL in financial management or web site activities, please contact any Board member.

Finally, Claire Hilger (97-99) has conducted a membership survey, see page 9 and more details on our website. One of the big requests was to get more news from Lesotho. Getting that news has always been problematic, but I certainly agree that it's something we need to do more. The Board will address how best to do this in upcoming meetings.

As always, please feel free to call in to any Board teleconference, third Sundays of odd numbered months at 8pm Eastern. Contact any Board member for the phone number and access codes.

Bill Dunn

wdunn@friendsoflesotho.org

Resources

for Video Presentations

The Mennonite Central Committee (www.mcc.org) has developed a video resource library for distribution among people interested in promoting peace and understanding between people across the globe. MCC is a faith-based organization. The policy for "checking out" a video requires that you provide the date, the location of the showing, how you heard of the organization and video, and your mailing address and phone number. The video is mailed to you and you can keep it for up to three weeks, including the mailing time. The cost of the video is the return-shipping costs. If you are a first-time user of the library, they ask for your Visa or MasterCard number for security only. MCC's phone number is 717-859-1151 or 888-563-4676.

Order MCC resources on-line at <http://www.mcc.org/catalog>

Lesotho Video Available

The last newsletter mentioned the contributions of Sandy Puckett at the Taipei American School and our efforts to find videos of Lesotho for him to show to his classes. FOL has acquired a number of copies of the World Wise School video about Lesotho from Peace Corps and would like to make them available as a loan to any FOL member interested in sharing the Lesotho experience. Additionally, we have a copy of a production about the King's wedding.

Certainly the World Wise Schools video represents more of what we've saw as PCVs, but the wedding video is also quite interesting as a peripheral view to what most of us experienced.

for PowerPoint Presentations

Have you ever wanted to do a presentation on Lesotho and not have the time or the skills to put one together? Through the efforts of Kevin Freer, FOL board member, a fairly in-depth PowerPoint presentation will soon be available on the Friends of Lesotho website. Feel free to download it and use all or some of it in your presentations to schools, church groups, community centers, or friends!



If you would like to borrow either video, please get in touch. The World Wise school presentation is available in either VHS tape or DVD, but the King's wedding is available only in DVD.

For VHS contact Jim Mueller, 7611 Maple Avenue, # 508, Tacoma Park, MD 20912
jandkmuller@yahoo.com

For DVD contact Bill Dunn, 2000 Otter St., Anchorage, AK 99504
wdunn@friendsoflesotho.org.



Seeking Volunteers for SHIP Aid

Ship Aid has been collecting more supplies for another shipment, and this shipment will feature even more donations for the people in Lesotho. Due to exposure from various publications (such as the article that you posted in *Metsoalle ea Lesotho*), we have had a lot of success in developing connections in the Bay Area, and therefore we have received a plethora of quality donations.

The first shipment to Lesotho was a great success; you can view pictures and a recap of the trip at the following page: <http://www.shipaid.org/lesotho2005/unload.html>.

Our shipment last year was a 20 foot container of medical supplies, school supplies, books, clothes and toys. This year, we have received enough donations that we will be able to send a 40 foot container! We have been fortunate enough to receive enough quality donations that we have turned many donations away that

we felt were not suitable for the people of Lesotho (outdated books, etc...).

We have also been actively corresponding with the PCV members that we met and worked with during our last trip to Lesotho, and they have been working diligently to ensure that the donations will be distributed to the most suitable destinations upon arrival. We will work hand-in-hand with them when the container arrives in Maseru.

If you have any members near the South Bay Area (Santa Clara) region that are interested sorting medical/school supplies and/or helping to load the container, please have them contact us by email and we will keep everybody posted on our upcoming volunteer dates!

Deron Thorpe, SHIP Aid

www.shipaid.org

Photos for this newsletter were provided by Dan Hanford.



Future Articles

Do you know of a great website? Have you given a talk about Lesotho? Have you visited Lesotho recently? Do you know where to find the best Basotho music? Do you have a fabulous photo of your time in Lesotho? If you have answers to these questions, or answers to questions people have not thought to ask, send the Friends of Lesotho Newsletter a brief article about it! We reserve the right to edit

submissions, but are really interested in collecting information from our community for the community. Submit your articles, photos, or blurbs to Faye Farmer, FOL Newsletter Coordinator at f_e@hotmail.com (f_e@hotmail.com), or send hard copies to 2612 E. Geneva Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282. The next newsletter will be the summer newsletter. Submissions are due June 1, 2006.



Tara Loyd's mission to dispel myths

Excerpted from "Not so far away," by Crystal Little, Special Projects, Kentucky Kernel (Originally printed October 20, 2005 - available in its entirety at [ww.kykernel.com](http://www.kykernel.com)). Ms. Little is a senior in Journalism at University of Kentucky.

During her two years of Peace Corps service in Lesotho, Tara Loyd fell in love with the country and its stark mountains, brilliant, cloudless skies and the genuine warmth she felt from the people.

Five years later and 9,000 miles away, the 28-year-old still worries for its people. This is her second stint in Lesotho since the Peace Corps in 2001. She's still most concerned for the children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic. Their futures will probably lack the support they so desperately need. Those children are tomorrow's community leaders and role models.

Loyd knows Lesotho hasn't seen the worst of it.



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"We haven't really reached the tipping point where enough people have died that the society feels it as deeply as it's going to," she said. "I think there's a lot of infection in the population right now that's not talked about yet, that's not recorded in any kind of census."

Lesotho's HIV-incidence rate is just behind Botswana and Swaziland, which are ranked first and second in the world.

"Every time I think about it, I think, 'Why is it really different from anywhere else in the world? Why southern Africa? Why is it more affected than South America, than the U.S.?' " Loyd said.

"I really don't know that it is, but somehow, all of these factors have come together here and just exploded."

Poverty and a 40 percent unemployment rate are part of the problem, as well as a lack of women's rights, at least in the Western sense of the term. In 2003, the Sexual Offences Act was passed, which made rape a crime for the first time.

More than 60 percent of Lesotho's able-bodied men worked in the diamond mines of South Africa until two years ago, when the majority of the mines shut down. The men were gone for months at a time. Away from their wives and children, it's commonly accepted that they would have sex with prostitutes. Loyd believes it's far too easy to point accusing fingers at the sex workers who will accept a higher price to have intercourse without a condom.

"If a woman is employed, she works in the garment industry so far from home that she can't really go home except for more than a few times a year," Loyd said. "She has terrible working conditions — so bad that sometimes, she has to trade sex for food or sex for rent or sex for money to send home to keep her children alive.

"I think that it's easy to put yourself in a place and think, 'I would never do that; I would never sell my body for anything,' " she said. "But you watch your little sister starve to death in front of

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you because you're unwilling to sell your body for anything, and I'm sure you would."

In addition, myths, misconceptions and stigma surround HIV and AIDS. But one myth in particular terrifies Loyd: In some communities — especially in remote areas — it's believed that HIV can be cured by having sex with a virgin, which has been loosely interpreted to mean anyone from an infant to an old woman.

"When I first heard that myth, I wanted to think, 'That can't possibly be true,'" Loyd said. "But when you go into rural, rural clinics and you see official laminated posters that say, 'Raping this baby girl will not cure you of AIDS, it will just infect her,' or you go down to the capital to the Lesotho Child Counseling Unit and meet a woman who is housing and taking care of 12 or 15 kids who've been a victim of that crime ... " she trails off, her voice shaking and her blue eyes brimming with tears.

"I want to believe that people are so afraid that that's why it happens — they really, truly think

they can be cured — but it's just devastating to me. And it makes this place a very dangerous place to be a young girl or a child."

Despite her intimate knowledge of these horrifying realities, Loyd insists she's a normal person. She shops for clothes online and waits tables at Harvest on South Ashland Avenue in Chevy Chase. Regulars who know she'll be returning to Africa soon often leave her a little extra tip and ask that it gets to the children at Touching Tiny Lives, the orphanage where she volunteers.

In May 2004, three years after she returned to Lexington, a phone call from Lesotho took Loyd back to Africa — literally.

The call came from Ken Storen, a fellow Peace Corps volunteer from Loyd's group of trainees. After five years in Lesotho, working at Gardening for Rural Well-Being, a non-profit agriculture and orphan outreach organization in the village of Mokhotlong, he had seen countless infants and children lose their parents to AIDS. He'd watched as relatives, already caring for other children, tried — and failed —

to take on the responsibility of another family member, saw these relatives struggle to feed the older kids while buying exorbitantly expensive baby formula.

"Ken decided to open up his home to orphans," Loyd said. "He felt like he'd watched enough babies die unnecessarily."

Loyd soon became something of a Lexington liaison for Storen and the safe house. Loyd made phone calls and typed dozens of e-mails to engage people in Kentucky. She researched tax deductions and how to

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achieve non-profit status, doing as much legwork for Storen as possible.

Loyd wrote letters to everyone in her address book, asking for a \$10 donation each month. She stressed that this was not Sally Struthers’ “Feed the Children” — in this instance, donors would know for certain that their money reached the kids, buying formula, bottles, food, toys, clothes and medicine.

“I wrote 150 letters to anybody in my life, while feeling more and more drawn to Lesotho, thinking, ‘Am I really doing all that I can do?’ ”

Ultimately, she decided she wasn’t, and traveled back to Lesotho determined to help.

The ravages of the AIDS pandemic had changed the country.

“It was really striking to cross the border again,” Loyd said. “There were more graveyards.”

When Loyd returned to Lexington just before Christmas, she began giving presentations around the city. She spoke about Touching Tiny Lives, the health care situation and challenges Mokhotlong faces. Loyd visited church groups and women’s organizations and even the

luncheon for the International Federation of Medical Students Association, where Ravi learned she would be returning to Lesotho for the summer.

“Sometimes, I kept my composure,” she said with a sad smile. “I feel like I start talking about this and people say, ‘How can you possibly do it and how do you get through it?’ and it seems like something they can’t imagine themselves doing. I just wanted to say, ‘I don’t have any better way to process this than anyone else. I’m not any better equipped to do it.’”

“And I’m not spending every cent that I have saving these children; I’m also buying something to wear to my friend’s wedding — I’m just like anybody in Lexington. I’m just trying to figure out how not to ignore this incredible problem that now I feel really close to.”

Loyd’s heart is still torn between Lexington and Lesotho.

“I’m trying to figure out where there’s a path in-between,” she said, “being some kind of liaison between witnessing this firsthand and maybe just being your neighbor in Lexington.”



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Touching Tiny Lives

an Open Letter to Friends of Lesotho Members

Hello friends,

I am home from another few months in Lesotho in support of Touching Tiny Lives, the safehouse for infants and children orphaned by HIV, that my Peace Corps friends and I have helped to found in the mountains of the little country where we served as volunteers.

The last day I was there in August, an elderly woman came in with her great-grandson four days after she had watched her granddaughter die in childbirth. Her own daughter had died long before, so she came to Touching Tiny Lives with the only surviving member of her family in her arms. For some reason, of all the experiences I have had working within the HIV epidemic in Lesotho, this woman and her great-grandson hit home the closest for me. I suppose I saw in her my own family- my grandmother and sister and her baby. This woman left the baby with us at the safehouse and I spent the afternoon holding him after giving him the first bath and formula of his life. He came to us after being released from the hospital where they said there was nothing they could do for him. No doctors, no oxygen, and no formula. He died in my arms a few hours later, and I know that I will never forget how it felt to watch him go.

I am writing now because it would mean the world to all of us to find a physician who might be willing to spend some time in Lesotho at Touching Tiny Lives. Maybe you know someone towards the end of their pediatric career who wouldn't mind the slow and beautiful pace of life in the mountains? We are open to anyone who might be interested in spending any length of time with the children. I am thinking of someone a bit

older because so much of the day is spent gardening, reading, and playing with children.

But when they would be needed, they would really be needed. The job would involve developing relationships with physicians in the capital and in South Africa, monitoring the health of the children in the safehouse and in our outreach program, overseeing the administration of anti-retroviral drugs as they become available for the children who are HIV positive, and making decisions about the health of babies who arrive at Touching Tiny Lives and whether their situations are desperate enough to merit jumping in the truck and driving to the South African border as quickly as we can. I know we all wish we had done so in the situation of the little baby I mentioned. I suppose we'll never know if it would already have been too late.

If you can think of anyone who might consider doing something like this, please have them email me or call me at 859-230-1962. I will happily explain a lot more about everything that is happening and what it might be like to volunteer at Touching Tiny Lives.

Thank you for taking some time to think about it, Tara Loyd



The Naughty Ambassador

I flung myself up and over the high metal fence to chase the breakaway collie pup, Bonesa. Barbed wire tore my cotton muumuu. As I twisted to get free, the snagged tatters bound me tight to the barbs in front of a large crowd.

Caught in the act. This truly wasn't the noble introduction to the Basotho people of which I had dreamt as a new Peace Corps' recruit to Lesotho.

My ill-fated pursuit of the pup had catapulted me from a secluded inn garden to a busy rush-hour intersection. Like a goodwill ambassador to this African kingdom, Bonesa turned her head back and forth between the bustling crowd in the street and her captive owner on the fence. Did she want our two cultures to meet?

She had the right idea, a Peace Corps dog to be sure . . . but this wasn't the time or the place.

I noticed how fine the Basotho looked. In colorful dresses, the women walked erect, round ceramic pots balanced on their heads. Wrapped in bright blankets, the men sat upright on horseback with pointed straw hats. All carried themselves with dignity.

Except for me. I looked like a hog tied for market, pink skin visible between my fetters. I was mortified!

To make matters worse, the gaze of each passerby followed the dog's swiveling head in my direction.

Stop looking at me, Bonesa, I silently pleaded.

I knew it was a privilege to be the first Peace Corps guests in the country. The words of our instructor replayed in my mind: "Be culturally sensitive. Use appropriate behavior at all times."

I could just see the newspaper headlines: "Peace Corps woman found hung up on fence!"

Don't panic. Think. If I stay bound, I create a scene. If I break loose, I tear my dress and also create a scene.

I opted for the second humiliation. At least it promised freedom.

Several forceful yanks convinced the twisted cloth to release its hold on the barbed wire. The fabric looked like it had gone through a cabbage grater. I grabbed the long shreds with one hand as I lunged for the puppy with the other. In my best classroom Sesotho, I managed to utter, "Hello," "Lumela."

Yet there was not one snicker or pointed finger in my direction. Instead, the women nodded back with respect. "Lumela, 'me." The men bowed with decorum. "Khotso," "Peace." As if nothing was out of the ordinary.

The gaping holes in my muumuu risked further enlargement from Bonesa's needle-sharp incisors. While I tried to hold the squirming pooch in my arms, I swatted and danced my way down the street to the inn door.

Strangely, no one stared. The only eyes on me were the puppy's.

I realized that like her name "to shine light," Bonesa's antics had illuminated the Basotho character. The people had freely exchanged their mercy for my embarrassment.

I felt good about my anticipated two-year stint in Lesotho. With a grateful heart, I gave my naughty ambassador a big hug.

Margaret Lang (RPCV 67-69)*

*Find more of Ms. Lang's writing in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series.





Committee Updates

Fundraising

Friends of Lesotho is now registered on JustGive.org – a clearing house for non-profit donations. If you have an event or a person who is interested in donating to FOL, you can now direct them to www.JustGive.org. The funds, minus a 3% fee, are sent directly to FOL. People can also use the gift registry option. In fact, a member of FOL registered at JustGive as part of her wedding registry, raising about \$100 in two weeks. JustGive is a user-friendly way of promoting giving to a great cause.

An information packet with everything you would need to plan and conduct a walk-a-thon to benefit projects in Lesotho will soon be available on our website. Materials are modeled from successful walk-a-thons organized by Sandy Pucket ('72-'74) at The Taipai American School in Taiwan. Sandy has raised thousands of dollars for the Tuition Assistance Program over the years. Schools, churches, community and civic organizations who would like to raise needed funds can find more information and resources at our website. Contact Kevin Freer (76-78) kfreer@cfl.rr.com for more information.

Finance Committee

As of the end of August 2005, Friends of Lesotho has sent over \$5,000 to Lesotho. If you wish to contribute your time and talent to this committee, please contact John Hollister zapdoodat@erols.com.

Analysis of FOL financials this year sums up the following two points: 100% of extra donations (above the membership dues) goes directly to Lesotho and over half of ordinary dues goes directly to Lesotho. If you donate above the membership dues, your funds will be sent directly to Lesotho.

Membership

Turn heads as you drive around town! Bumper stickers are available to interested members. Contact Friends of Lesotho to get yours. And our membership forms have been updated.

Renew your dues today at \$15 per year.

Have you thought about publicizing FOL using your own emails? Add FOL to the signature line of your outgoing personal emails to promote our organization.

Fall FOL Member Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who responded to our membership survey! 96% of the 25 respondents were RPCVs. We plan to incorporate your feedback into how we operate. (More detailed results are on the website.) A few of the responses that jumped out at us were how you rely on FOL to keep you up-to-date on events in Lesotho and would like us to improve in that area. You also want us to provide you with better feedback on how the funds you donate are used. We received several great ideas for fundraising that we are currently considering. Most of all we appreciate all of the kind words of encouragement for our efforts. Please feel free to let us know ways in which FOL can continue to improve. All contact information can be found on our website. We would like to thank Claire Hilger for being the responsible party.

Our Corporate Sponsor!

This newsletter was copied and mailed by a corporate sponsor - **Lucent Technologies**. Lucent's employee volunteer program at the Altamonte Springs, FL training center, coordinated by Kevin Freer (Lesotho 76-78), printed and mailed this newsletter, saving the costs to FOL for direct service projects.



FOL members who can sponsor one of our future newsletters through corporate, church, or other organizations are asked to contact Faye Farmer f_e_@hotmail.com (f_e_@hotmail.com) for details.



Education in Lesotho

On average, it costs approximately \$250 for one student to attend secondary school in Lesotho for one year.

At the current exchange rate (R6.14 = \$1USD), this is R1535. The average income per household per year in Lesotho is estimated at \$740 or R4543 (www.unicef.org). To send one student to secondary school takes 33% of a family's annual income.

The first cohort of students who will be eligible for entirely "free" primary education will begin in January 2007. The availability of public education has increased enrollment, about 80% of eligible students attend school. However, demands made on families because of additional school fees

(boarding), health care and food security issues remain a constraining factor of enrollment. The number of students attending secondary school drops precipitously, with approximately 30% of eligible students enrolled. Females outnumber males in secondary school enrollment again, due to financial concerns. Young men are much more likely to be employable than young women.



Tuition Assistance Program Needs Your Support

In 2004 TAP was able to award scholarships to nearly 300 students, approximately R68,000, thanks to the generous donation from the Taipei American School and FOL members. However, in 2005 TAP was only able to award scholarships to just over 100 students, approximately R22,000 .

The TAP account currently has a balance of just under R20,000. We hope to process applications and issue checks in July 2006....so there is time to make a contribution!

Rea Leboha Haholo, Dyann L. Van Dusen, (PCV, 2003-2006)

Thank You

FOL to Gethsemane Cathedral: Thank YOU!

Students at Gethsemane Cathedral's Vacation Bible School learned about Lesotho and the Basotho people this past summer in North Dakota. As part of their experience, the children brought spare change with them daily to give to a fund that would help children their age attend school. The children raised \$413.20 and donated the sum to the Tuition Assistance Program.

"It was a powerful and memorable experience for the kids in Fargo to feel that they were somehow

connecting with kids in another part of the world," writes Reverend Pam Easterday (RPCV, 1984 - 1987).

Pam taught for three years with her husband, Steve, at Hermitage High School near Qacha's Nek in Lesotho. They are now Episcopal priests and Co-Deans of Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral in Fargo, North Dakota. The Easterdays decided upon this fundraising project as part of their student's "mission project."

Thank you Easterdays and their students!!



Thank You

An Open Letter to FOL Members

The students of Wittenberg University who traveled to Lesotho this summer would like to thank you for your contribution to our trip. The money that you donated was used to buy materials for the playground, as well as pick axes and bricks for the Habitat work site. These were the two places where we spent our service hours, and without the necessary tools, our tasks would have been much more difficult.

At the Habitat work site we spent many hours digging pit latrines and moving bricks to the different houses which were under construction. However, we did not do all of this work alone. We were honored to partner up with young adults from the Lesotho community who volunteer their time to service as well. Lesotho is a country which has limited employment opportunities; therefore, community service is an extremely rare practice there. We felt inspired by these young adults because even though they had their own economic hardships and needed to make money, they were still willing to donate their time to building homes for those in need.

The children's village in Maseru was the second place where we donated our service time. While at the village, we worked with children from the

ages of one to fifteen. Many of these children were abandoned, abused (both sexually and physically), and/or lost their parents due to the AIDS epidemic or various other diseases. We spent half of each day planting fruit trees, leveling the ground, painting the playground equipment, and hanging tire swings. One day we even practiced as a demolition team when we destroyed a shed that the village no longer needed.

While we spent half of each day doing physical labor, the other half was spent playing with the children. We brought toys for them, such as bubbles, dolls, coloring books, and toy cars, in order to create an exciting atmosphere. Many of us developed extremely close relationships with the children, and it was very hard for us to leave. In fact, the day that we said goodbye, the car trip home was silent except for occasional snuffles. These children became more than just a service project to us, they became our friends.

Again, the students of Wittenberg would like to thank you for your contribution to our trip. You not only supplied the tools that we needed to do work, but you gave us the chance of a lifetime. We are all so grateful for your help, and wish you the best of luck in all your efforts.

Networking

Anaïs Alexander, Education Volunteer, and **Bob Richardson**, Environmental Education Volunteer, met in Lesotho in 1999. After leaving Lesotho, they traveled through Asia, lived in rural New York, settled in Oregon, obtained some higher education and two cats, bought a house and married each other. Anaïs is currently teaching fourth grade at a Waldorf school. Bob is a City Planner focusing on historic preservation.

From **Linda Houck**: My son and daughter-in-law founded a non-profit organization called World Wins International, and they have set up a relief

fund for the Hurricane Katrina Relief effort. If you are considering making a donation to the relief effort, you can be sure that your money will be safe with them, and that it will make it to where you intended it to go. Check out their website at www.usrelieffund.org and www.worldwins.org. Thank you all so much. God Bless, **Linda E. Houck**, Community Development, RPCV Lesotho, 97-99.

YOU are invited to send "updates" to Faye Farmer, FOL Newsletter Coordinator, via mail or email: f_e@hotmail.com (f_e@hotmail.com), 2612 E. Geneva Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282. Faye reserves the right to edit all submissions.



Friends of Lesotho Memorial Scholarship Fund

In memory and appreciation of their service, Friends of Lesotho is establishing memorial scholarships for those deceased Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff, who served in Lesotho. The scholarships will be awarded through our Tuition Assistance Program to Basotho students.

In addition, Friends of Lesotho will be donating a plaque listing the names of the deceased volunteers and staff members with their years of service in Lesotho. The plaque will be displayed in the Peace Corps office in Maseru.

If you would like to add an individual's name to this list, please email or snail mail us at the address below.

- Earl Ambre (75-78)
- Mimi Austin (84-86)
- Andrew S. Berky (73-77)
- Linda L. Bogard (77-79)
- Herman R. Branson
- Florence B. Brooks (77-81)
- Gary Buchfink (67-69)
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- Jeremy Rolf (96-97)
- Maynard Smith
- Tim H. Stanley (79-81)
- Lesa Sanftleben (84-84)
- Terry Strong (83-83)
- Alys White

If you would like to contribute to the memorial scholarships, please fill out this form (also available on the FOL website http://friendsoflesotho.org/fundraising/memorial_form.doc) and the memorial information sheet. Please send the forms to: **Friends of Lesotho Inc., Memorial Scholarship Fund, 4110 Denfeld Ave., Kensington, MD 20895.** Your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law

Yes, I want to contribute with a gift of: ___\$15 ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$75 Other \$_____

Please make your check payable to "Friends of Lesotho Inc."

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Many thanks for your generous support!

Khotso, pula, nala!

Peace, rain, and prosperity!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Friends of Lesotho is a non-profit organization promoting friendship between the peoples of Lesotho and North America. Friends of Lesotho (FOL) provides scholarships and grants to small development projects in Lesotho, assists in locating old friends from Lesotho, and provides information about current events in Lesotho.

Name:¹ _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

List email on website? Yes No

Were you a Peace Corps Volunteer? Yes No

Years in Lesotho: _____

Village: _____

District: _____

Information for FOL Directory:
 Current Occupation/Employer: _____

Family Members: _____

Matching gifts can enable you to double or even triple the value of your contribution. Many companies match their employees' personal donations. If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer and send it completed and signed with your gift, we will do the rest.

Why join FOL?

- **Make a difference in the lives of Basotho**
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4110 Denfeld Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895
Phone: (301) 942-2751

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For current RPCV photos on the web, check out www.flickr.com/photos/erinfinn/.

For a current look at Peace Corps, check out www.martysmith.org, a site maintained by a current PCV in Roma, Marty Smith. There is a blog and many photos.

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