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Newsletter


## President's Letter

Lumelang Metsoalle,

First I wanted like to thank our members who continue to support our work and the board members for all the hours they have put in. I am pleased to report that FOL continues to fulfill its mission to promote positive change and to assist the people of Lesotho.

This fall FOL launched a Back to School: Education Assistance for Basotho Youth fundraiser, and I am thrilled to announce that we reached our goal of \$5,000. The funds raised will help pay for scholarships, school supplies, and projects to improve the quality of education at various schools in Lesotho. I would like to thank everyone for their generous support. Now that FOL no longer charges membership dues, fundraisers like this are essential to FOL's being able to continue to support projects in Lesotho.

In terms of Lesotho news there are some new people to welcome and others who we have to say goodbye too. After serving as Lesotho's ambassador to the United States for the last six years, at the end of 2017 ambassador Molapi Sebatane will be heading back to Lesotho. I would like to thank you for all of the support you have supplied as well as your participation in our annual conference call. I would also like to thank US ambassador to Lesotho, Matt Harrington for all of his help and support, Ambassador Harrington's term ended last month. Lastly, I would like to welcome the new country director for Peace Corps Lesotho, Leon Kayego. FOL looks forward to working with you and to continue to develop FOL's ability to help PCV in Lesotho as well as the Basotho people.

I am pleased to report that our new free membership policy has led to an increase in FOL members, and especially an increase in the number of Basotho living in Lesotho who have joined. Lastly, I would like to thank Stacey McKeever for her work on the crowdfunding campaign, and on a sadder note I would like to thank Courtney McDermott for her hard work on the newsletter and how much her dedication will be missed. If anybody is interested in taking over the newsletter, please contact either Courtney (courtmcdermott@gmail.com) or myself (rosenberg@wittenberg.edu). 



Sincerely,  
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Honorary Consul, Kingdom of Lesotho

### Newsletter Features Clickable Links!!

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Photo courtesy: Nicole Potsane, RPCV

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## Thank You! Rea Leboha!

By Stacy McKeever, RPCV Education, Maseru 2003-2005

As most of you reading this newsletter know, education is so important to Basotho. It really is the key to increased health, wealth and happiness in Lesotho, as in most places. Friends of Lesotho has been raising money for Peace Corps' Tuition Assistance Program, which provides partial scholarships to needy students identified by Peace Corps volunteers, since 1992. This year we wanted to do even more.

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## From the Forest to the Wetland: Tsehlanyane to Bokong

By E.M. Noseworthy, RPCV Healthy Youth, 2014-2016

Photos by Joel Wright, PCV Education, 2015-present

Lesotho's Tsehlanyane National Park is a protected natural area in the Butha Buthe district. The park boasts of mountains, rivers, large *eland*, and troops of baboons. Seasonal waterfalls trickle through the foliage from springs in the mountains. It is one of the few large areas in Lesotho covered by forests, having been protected from clearing.

Bokong Nature Reserve is in the Leribe district, some twenty-five miles or so south of Tsehlanyane. It is a protected wetlands area in the highlands and overlooks an immense valley. A large stream forms into the impressive Lepaqa Falls and drops from the lush wetlands into the gorge below.

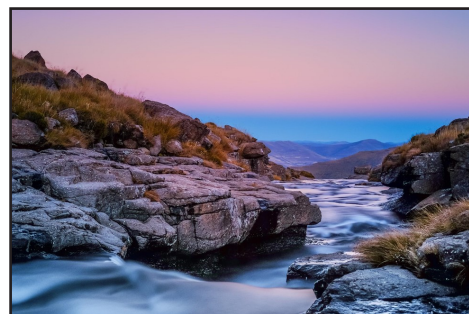
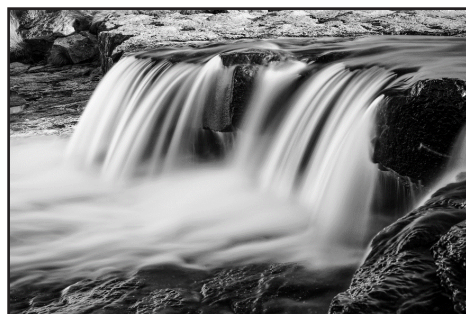
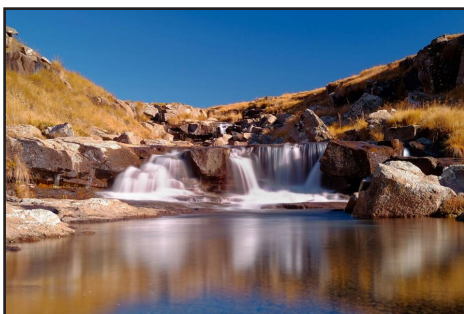
Earlier this year, towards the end of my time in Lesotho, I made a trek from Tsehlanyane National Park to Bokong Nature Reserve. I had been a volunteer in Lesotho for almost three years, serving for two with the Peace Corps and then continuing projects in Mokhotlong for another year. Saying goodbye would be hard. In a way, the hike would be a farewell pilgrimage.

We left in the early morning. The sun peeked over the rim of the mountains and winked down on us with golden light through the cold. My companion was a doctor in Lesotho and knew anyone and everyone. As we walked to the trailhead the guards and staff waved and shouted greetings to him.

Ntate Nyaka hiked ahead of me. He was twice my age but leapt up the trail with a spry step, talking all the while. I hiked behind him, trying to keep up with the conversation and the pace and his tireless enthusiasm but I was distracted by the mountains. Immense and green and lush, they spread out around us like a felt carpet and the sky above was a polished and frigid blue stone.

The ascent was some 3500 feet or so over a few miles. We sat at the top of the pass, legs heavy from the effort. A young shepherd tended his flock nearby and shyly joined us. We shared snacks and he drew in the dirt with a stick and smiled as we joked with him. His sheep tiptoed around as they nibbled at the wet grasses.

The pass leveled out to a flat plateau along the ridgeline. The mountains flowed and stretched into the distance. Ntate Nyaka would descend and return to town from there. He walked with me for a while and pointed out directions, tracing with his finger a faint line of white rocks. Years ago a rough path from Tsehlanyane to Bokong had been marked with white paint and rocks. I said goodbye and followed the rough trail.



I walked along the plateau. Mountains continued as far as I could see in a myriad of greens and blues. Small springs trickled out of the bare, mossy hills. Birds hopped after me curiously. I saw movement and a *letsa* (grey rhebok) bounded from the bushes. Another followed, then several more. They called to each other in quiet peeps and leapt across the path.

I stopped for the night and set up camp against a short cliff face to protect from the wind and cold. There was a *motebong* (livestock post) on the edge of the mountain below me. Earlier, I saw the shepherd bring his flock in and heard him yell instructions to his companion. I assumed he saw me, as well. I imagined we both sat there as the stars began to twinkle overhead, looking across the mountains and wondering about each other.

Night sounds in Lesotho were often pleasant, especially this high in the mountains. A gentle gust of wind; a faint animal noise; a sheep bleating far away. There was magic out here, *ka nnete*. I smoked some pipe tobacco under the stars. The lights of the Milky

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## From the Forest to the Wetland: Tsehlanyane to Bokong (continued from page 2)

Way trailed across the sky. The Southern Cross winked at me, pointing beyond the distant mountains.

In the morning my tent was covered with a thin layer of frost. I followed along the rough trail and passed a shepherd here and there. They sat on rocks, bundled up in their cloaks in the fresh morning sun. Some were grown men and some were boys. They were all too far away for conversation, but each stopped and greeted me with a wave or a shout across the valley.

They were the *balisana*: the shepherds of the mountains. The quiet, unsung guardians of the *naheng*. They lived here, and knew every mountain and spring. Some motioned to me across the mountains and shouted directions, pointing cheerfully.


I walked for most of the day, down trails and over rocks and around *dongas*. The enormity of the landscape and the remoteness of it all was mesmerizing. Some of the path led me along the side of a cliff with an immense, uncompromising drop spreading out before me. A huge valley unfolded around the next bend. I heard rushing water and the ground became damp and covered in thick grasses.

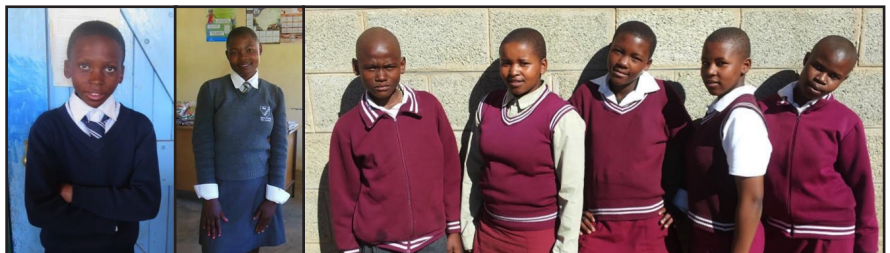
This was the Bokong Nature Reserve. The small wetlands area is isolated on the plateau above the valley. I stomped through soggy grass and bushes and set my pack down. The water accumulated into a large stream that falls from the mountain to the valley below. Lepaqa Falls drops a couple hundred dizzying feet and during the winter freezes into a long dagger of ice. 

## Thank You! Rea Leboha! (continued from page 1)

This back to school season, Friends of Lesotho embarked on our first crowdfunding campaign to raise money for Peace Corps' Tuition Assistance Program and other educational projects in Lesotho. We were nervous about how it would go and excited to see how much we could raise to support young Basotho students. Well, thanks to Friends of Lesotho members, friends and family – we surpassed our goal and raised \$5,775! Thank you to all of you who donated to, forwarded, posted and tweeted our campaign! We cannot wait to send this money along to needy students and communities in Lesotho. Stay tuned for stories and pictures of how your donations have helped! Rea leboha!

Here are some stats for those who are interested!

- Total raised: \$5,775 (116% of our goal!)
- Total donations: 76
- Average donation: \$50 (range of \$5-\$1,000!) 



### OPENING ON THE FOL BOARD: NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The FOL Board is looking for someone to join the board and take on the newsletter editor position. The editor solicits articles and photographs for the FOL Newsletter which comes out three times a year. The editor also participates in bi-monthly board phone calls. If you are interested in volunteering as the editor, please reach out to FOL President Scott Rosenberg, [srosenberg@wittenberg.edu](mailto:srosenberg@wittenberg.edu).








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## 43 Years Later: My Lesotho Story

By Kevin Caughlan, RPCV, 1972-1974

I was teaching mathematics in a very conservative part of Montana in 1971 and applied for a Conscience Objective status from my Draft Board. The Board wrote a letter to me and a copy to the local School Board explaining that I qualified for the CO status, but also for a continuation of my teacher deferment. I decided to continue with this process of getting the CO. As a result, I was fired. I returned to school after the Summer and worked on a further degree. It was at this time I passed by a Peace Corps desk and decided to apply for a stint in the Peace Corps. I wasn't sure what I would do. The only skill I had at this point was teaching as I had three years' experience teaching at the High and Junior High school level. As I looked at the application, I noted that I had three choices of places to go and teaching was one of the positions open in most places. So, I chose the South Pacific and Africa as two of the three choices. As luck would have it, I received a letter a few months later about my placement; I was to go to the country of Lesotho. I looked it up on a map and found that it was buried inside of South Africa and was named Basutoland until its independence from British protection in 1966. I thought I would be teaching mathematics, but found out that my responsibility would also include teaching Physics, Biology, and Chemistry. I was ok on all except Biology, which I hadn't had since 1959. I found out the book they had to use for reference was the same one I had used in 1959. So I taught these six classes at Thabana Morena Secondary School. I revisited this school (now a high school) and still a boarding school. 



Thabana Morena chorus at Moshoeshoe Day, 1972



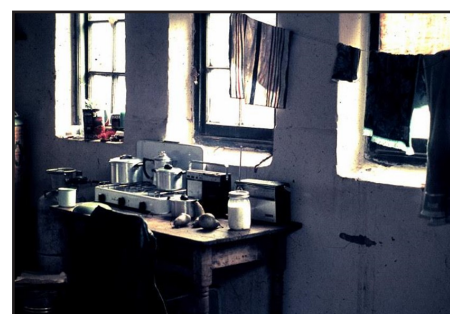
Two of my students (I sponsored them for the two years I was there) in front of their dorm



Science lab we built in 1974, taken during my visit in 2016.



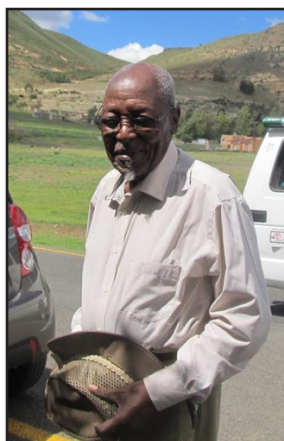
Entrance to school, 2016



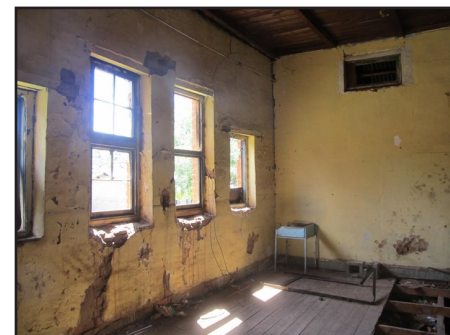
The front room/kitchen of my apartment 1972-74.



Work crew, Saturday afternoon at the school



Maxwell Kotela, the head of the school when I was there 1972-74, taken 42 years later in 2016 (at age 90). He drove from his house about two miles up the road to see me.



Same room, 2016





## Update from Ketane's Latrine Project

By Kathy Jacquart

Below are photos of construction of the Ketane Primary School latrines, which FOL is supporting. The principal of the school, with help from RPCV Mary Ladabouche (2012-2014), applied for a grant of \$3500 to build latrines that will serve more than 200 students and teachers. Parents and community members are contributing in-kind contributions, such as labor. 



SHOPPING?? PLEASE USE FOL'S LINK TO AMAZON.

Amazon donates a small percent of purchases made by Friends of Lesotho year round, with no extra charge to the customer, if you access their site through Friends of Lesotho's Web page, <http://FriendsOfLesotho.org>

One extra click by you enables FOL to send hundreds of dollars of donations to Lesotho each year.



## Litaba tsa Lesotho (News from Lesotho)

Compiled by Ella Kwisnek, RPCV Education, 1992-1994

### **Team Discovers Megacarnivore Roaming Southern Africa 200 Million Years Ago**

An international team of scientists have discovered the first evidence for an extremely large, three-toed, carnivorous dinosaur in southern Africa 200 million years ago. The megatheropod footprints were found on an informal road near the National University of Lesotho at Roma (Maseru District) in western Lesotho. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710260149.html>

### **SADC Sends Standby Force**

In early September, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) deployed a standby force into Lesotho in an effort to prevent instability prompted by the assassination of Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) commander, Lieutenant-General Khoantle Motšomotšo. SADC also sent four ministers from the SADC Ministerial Double Troika and a fact-finding mission consisting of defence and security chiefs to meet with various stakeholders in Lesotho.

Namibia reportedly approved the deployment of 250 soldiers to Lesotho as part of a 1,200-strong Southern African Development Community (SADC) standby force scheduled to be in the country by 1 November 2017.

However, in early November, SADC announced that it decided to send a force of just 250 troops to help stabilize Lesotho – far fewer than the 1,200 Lesotho had requested and expected. Thabane's government was carrying out SADC's recommendations to arrest renegade military officers when Motšomotšo was killed. Thabane's government believed it required a battalion of regional troops to deter any military backlash to its actions.

Read more at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201709070639.html>, <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710210178.html>, <http://www.lestimes.com/sadc-defers-deployment/>, and <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2017-11-03-lesotho-sadc-decides-on-a-much-smaller-stabilising-force/#.Wfx0deSouUk>. For more on the killing of LDF commander Lt-Gen Khoantle Motšomotšo, visit <http://allafrica.com/stories/201709070643.html>

### **Former Lesotho Army Chief Arrested**

Retired Lesotho army commander Tlali Kamoli has been arrested over several charges including murder. Among other matters, the arrest relates to 2014 coup allegations and the killing of former army commanders Maaparankoe Mahao and Khoantle Motsomotšo.

Since its installation, following the 3 June 2017 National Assembly elections, the Prime Minister Thomas Thabane-led government has committed to prosecuting people implicated in various unsolved crimes especially in the military. The prosecutions are in line with Southern African Development Community (SADC) Commission of Inquiry recommendations for ensuring lasting peace in the instability-prone Kingdom.

It had been widely speculated that Lt-Gen Kamoli would only be arrested after SADC had deployed an agreed contingent force to avoid any fight back from his supporters in the army. The decision to call him for interrogation before the arrival of the force underscores the new coalition government's resolve to follow through on its prosecute soldiers accused of human rights abuses.

United States Ambassador to Lesotho, Matthew Harrington, commended the Lesotho government for prosecuting members of the Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) implicated in various crimes, saying the move sent a "strong signal" of Maseru's commitment to "eliminating a pattern of impunity."

Read more about Kamoli's arrest at the following links: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710140094.html>, <http://www.lestimes.com/mosisili-speaks-on-kamolis-arrest/>, <http://www.lestimes.com/america-speaks-on-soldiers-arrest/>, <http://www.lestimes.com/state-to-oppose-bail-for-kamoli/>

### **Agriculture Sector**

In a recent interview, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Mr. Mahala Molapo stated he believes Lesotho's farming sector is now at a "turning point." In order to help attain food security, he indicated that the ministry would subsidize farmers who cannot afford the costs associated with land-preparation, seed, fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides. Land owners who do not intend to farm will be encouraged to partner with commercial or Block Farmers willing to farm the land and share the crops. The ministry is also resuming support for commercial farming in order to increase production. Subsidies are a short term solution while the ministry works to implement long-term solutions

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that lead to sustainability in production.

The ministry is also working to support climate-smart agriculture such as the use of drought-resistant seed varieties and also growing drought-resistant crops in areas prone to dry spells such as the southern districts of Mafeteng and Mohale's Hoek. In the long-term, he indicated that the ministry would like to invest in large-scale water-harvesting projects. Read more online at <http://www.lestimes.com/state-to-oppose-bail-for-kamoli/>

### Lesotho National Olympic Committee

Read about the Lesotho National Olympic Committee and an assessment of why more athletes from Lesotho do not make it to the Olympic games. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201711030208.html>

### Planting Trees

In celebration of United Nations Day, the Minister of Finance, Dr. Moeketsi Majoro, spoke about a tree planting activity that took place at Ha Mohlehli in the Qalabane Constituency in Mafeteng.

He said that 2030 trees were planted at Ha Mohlehli symbolizing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. The trees were planted to limit soil erosion, and he appealed to the local community to protect the trees, which are often destroyed by livestock overgrazing. A tanker will be sent once a week to water the trees, and a ranger will be deployed to oversee their protection.

Read more online at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710240704.html>

### Controversy over Chief Justice's sub-lease of judge's home

A government audit report compiled by Lesotho's finance ministry's internal audit division in March 2017 scrutinized, among other things, a sub-lease by which Lesotho's Chief Justice, Nthomeng Majara, lives in a home belonging to High Court judge Teboho Moiloa. The audit found that no traceable procurement procedures preceded the signing of the agreement; the sub-lease costs the judiciary M27,000/month, while the Chief Justice's housing benefit is set at M4,000/month; public service regulations do not permit the letting of properties between the Chief Justice and another member of the judiciary. Read the full story at <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2017-10-20-lesotho-chief-justices-continued-sub-lease-of-judges-mansion-in-high-end-maseru-suburb-under-scrutiny/#.Wfx4-eSouUk>

### Lesotho to Direct Smallholders Towards Climate Smart Agriculture

The World Bank recently approved \$10 million in additional additional financing from the International Development Association (IDA) to Lesotho's ongoing Smallholder Agriculture Development Project (SADP). Under SADP, which became effective in March 2012, over 55,000 beneficiaries across four of Lesotho's ten districts (Botha-Buthe, Leribe, Berea and Mafeteng) have been provided with grants and technical assistance to boost their productivity and market access. The additional funds will continue support to smallholder development in the initial four districts, as well as those in Mohale's Hoek and Quthing with a new added focus on climate-smart production. Grants will be awarded to farmers to test and demonstrate new business initiatives and technological innovations, especially those that focus on climate-smart agriculture (agricultural practices that increase productivity, build resilience, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions). Read more at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710040196.html>

### Post Bank Small Business Initiative

Post Bank Chief Executive recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the government to lend money to small business owners to reduce unemployment in the country. The project will ensure that financial literacy is provided prior to funds being awarded. The primary target will be women and youth. Read more online at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710250920.html>

### 134-Carat Diamond Found

Firestone Diamonds announced the recovery of a 134 carat gem-quality light yellow diamond from its Liqhobong Mine in Mokhotlong district. The diamond is the largest gem the company has recovered. In April this year, the company recovered a 110 carat gem-quality light yellow diamond at the same mine. Liqhobong mine has the largest production capacity of 1 million carats per annum and this is expected to continue for at least the next 15 years of its mining lease agreement. Lesotho is emerging as one of Africa's significant new diamond producers, hosting Gem Diamonds' Letšeng Mine, Firestone's Liqhobong Mine and Namakwa Diamonds' Kao Mine. Read more online at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710090131.html>







## Lesotho I Group 50th Reunion

The first group of Peace Corps Volunteers to Lesotho met to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their start of service in 1967. The Reunion was held in Tucson, Arizona, from October 2-4

The goals of the Reunion were to:

Share experiences and stories as volunteers including having a brief memorial for those who have passed

Get updates on our next chapters after our service

- Find out what is currently happening in Lesotho from a panel of Lesotho I volunteers including our own Lois Sebatane, the current wife of Lesotho's Ambassador to United States; Nicholas Rolig, a recent volunteer from 2014-16; and Leon Kayego, the current Peace Corps Director in Lesotho
- Take action by donating to FOL Memorial Scholarship Fund on behalf of our deceased colleges and investigate how to preserve all the photos and letters reflecting on our experience in Lesotho from 1967-69 to share with Lesotho
- Stay connected with an updated Lesotho I roster, holding mini reunions, and eventually doing another Reunion in the near future

Thirty-one volunteers and thirteen guests attended. The Reunion included a trip to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, widely recognized throughout the world as a model institution for innovative presentation and interpretation: 2 miles of desert trails; 16 botanical gardens; an earth sciences mineralogical cave; an extensive art gallery and live animal presentations. For lunch we went to a well-known Tucson eatery, the El Charro. Volunteers were also able to visit Saguaro National Park, Sabino National Forest, and historic sites and museums in Tucson area.

In short, the Reunion provided an opportunity to reengage, laugh, cry, and appreciate the shared experience we had as Peace Corps Volunteers in Lesotho.

Per Ted Hochstadt, check our Facebook page for pictures, particularly a group picture of all of us. 



PHOTO:

Taken on Lesotho Independence Day - 4 October 2017

Lodge on the Desert, Tucson, Arizona

**Back row standing** L-R: Gary Parnell, David Sherwood (Lesotho 1 PC/L Director), Clark Tibbits, David [Almand] Smith, Barbara Jaynes Tomlinson, Doug Mayo, Dan Hogan, Larry Roth, Steve Belasco, Larry Frank (partially hidden), Bryan Tomlinson, Howard Schwartz.

**Middle row standing** L-R: Mary Louise Osweiler Snyder, Peggy Tibbits, Gail Hughes (Lesotho 3 guest), Ted Hochstadt, Nancy Magorian Sales, Bill Reed, Tom Carroll, Scott Brumburgh, Dennis Caspe, James Dabbert, Gary Bowne.

**Front row seated** L-R: Marie Peterson, Lois Saito Sabatane, Ava Wolliscroft Betz, Nicholas Rolig (Lesotho 85 guest speaker), Cheryl Caspe, Sharon Sackrider Jackson.

*(Present at the reunion but missing from the photo: David Massey, Ann O'Malley and Cis Byrne Sherwood)*






## New Dinosaur Discovered in Lesotho!

By **Stacey McKeever**, RPCV Education, Maseru 2003-2005

In February 2016, a group of researchers from the United Kingdom, South Africa and Brazil discovered the fossilized footprints of a new species of dinosaur preserved in an ancient riverbed in western Lesotho. The team was working in the Roma Valley in Maseru District, 1.8k west of the National University of Lesotho on a road between the villages of Ha Mokhoosi and Ha Matobo, where Emeritus Professor David Ambrose has done much of his work, when they discovered the footprints preserved in sandstone. The footprints measured 57cm long and 50cm wide, making the dinosaur an estimated 9 meters long and 3 meters tall. The dinosaur, named *Kayentapus ambrokhohali*, is the largest megatheropod – a dinosaur that walks on two legs and has sharp teeth, hollow bones and three-toed limbs – ever discovered in Africa. A relative of T-rex, the dinosaur was a carnivore and lived around 200 million years ago.

*Kayentapus ambrokhohali* was named for Professor Ambrose, who has identified and detailed several dinosaur tracks in the Roma Valley over the past 15 years, and incorporates two Sesotho words – *kholo* (large) and *hali* (very).

The open access journal PLOS One has more information. Please take a look! <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0185941> 



Silhouette of the enormous carnivorous dinosaur that made the Lesotho footprints next to an average human for a sense of scale.



Fabien Knoll, honorary senior research fellow at the University of Manchester, lies next to the new, exceptionally large carnivorous dinosaur footprints found in Lesotho. The dinosaur is named *Kayentapus ambrokhohali*.

Images from Newsweek: <http://www.newsweek.com/kayentapus-ambrokhohali-200-million-year-old-mega-carnivore-dinosaur-692703>

## Submissions wanted!!

Help us create our awesome newsletter! We are looking for photographs, articles, news from the front, creative writing, reflections from your volunteer experience, travel essays, and anything else Lesotho-related.

Please send your submissions for the next FOL Newsletter to Courtney McDermott, [courtmcdermott@gmail.com](mailto:courtmcdermott@gmail.com).

The next deadline is June 1st, 2018



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## Be an FOL Member for FREE!

**Aparna Jayaraman**, RPCV Education, 2011-13, [aparnaay@gmail.com](mailto:aparnaay@gmail.com)

Hello, Bakhotsi! Your friendly FOL Membership Committee Chair Aparna here.

As mentioned in the last FOL newsletter, Friends of Lesotho stopped collecting the mandatory \$15 yearly membership dues starting in January 2017.


What do FOL's free dues mean for you?

**If you're currently a member of Friends of Lesotho:** You don't have to do anything. Your membership automatically renewed.

**If you used to be a member but are no longer a member:** Take two minutes to fill out the updated membership form either online or on the last page of this newsletter.

**If you've never been a member:** What are you waiting for? There's never been a better time to start getting involved!

With membership fees in the rear view mirror, we need your help more than ever to continue doing the amazing work Friends of Lesotho does in Lesotho.

- Amazon will donate money to Friends of Lesotho when you shop. Join Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) and add Friends of Lesotho as a beneficiary. Remember to use Amazon Smile when you shop on-line.
- Get involved with one of the many committees in FOL.
- Donate generously to our many projects, using the form online or the donation form attached. 



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