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Spring 2007

President's Message

I don't recall hearing what the groundhog prediction was in February, but I know I have 6 more weeks of winter, just on principle. It's -15°F as I write. Thanks again for joining me in this issue of the newsletter. Let me start by welcoming Sydney Rocklin who has joined the Fundraising Committee. Sydney was a PCV in Butha Buthe in the late '70's and lives in Seattle. Hmm ... I was in BB too, I wonder how many people helping out on the Board or committees were there? Turns out that the district with the greatest representation is Thaba Tseka District, with Butha Buthe, Leribe and Maseru evenly tied for second. Just a little district rivalry for fun ... but I think I'd better stop there or our Quthing-oriented newsletter coordinator will never let this see the light of day.

One of the projects Sydney is interested in involves businesses that import and export Basotho crafts to the US in hopes of selling these items through FOL. Sydney will also advise the fundraising committee on new product introduction to our on-line store at CafePress.com. Please visit the FOL web site for the Café Press link or see page 8 in this newsletter. Sydney, completing research on handicrafts, will be visiting Lesotho this spring, as will Board member Martha Munson on separate trips. And Tara Lloyd has returned there for a 3 month project.

We look forward to their reports later in the year, and will share those in future newsletters.

I know everyone is sick of hearing pleas for help so I decided just to list things we need help with on the web site. This will be updated as needs change. The list is at the bottom of the Contacts page and currently includes an endowment manager, an editor for web-posted mp3 files of Board teleconferences, a database manager, a webmaster, assistance with routine correspondence (new member welcome letters, etc.), and someone to help with newsletter assembly and mailing.

Since the last newsletter the Board has approved the 2007 budget. The budget projects a small deficit with the newsletter being our largest expense. For tracking purposes, the budget includes in-kind (material) donations which may be able to cover the deficit. In any case, we're

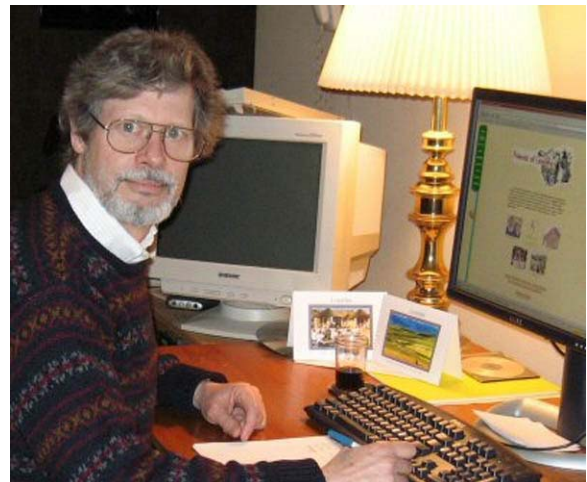
only talking about \$600. We keep two separate accounts; one for operating expenses and one for donations specifically earmarked for Lesotho. Excess operating income, if any, will be shifted to the donations account at the end of each year. Our last analysis showed that we were able to send about 92% of total receipts directly to Lesotho projects, which is on par with the *best non-profit organizations*. Our operating expenses have remained nearly constant over the last several years so this efficiency is largely controlled by the successfulness of fundraising.

Hope you enjoy the rest of the newsletter,

Best wishes,

Bill

Contact any Board member for information to join or listen in on Board teleconferences. Third Sunday of odd-numbered months, 8pm Eastern time.



The “average” FOL member pays dues only once every 3 years.

Could This Be Your Last Newsletter?

Newsletters are the primary source of organizational news. Newsletters communicate recent developments in Lesotho as well as report on funded projects and other member news and opportunities. But newsletters are our largest operating expense and unpaid dues represent a reduction in funds donated to Lesotho and a subsidy by dues paying members to the others.

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every 3 years.

In the next few months the Membership Committee will review the statistics and deactivate members who have not paid in several years. Please check the dues expiration date on your mailing label so you’re not one of those deactivated.

If you receive the newsletter by email notification, beginning with this issue we will be including your dues expiration date in the email notice. Please

contact Ella, Bill or John if you have any question about your dues (see Board member listing for contact info).

On a more positive note, of the 60% who are current on their dues, nearly half have made extra contributions above the dues amount. Typically though, these extra contributions are designated for a particular use, such as TAP, and can not go into newsletter production expenses.

The Economist, December 16, 2006.

Some of Africa's capitals are the most expensive in the world. When it comes to their wallets, seasoned travellers and worldly expatriates often moan about Tokyo, London or New York. They obviously have not been hanging around Africa. A recent survey by ECA International, which ad-

vises multinational companies how to look after their expatriate staff, rates Harare the most expensive city for such foreigners in the world.

But Zimbabwe's capital is not an isolated African case: Angola’s Luanda comes second and Congo's Kinshasa fifth, just behind Oslo and Moscow. Even

Gabon's Libreville is deemed more expensive than Tokyo.

Expatriates feeling ripped off in Angola, Zimbabwe or Congo need not despair: They can move to the Kingdom of Lesotho, whose capital, Maseru, is rated in the survey as the cheapest place on earth -- for foreigners.

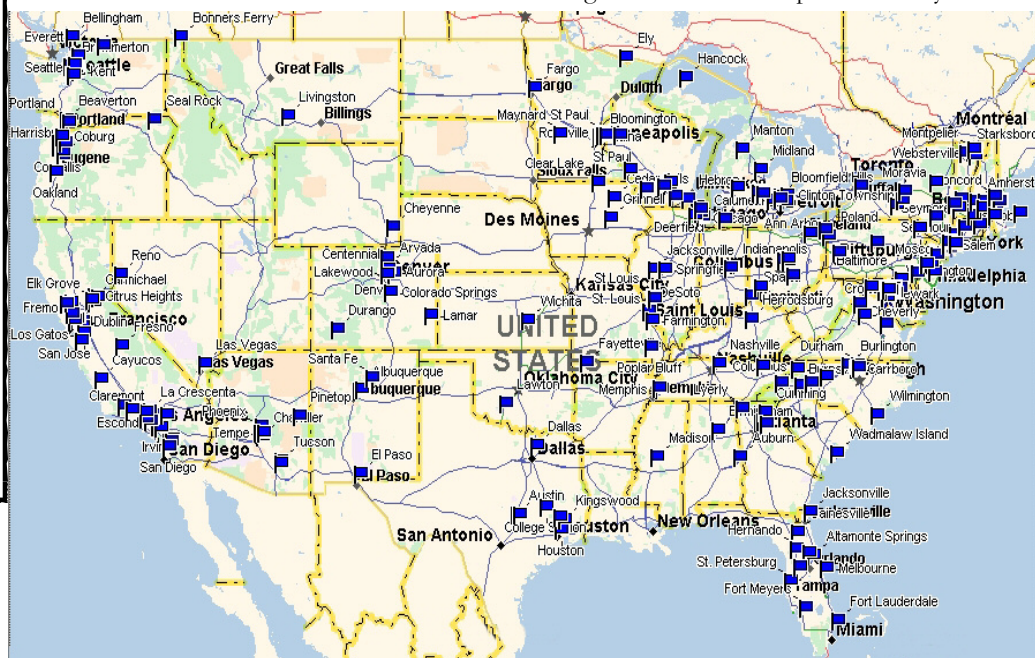
A map of our membership

Hosting or organizing a regional meeting for FOL’s annual meeting in early October presents a great opportunity

to meet FOL members in your area. Contact Martha Munson (see Board member listing for contact info) for more information on how to organize a re-

gional meeting that coincides with FOL’s annual meeting! The annual meeting will be in October, coinciding with Independence Day for Lesotho.

If you have comments, questions, suggestions, news, articles, websites, photos, or other items to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Faye Farmer (f_e_@hotmail.com) or 2612 E. Geneva Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282. We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and length. We would be happy to return submissions if you want them back.



Who buys a \$40 T-Shirt? I do.

Faye Farmer, FOL Member



I donate regularly to organizations I believe are doing a good job in the world. One of those organizations is Friends of Lesotho. In fact, this year in lieu of gifts for my wedding, I asked for donations through www.JustGive.com and was able to donate over \$500 to FOL through the generosity of my friends and family (I even took the opportunity to make my husband a Life Time member with \$250 of our own and he has a nice certificate to prove it).



All the same, when news of a T-shirt that was designed and sold by a famous rock star and his wife (Bono of U2 fame), distributed by his company (EDUN – Nude in reverse), and sold at a top end retailer (Nordstrom), where \$10 of the \$40 would go directly to supporting workers in Lesotho, I guffawed. Who would purchase an overpriced T-Shirt that was produced in a sweatshop that supported more jobs in a sweatshop? The official justification for the T-Shirt is that the \$10 will go towards assisting in HIV/AIDS education and access to healthcare for the same people who are employed to make the T-Shirt.



It turns out that there

is a revival of sorts that is occurring primarily in the generation following me of socially conscious people. The generation I speak of is the college student, 18 – 25 years old. Good or bad, the revival I have witnessed pushes consumerism for a cause. Click here and donate a dollar to Darfur. Sign up for a list serve and promote work equity in Malaysia. Pick a cause and you can buy something for yourself and help others. Better yet, you can wear something that shows people that you have purchased help – effectively you have branded yourself with the label of the socially conscious.

Does this alleviate some first world guilt? My T-shirt did not make me feel any different and I was reluctant to actually wear it outside my house. I was surprised when the students at the university where I work told me of Product Red, once I mentioned the One T-Shirt. I looked it up and laughed again – out loud. The website features Multinational Corporations who are hoping to be swept away on this retail tidal wave. The marketing leads you to believe that the purchase of phones, credit cards, and iPods will make you a part of a move-

ment to liberate the world. The juxtaposition of money and cause, first world and developing nation is overwhelming.

I give talks each semester on HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa at Arizona State University. One of the comments I'm sure to make to the 100 or so students in the room is "check your labels." When I was in Lesotho, my brother and my friend Rick (Abuti Thabo) were able to gain entrance to a "sweatshop" on Industry Road in Maseru. I went along for the experience. That's when I understood exactly what a sweatshop was. The conditions were not unbearable, surely not like those conditions portrayed in the movies or perhaps found in other developing countries, or even down the street. Rather, it was the fact that the workers were primarily women and they had to work 10 – 12 hour shifts to earn a pittance, leaving their children at home or with relatives, and stuck in a never ending cycle of poverty. This was what nags on me when I discuss sweatshops with students: arguments between employment of any kind and the quality of employment. The majority of the

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If you have an update, send your information to the newsletter coordinator Faye Farmer (f_e@hotmail.com).

Updates

Claire Hilger (RPCV '97 – '99) married Matthew Small on February 10, 2007 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Rick and Becki Ernst (RPCV's '97 – '99 & '96 – '98 respectively) recently welcomed a new son, Randy, into their family.

History of the Friends of Lesotho: 1986-2006 (Part 1)

Kevin Freer, Board Member

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Introduction

The history of the Friends of Lesotho (FOL) is typical of many non-profit organizations in terms of its organizational growth patterns. As this short history explains, FOL was established by a small group of very motivated individuals who had a passion for continuing the work begun while working as Peace Corps Volunteers in Lesotho. As testament to this initial group, the mission and core values have not changed in the last 20 years.

Over the years, a small group of individuals have founded, sustained, and grown the organization and continue to bring resources to its members and to the people of Lesotho. How FOL worked toward the goals and mission of the organization has changed over time – from an initial concept, planning & program initiation, to a period of organizational stagnation, to a renewal and organizational growth. Throughout these stages of development, numerous individuals gave their time and expertise to FOL in a variety of unique ways—unfortunately many of these names will be missing from this brief history.

The context for the history of the organization includes the unique situation of

being made up of a totally dispersed group of individuals, without paid staff, working with the available technology of the times. FOL grew from a Washington, DC based organization to a national Board of Directors. From a very modest beginning, FOL has evolved into a sustainable organization with much potential for the future

Founding of the Organization

FOL got started at the Lesotho Ambassador's residence in September 1986. The occasion was the 25th anniversary of the US Peace Corps and there was a big celebration in Washington, DC for the Peace Corps staff and volunteers. Many of the embassies hosted receptions, dinners, and parties on one of the nights over the weekend for all of the returned volunteers from their host countries.

A group of about twenty-five Lesotho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) met in the downstairs of the Ambassador's residence sometime later in the evening and began talking about setting up a Friends of Lesotho group. One of the RPCVs donated \$100 on the spot as seed money to help establish an organization. FOL had a budget and was ready to begin its journey!

The Founding Board Members included: Scott Brumburgh (President); Don Spicer (Vice President/Secretary); Ted Hochstadt (Legal Counsel); and David Bertocci, Thomas Carroll, and Robert Kerr (Directors).

The Board started meeting on a regular basis. One of its first tasks was to work on the articles of incorporation and bylaws drafted by Ted Hochstadt. FOL was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in Maryland in January 1988, and two years later the Internal Revenue Service granted the organization's petition for recognition as a not-for-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Board wanted to come up with a vehicle to send money back to Lesotho and struggled with that for a number of years as they considered requests from various groups. From 1989 through 1994, FOL donated \$3,000 to Trickle-Up, which made 30 small business development start-up grants with those funds. In 1991, FOL made its first donation to the Volunteer Liaison Committee (VLC) and the first donation to the Scholarship Fund/Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) was in 1992, both led by Peace Corps Volunteers in Lesotho.

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Websites of interest

http://www.moneyweb.co.za/blogs/carte_blanche/359417.htm

<http://www.tradeoffs.montana.edu/pdf/SD-BD.pdf> interesting overview of soil degradation

<http://www.info.gov.za/greenpapers/1996/conservation.htm>

http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTARD/Resources/Sustainable_Land_Management_ebook.pdf came out in 2006

To view a detailed case study on the Lesotho Highlands corruption and bribery trials visit the ISS Internet Portal on Corruption (<http://www.ipocafrika.org>).

AfricaFocus Bulletin is an independent electronic publication providing reposted commentary and analysis on African issues, with a particular focus on U.S. and international policies. AfricaFocus Bulletin is edited by William Minter. For a full archive and other resources, see <http://www.africafocus.org>.

http://www.soros.org/initiatives/health/focus/phw/news/drugresistant_20070314 grant to fight extreme drug resistant tuberculosis in Lesotho

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/lesotho/>

History of the Friends of Lesotho: 1986-2006 (Part I cont'd)

Stage I

Like most non-profit organizations, FOL began as a “Stage I” organization. Such boards are usually comprised of people who founded the organization. They do all the work and make up the “rules” as they go along. These boards work as a “Committee of the Whole” – usually accomplishing most of the board work as a single committee rather than differentiating roles and responsibilities. Program, budget and finance, fund development, communications, leadership development and nominations were typically worked on by group while “figuring things out” and trying to establish themselves.

The initial board members committed to publishing a newsletter, developing a member directory, and also made an effort to compile a directory of Basotho students studying in the US to match up with some of FOL members. Scott Brumbaugh secured a grant from the Sasakwa Foundation to support Basotho students. Scott's efforts to get the grant from Sasakawa was very successful and FOL did receive the funds. What did not work out so well was trying to continue an effort involving Basotho students due to a lack of accurate information and resources.

The Board also spent considerable time developing a relationship with the Lesotho Embassy during this period. For a number of years, one of the annual highlights was Lesotho Independence Day, October 4, when FOL members in the Washington, DC area were invited to the reception/mokete at

the home of the Lesotho Ambassador.

Around 1989 the Board also held a “mini-conference” as part of one of the National Peace Corps Association's 30th anniversary in 1991 in Washington, DC to focus on Lesotho and the work of the organization.

After much discussion, in 1991, the Board decided that FOL would affiliate with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). However, in recognition of the fact that a certain percentage of FOL members were not RPCVs or were RPCVs who did not want to be members of a national RPCV group, the FOL membership form allowed but did not require FOL members to pay NPCA dues when they paid FOL dues.

The Board relied on membership dues and individual contributions to maintain the organization and fund various projects in Lesotho. The Board was very fortunate to have received generous donations from several key contributors over the years. However, the Board was limited in what it could support in Lesotho by whatever donations have been made in any given year. In August 1997, the Board initiated FOL's first fund-raising drive, with a goal of raising \$5,000 between September 1997 through June 1998, a goal that was exceeded.

Scott Brumbaugh was President from 1986-1988 and Don Spicer was Vice President. Then, from 1988-2003, Don was President and Scott was Vice President. Don and Scott also filled the Treasurer and Secretary positions during this period.

A partial list of other board members who served during this period include: Lisa LaBella Mitchell (1986-1998, Newsletter 1986-1993); George Fanelli (Newsletter 1994-1996); Dorothy Holland (Newsletter 2000-present); Delton Allen and Ian Duncan. These and other FOL members sustained the organization for fifteen years. Among those members were Basotho residing in the Washington, DC area who participated in many of the group's activities during this period.

Thus, during this “Stage I” period, the Board did not consist only of the founders; new people were continually being recruited, served their time and left. But during the 1990's, a disproportionate amount of the work of keeping the organization going fell on Don Spicer and Scott Brumbaugh, without whom FOL probably would have withered and died.

After Don Spicer's terms of office, there were only four remaining Board members: Dorothy Holland, Ted Hochstadt, John Hollister and Bill Dunn. They had two things to figure out: 1) who would be president, and 2) how to get more people on the Board. Bill Dunn offered to serve as President in 2003. This small group kept the organization alive, making it possible for Stage II growth of the organization to emerge during Bill's tenure in office. It was during this period that the Board first began to have meetings by conference call, thus enabling a national Board to operate and grow the organization.

More to come next newsletter!

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Visit www.friendsoflesotho.org and choose Membership

Expanded Policy to Help Orphans and Vulnerable Children

The Child Protection and Welfare Bill has been proposed to provide free education, health services, sports and recreation facilities for orphans and vulnerable children. The policy also provides for funds to establish small-scale businesses to help children and their caregivers to become economically self-sufficient. Lesotho has an estimated 180,000 orphans and vulnerable children, an estimated

100,000 of whom have lost their parents to HIV/Aids. The policy is further designed to coordinate programs and to ensure that programs provide quality services to those most in need. Itumeleng Kimane, senior lecturer at the National University of Lesotho, noted that “The policy comes at a time when, irrespective of gender, orphaned children are exposed to various forms of abuse and exploitation,

including . . . prostitution, sexual abuse, child labor, early marriage, maltreatment and neglect by caretakers, poor health and inability to access and afford essential services.” Through its policy, the government is now mandated to ensure that all institutions, public or private, are indeed acting in the best interest of the children.

Another Big Diamond Find in Lesotho



European Diamonds recently sold a 27.17 carat diamond mined from its Liphobong mine. The diamond, a D-color stone, was sold for

\$27,008 a carat. In October 2006, Gem Diamond sold the 603 carat Lesotho Promise diamond which came from its Letseng mine for \$20,564 a carat.

Since taking over Liphobong mine in early 2006, European Diamonds has made \$4.3 million in gross diamond sales.

Lesotho Sun and Maseru Sun to be Renovated

Sun International has committed 30 million Rand to upgrade the Maseru Sun and the Lesotho Sun. The company

cited increased international interest in Lesotho as a tourist destination as one of the motivating factors in the upgrades.

Most of the renovations will occur at the Lesotho Sun, with work planned in the foyer, restaurant, conference facilities, and gym.

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Who buys a \$40 T-Shirt? Cont'd

The way I purchase goods does not make me feel as though I am a member of a world wide movement. It means that I am conscious of the decisions I make.

100 students I see each semester shop at Old Navy and Kmart, the primary brands who purchase denim products from Lesotho. I watch my labels and I purchase products that may not be the best color or size, based solely on the fact that they were made in Lesotho and failing that – anywhere in Africa. It is my hope that by the end of my talk that students in the audience start thinking outside the box and connect with the person who makes their durable goods. The way I purchase goods does not make me feel as though I am a member of a world wide movement. It means that I am conscious of

the decisions I make.

So, while I guffawed, I still found myself in a store I never visit in a swanky part of the Phoenix Metro area, spending forty bucks of my hard earned cash, buying into the idea of supporting workers in my former home, Lesotho. The T-shirt is cheap, and probably will not last more than a couple of washings, but that's okay – I don't plan on actually wearing it. The students at my university can wear their clothing with a message and the first thing that runs through my head is the purchase price. And I still plan on donating to FOL

every year and purchasing our T-shirts (available on cafePress and through FOL's website) and maybe I'll find myself wearing them instead. Most days I carry my cause on the inside.

For more information on the One T-Shirt please visit the following websites.

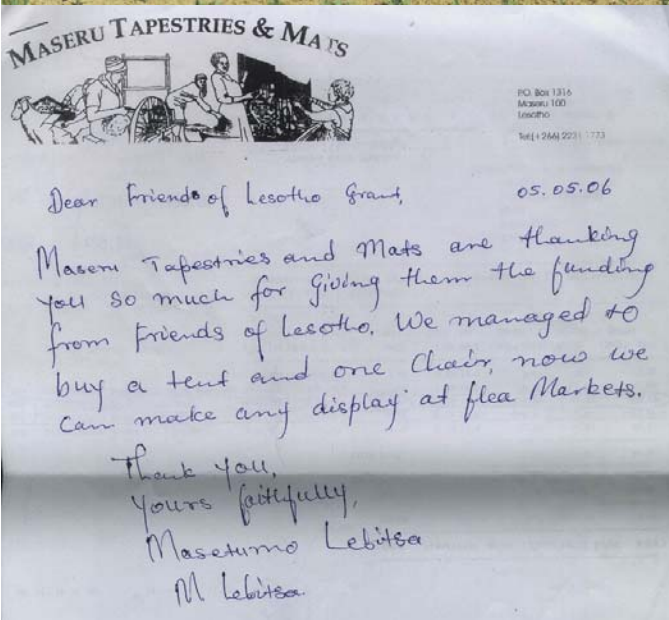
The main company website: www.one.org & www.joinred.com

Article concerning ethics of this product: <http://www.csmonitor.com/2006/1013/p01s02-woaf.html>

Funded Projects

The seven women incorporated the maintenance of the garden into their daily routine for three months ... leading to a harvest of the half-acre of green leafy vegetables they chose to plant...they donated the crop to the growing number of malnourished orphans in the area.

- Lukasz Czerwinski, October 8, 2004



"Thank you so much for the 300 Rand we received for our painting project! The Good Sheperd Centre now has a prominent sign that can be seen from the road. Paint was also applied to the inside walls that were beginning to fall apart."

- Marion Smith, August 1, 2005



FOL Marketplace

New Lesotho Flag featured on Fundraising Items

Purchase apparel and merchandise at FOL's new online store! <http://www.cafepress.com/lesotho>

- Thanks to CafePress.com, we are now selling a number of products with unique graphics on them. Please feel free to browse our store and buy these products to support our projects in Lesotho. Contact the fundraising committee with requests for new designs! Dozens of products with new designs introduced throughout the year.
- FOL still has the wonderful T-shirts with King Moshoeshoe and Kingdom of Lesotho on them! We have Med., Large, and X Large--They are cream colored with dark brown lettering.

Available @ cafepress.com/lesotho



Kingdom of Lesotho
Sizes: M, L, XL

Purchase T-shirts and Basotho CDs at FOL's website!
<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org>
Also download free note cards for Alternative Gift-Giving or Memorial Gifts at this site.



2008 Lesotho Calendar

Send us your digital photos to be considered for our 2008 FOL Calendar fundraising project.

Include your name, the year taken, identify anyone in the picture and include a short caption of 25 words or less. Deadline for submissions is May 1st. Watch for an advertisement of the 2008 Calendar in the June newsletter!

We are interested in receiving photos from PCVs and RPCVs as well as from Friends who funded projects over the years.

Send submissions to kfreer@alcatel-lucent.com.

Image requirements: 200 DPI with 2300 pixels (W) x 1800 pixels (H). The finished calendar page will be borderless and 11" wide and 8.5" tall. You can submit a single image or a collage of multiple images not to exceed this size.

Springtime Walk-a-Thons

Springtime is an ideal time to organize a Walk-a-Thon to benefit the Lesotho Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). You can find an information package of resources on our website that you can use to plan and conduct a successful fundraising project to support many deserving Basotho students. Contact our Fundraising Chair if you have any questions or need any assistance (kfreer@alcatel-lucent.com).

Order form for Brown T-shirts & CD only

Item #	Description	Qty.	Price	Subtotal

Order total: _____

Send Check or Money
Order to Friends of
Lesotho

4110 Denfeld Ave
Kensington, MD 20895

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Early Elections Called

Prime Minister Pakalita Mosisili dissolved parliament on November 24, 2006, and called for early elections to be held on February 27, 2007. A split in the ruling Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD) party led to the move. The party split occurred when Communications Minister Thomas Tahabane resigned on October 9, 2006, and joined with others to form the All Basotho Convention (ABC). At the time of the election announcement some opposition parties and commentators questioned whether there was adequate time for the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) to prepare to hold free and fair elections. In the elections 14 parties will vie for 120 seats – 80 of which will be based on the ‘first past the post’ system and 40 assigned based on the proportional representation system. The elections were considered

to be a litmus test as to whether the SADC region is indeed on a permanent path toward democratization of its political systems.

In the weeks preceding the February 2007 elections some reporters allegedly received death threats. In response the Media Institute of Southern Africa arranged for armed security personnel to guard the homes of the affected journalists and appealed to the Lesotho Police Commissioner to ensure the journalists’ safety.

Because the 1998 and 2002 elections were marred by violence, local churches launched a prayer initiative to ensure peace and stability during the elections.

As election day approached a host of election monitoring organizations descended on the country, including groups from the African

Union, the United States, the Southern African Development Community, parliamentary forums, and independent and Commonwealth observers.

Ultimately, nearly 1 million Basotho voters participated in the elections, which were declared “credible, free and fair.” The LCD won 61 of the 80 directly contested constituencies. The ABC came in second with 17 seats. The National Independent Party, in alliance with the LCD, won 21 of the proportional representation seats, while the Lesotho Workers Party, which was in partnership with the ABC, gained 10.

Even after the results were released, there were concerns that unrest would result; however, these fears were allayed when ABC called on its supports not to resort to violence.

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Textile Manufacturers Benefit from Act

In mid-December Congress passed the Agoa Investment Incentive Act of 2006 that amends the African Growth

and Opportunity Act (Agoa) of 2000 and will provide continued duty free access to the U.S. for many African products. The bill

includes several provisions that will help African textile producers hard-hit by increased competition from China.

Free Primary Education Update

Heading into its 8th year of free primary education, the Lesotho government has stated that it hopes to attain universal primary education by 2015. Some of the statistics released by the government are impressive: before free primary education, 60 out of 100 children enrolled in primary schools, in 2000 that number increased to 80 out of 100, and in 2003, the most recent year for which data is available, the number was up to 85 out of 100. With the assistance of international organizations, more classrooms and schools are being built, reducing over-

crowding and distances traveled to school. In 2006, 17 new schools were built with the help of the African Development Bank, Irish Aid, the European Union, and the World Bank. According to reports, now almost every student has a seat and the average student teacher ratio has improved from 70:1 to 50:1. The government also now covers the cost of textbooks. Teacher training initiatives have also been implemented to assist teachers in rural areas.

The statistics, however, are not all positive. Completion rates remain relatively low, 65% in 2003. The government is sticking to its goal of attaining

universal primary education by 2015 and has enacted legislation on compulsory education aimed at parents who keep children home to complete domestic tasks such as animal herding. A big challenge remains for students who complete standard 7, paying for secondary education. Currently, the government only sponsors secondary education for children with no surviving parent and some “vulnerable” children. The Ministry of Education stated that it is in discussion with the Ministry of Finance to see if more can be done to help more needy children pay for secondary education.



Lesotho Stone Carvers



Treasurer's Report

Friends of Lesotho - Treasurer's Summary for Board Meeting of: **March 18, 2007**

(Final 2006 as revised 3/14/07)	<u>Final 2006</u>	<u>3/14/2007</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current Bank Balance:	\$21,781.01	\$31,213.01	\$9,432.00
Paid Membership (Incl. Advance Dues):	17	37	17 members pre-paid 2007
New members this Year to date:	0	2	
Non-member cash donors Year to date:	0	10	

2006 Extra Donation Fund Status:

<u>Donation Fund</u>	<u>Amount in Fund</u>	<u>Amount sent to Lesotho (*)</u>	<u>Amount remaining to be sent</u>
Undesignated Fund (\$250 min balance)	\$4,489.89	\$0.00	\$4,489.89
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Fund	\$11,443.49	\$0.00	\$11,443.49
HIV/AIDS Fund	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
Morija Museum Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Orphanages Fund	\$239.00	\$0.00	\$239.00
Save the Children - Lesotho (Wilkins)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Sharon Zeiden's PCV Projects (Ober)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Village Hope Project (PCV)	\$294.00	\$0.00	\$294.00
LCCU (Lesotho Child Counseling Unit)	\$7,650.00	\$0.00	\$7,650.00



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Why join FOL?

- Make a difference in the lives of Basotho
- Keep abreast of the latest news about Lesotho via a quarterly newsletter
- Join a group of likeminded people

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.

Annual Membership: \$ _____

(\$15.00/person)

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Additional Contribution Designation:

- HIV/AIDS
- Tuition Assistance Program
- Orphanages
- Volunteer Liaison Committee
- Greatest need
- Morija Museum

Total to FOL: \$ _____²

Annual Membership in the National Peace Corps Association is \$35/individual and \$42.50/ family.³

\$ _____

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'll do the rest.

Please check if you would like more information on other ways to give, such as wills, estate planning, IRAs, or listing FOL as an insurance policy beneficiary.

Please check to receive information on Lifetime Membership in FOL.

Please mail your completed membership form to:

Friends of Lesotho
4110 Denfeld Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895

We're online at: www.friendsoflesotho.org

Name:¹ _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

List email on website? Yes No

Years in Lesotho: _____

Village: _____

Information for FOL Directory:

Current Occupation/Employer: _____

Family Members: _____

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