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Newsletter

A Word From Our President

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.

I have some exciting news to share! On September 29th, 15 new trainees arrived in Lesotho. 5 are going into health and the other 10 are going to be teachers. They are going to be sworn in on December 14th. I have been told that the event is going to be livestreamed, so once we get the link we will post it on our Facebook page for those that want to watch.

Although volunteers recently returned to Lesotho, it will be another year before they will be able to apply for TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) scholarships for Basotho students in need of financial assistance to continue their education. FOL is committed to maintaining the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in the meantime. Last year in partnership with the 3 Rotary clubs in Lesotho (Maseru, Maluti, and Mantsopa-Maseru), we were able to provide tuition assistance to over 70 high school students in Lesotho. In addition to helping us identify students, these organizations will help with the distribution of funds. All three organizations have agreed to partner with us again this year. One of the things that FOL is committed to doing is to make sure that TAP funds continue to reach children throughout Lesotho and not just in the Maseru area.

I should also note that this July Lesotho appointed Ambassador Tumisang Mosotho as its new ambassador to the United States. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ambassador Mosotho and am looking forward to having him join us at our Annual Meeting in March. I know that some of our members had the opportunity to meet him at the embassy during its Independence Celebration and came away very excited about the future.

I know that Lesotho still holds a significant place in the hearts of all of us and that we all are still invested in the Basotho people. To help FOL continue to carry out its mission, we are looking for a few individuals to perhaps step up and join the Board. We are especially interested in finding one or two individuals who would be willing to serve as Treasurer. If you have a few hours a month that you can dedicate to FOL, please considering serving.



Sincerely,
Dr. Scott Rosenberg
President, FOL
Honorary Consul,
Kingdom of Lesotho



Do you recognize Maseru? (Basotho Hat in center of photo).
<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/best-cities-to-visit-in-lesotho-856317316633789627/>

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FOL Organizational News

Open Board and Committee Positions

There are openings for board service and committees in the coming year. Board commitment is for a two-year term. If you are interested or know of someone interested in serving on the Board or one of FOL's Committees, please feel free to complete the Board of Directors and Committee Application Form <https://www.friendsoflesotho.org/boardinfo>. For more information, refer to the Board Information at this same location on our website. You may also contact Scott Rosenberg, President, at srosenberg@wittenberg.edu.

Open Treasurer Position

FOL is in need of someone to take over the Treasurer position. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Scott Rosenberg at srosenberg@wittenberg.edu.

We are looking for someone who has experience in bookkeeping and organizational financial records to make a three-year commitment for this position. The Treasurer can be an individual or a corporate entity who can provide this service for a non-profit organization such as FOL.

The FOL Treasurer is responsible for maintaining up to date financial records and reporting financial summaries on a bi-monthly basis to the FOL Board. Maintenance of financial records includes updating FOL's budget spreadsheet, transferring money from various sources to FOL's bank account, and wiring money to Lesotho. The treasurer is also responsible for submitting yearly taxes - both federal and state - and that requires the treasurer has maintained the financial records properly. The average number of hours per month may vary from 2 to 6.

Change of Board Meeting Times

The Board of Directors has changed the meeting times for the bi-monthly Zoom calls to 12:30 ET. Zoom meetings are held on the third Sunday of odd numbered months. Meetings are open to all FOL members, please contact Kevin Caughlan, Secretary, (caughlan@earthlink.net) for call-in information. Minutes of Board Meetings can also be obtained from our Secretary.

Annual Meeting Announcement

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 12, 2023, 4 pm ET for our Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is held to highlight our accomplishments in the prior year as presented in our Annual Report. The meeting includes an announcement of election results along with speakers of interest to members and friends. Contact Kevin Caughlan, Secretary, at caughlan@earthlink.net for call in information via Zoom if you do not receive the information in an email notification.

Proposed By-laws Changes

It was noted at last year's Annual Meeting in March that a few passages in FOL Bylaws are in need of amendment. The Board agreed to review necessary changes and to recommend them for approval by the membership. The proposed changes will be posted on our website with the ballot for elections of new Board members prior to the Annual Meeting.

Newsletter Outreach

We have 35 years of newsletters archived on our website under Reports. Issue One, published in 1987, was created by the five founding board members. The newsletter was type-written and xeroxed in black and white. The paper copies were mailed out to 80 members. The current newsletters are created by a committee including a board member coordinator and two non-board members who serve as editors and a graphic designer. FOL has been publishing an Annual Report since 2004, also archived on our website. The color pdf issues are sent out via an email link to 848 members and friends.

Newsletter Contributor Needed

Do you keep up with current arts, culture & entertainment in Lesotho? We are looking for someone who can contribute short articles on what's happening in the music, art, fashion, and social scene in Maseru and in the districts. Someone to highlight events three times a year would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please contact Kevin Freer, Newsletter Coordinator, at kfreer49@gmail.com.

Social Media/Website

This month we asked our friends on Facebook to share their favorite pizza places in Lesotho! It's not too late to join the conversation - share with us where you loved to enjoy a cheesy slice of fresh pizza. Thank you all again for engaging with our updated website.

Send us any posts or news you'd like to see on our Facebook page. Current events, nostalgia, development opportunities - share them with us!

Visit our [website](#) that's being worked on every week! Contact Meghan White and Ali Kukovich at white.meghan0@gmail.com and ali.kukovich@gmail.com.



Expanding Our Circle of Friends

Sign up family and friends to receive our newsletter to expand our outreach to new audiences. Use the icon on the home page of our website.





Donations

ICU Beds Update

In the September issue of the newsletter, we reported that FOL supported the Maluti Adventist Hospital in Mapoteng by funding one ICU bed. Soon after, Barbara Meyer (RPCV Ched 11-13) conducted a crowd funding campaign and raised \$10,000 to fund another four multi-function beds and reached her original goal to provide five beds needed by the hospital. The funds have been sent to the hospital and the beds are on order.

Handpump Borehole Drilling Project

The Ha Malofo community in Botha Buthe does not have access to clean water and requested assistance with a borehole project. The community suffers from lack of clean water and has been drinking river water together with the animals. A committee of respected community members was formed to oversee the project. FOL funded the project quote of \$3,500 from the Head Cornerstone Construction Company for a digital survey and report, borehole drilling, steel casing supply and installation, handpump supply and installation, and transport of machinery to the project site. The borehole project will have an immediate impact on over 400 people in Ha Malofo.

Help Save Lives: Mankoe Foundation

Help Save Lives is based in Pela-Tsoeu in Leribe. FOL funds of \$300 will be used to plant vegetables and legumes to help feed underprivileged children. The Makoe Foundation is a prior recipient of food donations from the Lesotho Nutrition Initiative. The community will buy maize, beans, cabbage and spinach seeds, fertilizers, and potatoes for a garden to become more self-sufficient and build their capacity to address issues of food insecurity in Pela-Tsoeu. The community will later submit a proposal for raising broilers and pigs to sell in order to sustain their efforts in food production and for programs to pay for student fees, books, uniforms, and other essentials.

Children Basic Education: Ha Ramoloi Community Based Organization

FOL funding of \$3,058.84 will be used to purchase materials needed to complete a classroom and construct a low cost kitchen shelter for children's meals with corrugated iron in the area of the Thuathe in Berea District. The classroom will accommodate 40 children aged 1 to 6 years old. The project will benefit villages in Tsitsa, Ha Ramoloi, Ha Makujoe, Ha Mohotloane, Ha Motloang, Ha Tumo, and Ha Malei. The classroom will also be used for outreaches/health posts for clinical services for villagers. The organization built the walls and was left with roofing, plastering, toilet and other attachments. Most children do not attend school, which is the foundation to primary level, due to limited and distanced schools in Lesotho. The project will increase the literacy rate in Lesotho and encourage local initiative, hence bringing basic services to the community. The kitchen shelter will be used to prepare a fresh breakfast and lunch for the children. Their food will be contributed by their parents or donors as available.



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 Kevin Freer, kfreer49@gmail.com.

The next deadline is May 15, 2023



Join National Peace Corps Association



National Peace Corps Association

Basic membership is free and open to everyone in the Peace Corps community, including friends and supporters. Membership includes a subscription to *WorldView* magazine. Become a Mission Partner and amplify our global social impact at a time when the world profoundly needs people committed to building peace

<https://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/cpages/home>
<https://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/auth/signup>



WorldView Magazine

Published by the National Peace Corps Association, *WorldView* magazine serves the greater Peace Corps community with news, commentary, the arts, politics, and commerce of the cultures of the larger world. Each issue gives voice to Peace Corps Volunteers as they serve, to Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who are still dedicated to global service, and to everyone who wants to make the world a better place.

CURRENT EDITION: Read the 2022 Special Books Edition of *WorldView* | Read the 60th Anniversary Edition of *WorldView* and previous editions.

[Read the Magazine](#)



The fall 2022 newsletter is full of news of Lynn Minderman's latest trip to Lesotho and introductions of our 5 new college scholarship students. As always, we are so appreciative of your support of QMC and of our work with the people of Qholaqhoe. Your generosity is vital to our success! If you have a friend who might be interested in learning about QMC, please consider passing along this newsletter to them.

The 2022 Fall newsletter can be found at https://mcusercontent.com/6ca0f97b0a9164bf253c34de5/files/87a19a20-9c02-0c05-4b65-8747dd6afc9b/2022_QMC_fall_newsletter.02.pdf

For an update on recent college scholarships, read more at <https://qmconnect.org/college-scholarship-program>

Thank you! Debbi Hitchings, QMC



People in the News



Tumisang Mosotho

New Ambassador Appointed to the Lesotho Embassy in Washington, DC

Ambassador Tumisang Mosotho will speak at the FOL Annual Meeting in March. Read his biography at <http://www.lesothoemb-usa.gov.ls/the-ambassador/>

King Letsie II Attended Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral

While many of the world's politicians made the trip to England to honor Queen Elizabeth, royalty from nearly every continent also arrived in a show of reverence for all the Queen accomplished during her 70-year servitude to the crown, including King Letsie III of Lesotho.



King Letsie III in London

Beauty Queen with a Child

MASERU – Twenty-four-year-old newly crowned Miss Lesotho 2022, Lintle Masasa, is looking forward to an eventful reign after being the first to enter Lesotho's pageant history to hold the crown while she has a child. Lintle plans to focus her energy in the implementation of mental health and literacy for adolescent projects during her reign. Read the full story at <https://publiceyenews.com/beauty-queen-with-a-child/>



First Mosotho to Officiate at the World Cup

QATAR – Lesotho top assistant referee, Souru Phatšoane has been appointed the first Mosotho from Lesotho to officiate at the FIFA World Cup. He is serving as an assistant referee (linesman) alongside officials from South Africa. LeFA President Advocate Salemane Phafane (KC), has congratulated Phatšoane for the global achievement which will continue to place the country on the map, as he has already inked his name in the history books of football as the first Lesotho referee to officiate the final of the Africa Cup of Nations, the CAF Super Cup and the CAF Confederations Cup.

“We are more than proud as the Lesotho Football Association that one of us in Mr. Phats'oane, will be making history when he officiates at the World Cup in Qatar, becoming the first ever Mosotho to do so,” the LeFA President noted. “He has set the bar very high for his colleagues, but overall, we are happy that our referees department continues to grow from strength as they continue to get appointments for different competitions in the continent and beyond,” Phafane said. <https://www.newsdayonline.co.ls/phatsoane-at-world-stage/>



Beautiful Lesotho

One of the few places on earth where you can gaze at the Galaxy.

Lesotho is a high-altitude country, situated at an elevation of 2,161 meters above sea level. This means that not only is the mountain air pure and fresh, but the skies are so clear you get the most incredible views of the stars above.

<https://brbgonesomewhereepic.com/facts-about-lesotho/>





Litaba tsa Lesotho (News from Lesotho) Compiled by Ella Kwisnek

Prime Minister Matekane Sworn In

On November 4, the new Prime Minister Sam Matekane was sworn in at Setsoto Stadium in Maseru.

SADC leaders and other world diplomats and dignitaries were in attendance at the installation of an extremely popular prime minister whose Revolution for Prosperity (RFP) party won 56 out of the available 79 constituency seats. Due to the proportional representation (PR) system, he reached a coalition agreement with the Monyane Moleleki-led Alliance of Democrats (AD) and Selibe Mochoboroane-led Movement for Economic Change (MEC).

Below are select comments from some of those in attendance.

MCC CEO Albright: I'd like to congratulate Lesotho on the holding of free, fair, and transparent elections that were free of violence and reflected the will of the people of Lesotho.

Because of this, Lesotho presents a model for other countries throughout Africa that will be holding national elections over the next year.

The United States will continue to work in partnership with the Government to deepen cooperation around our shared priorities, including democracy, economic growth and investment, global health security and public health, and climate and energy goals to create a better future for the people of Lesotho.

To new Prime Minister Matekane, I would say: Congratulations on your inauguration. As you lead the Government, please remember that your mandate has been entrusted to you by the people of Lesotho, who seek a brighter future for themselves and their country.

Former Botswana President Ian Khama: What the victory and inauguration of Mr Matekane says without any shadow of doubt is that the people of Lesotho have chosen the government they want for the next five years.

What Lesotho has done is something we've always been aspiring for in all SADC countries; that is the holding of free and fair elections which reflect the will of the people. This election shows that although there will always be attempts by those in power to retain it, if democracy is followed to the letter by holding credible polls, the voters will remove you from power if they think you didn't do a good job while in charge. If you don't fulfil your promises while in power, the people are going to vote you out.

You will realize that in many African countries there are usually attempts to manipulate the outcome of elections because politicians want to stay in office indefinitely even if people no longer want them and think it's time for change.

If you look at what is happening in the UK, the Prime Minister (Liz Truss) only lasted for 45 days. The message she got from the British people was that she was not being assertive; she was unable to fix the (economic) problems and she resigned. But do you think that could happen in Africa where some leaders are known to be incompetent and corrupt? They are in government for their self-interests. For them, it's all just a joyride. They behave like they are God's gifts to their countries and they act like there is no one else who can replace them. That is the problem that we are facing in Africa. I'm not saying it's the whole continent but in a significant number of African countries there is that serious political immaturity.

So, I hope that Lesotho is going to have an entrenched democracy, stability, peace and prosperity. My advice to Prime Minister Matekane is that he should always be driven by people's policies. His government must account to the people, it must deliver on its mandate.

Read the full article and more comments at <https://lestimes.com/world-leaders-hail-matekane-smooth-transfer-of-power/>

Legislation needed to ensure receipt of grant

Prime Minister Sam Matekane must ensure the passing of three crucial pieces of legislation if his new coalition is to get a US\$300 million (M5.4 billion) United States grant to help fund the agreed socio-economic projects in the health, agriculture and business sectors.

The US and Lesotho governments signed the second compact under the US-sponsored Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) in

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May 2022. However, the start date for the compact implementation depends on the government meeting certain conditions, including passing legislation.

The CEO of the MCC, Alice Albright, said the disbursement of the money to fund the various projects aimed at fostering socio-economic growth, was contingent upon the new government passing the pieces of legislation: (1) the Harmonisation Bill, (2) the Counter Domestic Violence Bill, and (3) a law establishing the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA Lesotho).

The Harmonisation Bill contains clauses aimed at economically empowering women married under customary law. The bill proposes that a widow shall “have ownership and control of the property of the joint estate after the death of her husband.”

The Counter Domestic Violence Bill is meant to provide for the protection of the rights of victims, and prevention of domestic violence and related matters.

Both bills had been approved by the previous National Assembly, but they had not been enacted into law by the time the 10th Parliament was dissolved on 13 July 2022 by His Majesty, King Letsie III, to pave way for elections, which were subsequently held on 7 October.

The bills were then ‘approved’ after parliament was ‘recalled’ in August, following the declaration of a state of emergency to pass these, as well as constitutional amendments to facilitate the implementation of Lesotho’s much-delayed multi-sector reforms. However, the ‘laws’ were nullified by the Constitutional Court, which ruled that the state of emergency, the subsequent recall of parliament, and the enactment of laws were invalid.

“MCC and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho continue to work together to finalize the design of the Compact’s projects and prepare for implementation.”

Read more at <https://lestimes.com/new-threat-to-us300-million-mcc-compact/>

Econet Provides Construction Tools to Villagers

Econet Telecom Lesotho (ETL) donated equipment worth M10 000 to the Phatlalla community in Molepolole. The equipment, which includes shovels, heavy duty wheelbarrows, crowbars, and hammers is meant to be used to repair access roads in the area.

As part of ETL’s strategy to widen telecommunications coverage through construction of Base Transceiver Stations also known as signal towers, the company constructs new roads for easy access to such towers. The access roads to towers usually pass through villages.

Read the full article at <https://lestimes.com/econet-hands-over-construction-tools-to-phatlalla-villagers/>

Textile workers laid off

Denim wear manufacturing company Global International laid off its 3,000-plus employees. Global International is a subsidiary of textiles conglomerate, Nien Hsing Textiles Group, which laid off about 7,000 workers between 2020 and 2021.

The company says the workers are being temporarily laid off due to the lack of orders from the United States market, which is currently the sole consumer of its products. The firm said that it expects to resume operations in January 2023.

The situation is said to be bleak for Formosa workers as well. They said their working hours had been reduced to just two weeks per month.

Cumulatively, a reported 11,500 job losses have been recorded in the textiles sector from March 2020 to 31 December 2021. This amounts to 25 percent of workers losing their jobs in the textiles industry, which is the largest employer after the government.

Read the complete article at <https://lestimes.com/3000-factory-workers-sent-packing/>

Matekane’s 20-Point Plan

In Prime Minister Sam Matekane’s inauguration speech, he announced a 20-point plan to put Lesotho on course for a social and economic turnaround.

The plan, which is designed to be implemented within his first 100 days in office, includes the introduction of mandatory performance based contracts for himself and his cabinet ministers, fighting crime and corruption, reining in state spending and

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paying off long-suffering government suppliers.

Lesotho Council of Non-Governmental Organizations (LCN) Executive Director Seabata Motsamai, said, “He has set the ball rolling to revive the civil service which is festered with unproductive workers. For cracking the whip, Mr Matekane deserves praise. It is not a secret that civil servants have been sitting on their laurels, with their ties loosened and doing absolutely nothing. Matekane is now demanding to know who is doing what and we can certainly expect results if he follows through on his pledge to ensure professionalism in the civil service.”

To read more comments about the Prime Minister’s ambitious plan, read the full story at <https://lestimes.com/matekanes-20-point-plan-achievable-but-needs-courage-analysts/>

Trout Fish Farming in Lesotho

In 2005, Stephen Phakisi (59) launched Katse Fish Farms. In Lejone along the Malibamat’so River that feeds into the giant Katse Dam, rainbow trout are grown, harvested, and sold to South Africa.

Phakisi admitted that he started the business with little knowledge and for the first five years it was not profitable. Today, the company is profitable, with a yearly output of 800 tons of fish, which is sold at about \$4 a kilogram.

It supplies a few local restaurants, but the bulk of its products go to high-end supermarkets in neighboring South Africa, where a vacuum-packed one-kilo bag can cost up to \$50.

Read the full story at <https://lestimes.com/lesotho-finds-gold-in-trout-fish-farming/>

Tsita-Mosena elected deputy speaker

Movement for Economic Change (MEC) deputy leader, Tsé pang Tsita-Mosena, recently made it to the 11th Parliament on her party’s Proportional Representation (PR) ticket. On October 25 she was elected deputy speaker. Ms Tsita-Mosena becomes the fourth female presiding officer of the august house.

The new deputy speaker, Ms Tsita-Mosena attended Iketsetseng Primary School before proceeding to ‘Mabathoana High School. After that, she enrolled with the National University of Lesotho (NUL) where she majored in Computer Science and Physics. She later joined the Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) as an intern in 1997. In 2000 she worked for the UNESCO for eight years in Paris, France, when she was 23 and earned a Masters in Development Management. After returning home, she started a company called BAM Foundation, with her twinsister.

She was approached by MEC leader, Selibe Mochoboroane, when he formed the party a few months before the 2017 elections. She became the Communications and Marketing Secretary in the party’s national executive committee (NEC) and went to parliament via a PR ticket.

To read more about Ms. Tsita-Mosena visit <https://lestimes.com/im-ready-to-lead-tsita-mosena/>

Herd boys denied education guaranteed by the constitution

Lesotho’s constitution provides education as a fundamental human right and to ensures that every person has access to education. The government has made primary education free for all and compulsory for children between the ages of 6 and 13.

However, some families take their children out to school so they can earn money working as herd boys, often under poor conditions. Although enrollment in primary schools has increased since free primary education was introduced in 2000, herd boys often do not have this opportunity. They are often from very poor families that need them to earn money for the family.

’Mamakoae Makoae, a teacher at Mokhotlong Shepard School, noted that herd boys are the most vulnerable people that are forgotten by the country yet they contribute to the country’s economy. She said herd boys, like any other members of the community, need to be looked after and capacitated with life skills that would help them improve their lives. Unfortunately, they are a forgotten community.

To read more, visit <https://publiceyenews.com/compulsory-free-education-policy-leaves-out-poor-teenage-herd-boys/>



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Climate changes leads to floods in villages

In March this year, dozens of skeletal remains surfaced from a flooded graveyard in the remote Mokhotlong village of Thaba-Ntšo, following a mudslide that upturned graves washing bones into the open. Villagers were forced to relocate deceased relatives' exposed corpses to an alternative graveyard using plastic bag-covered hands since nobody in the village had even a pair of rubber latex gloves. During the mudslide, three houses located down a slope were reportedly also destroyed.

It is not only losing what is left of their homes that the villagers are worried about, their farmland has also been swept away by the Moremoholo River and, as a result, the community no longer has land on which to plant their own food, leaving them to survive through handouts.

To read more about efforts to empower the villager with tools to combat the effects of climate change, read the full article at <https://publiceyenews.com/floods-ravage-thaba-ntso-even-in-death/>

Government fails to pay lawyers

Both prosecution and defense lawyers in the trial of members of the Lesotho Defense Force are accused of the 2017 murder of three men whose bodies were later retrieved from the Maseru Dam assert that they have yet to be paid. Chief Justice Sakoane Sakoane was asked by the presiding judge, Justice Moroke Mokhesi to step in after both lawyers complained in the High Court about their unpaid legal fees. The case has since been postponed to April 17 to 26, 2023.

The accused soldiers are alleged to have strangled Lekhoele Noko, Khothatso Makibinyane and Molise Pakela at the military camp in Setibing on the outskirts of Maseru on May 16, 2017. The soldiers accused the three men, who were members of a notorious famo gang, of the fatal shooting of another soldier at the Maseru Bridge earlier.

Read the full story at <https://publiceyenews.com/govt-fails-to-commit-to-pay-lawyers/>

Climate change and inflation increase risks of food insecurity

As the impacts of climate change continue to intensify, Lesotho is feeling the brunt of food, fuel and fertilizer shortages exacerbated by the war in Ukraine. These are further aggravated by effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, soaring inflation, rising debt, and extreme weather conditions. The poorest households are the most vulnerable since they spend most of their income on food.

The most pressing matter is addressing food insecurity. In response to these challenges, Lesotho and other Southern African countries are implementing a range of short, medium and long-term actions with the World Bank's support, to cushion the blow of the current crisis on the poorest households and set African food systems on a more resilient and productive pathway. The World Bank Group recently approved a US\$2.3 billion (about M40 billion) program aimed at helping countries in Eastern and Southern Africa to increase the resilience of the region's food systems and ability to tackle growing food insecurity.

Read the full story at <https://publiceyenews.com/lesotho-feels-brunt-of-fuel-food-crises/> 

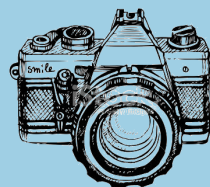


FINAL JEOPARDY

(in the category **Nobel Peace Prize Winners**)
Thursday, October 6, 2022 (Season 39, Game 19)

He served as Bishop of Lesotho from 1976 to 1978

Correct response: **Who is Desmond Tutu?**



GOT PHOTOS?

Do you have photos from Lesotho?
We would love to feature them in
the newsletter!

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kfreer49@gmail.com



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<https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>



Insulated Lunch Bag



Clipboard



Pen Pencil Stationary Case



Desk/Bedside Lamp



Set of 4 Magnets



Business Card Holder



Mouse Pad



Laptop Bag



Pencil/Pen Holder



Making a difference at the grassroots level

Ways to Support FOL

HELP FOL WITH YOUR EXPERTISE AND TIME

Board Service

- ◆ If you've always wondered how you could give a little more to FOL, now is the chance to volunteer your time, special skills, and enthusiasm. The members of the Board of Directors of Friends of Lesotho are elected based on their ability and willingness to contribute to the achievement of the organization's goals and objectives.
- ◆ Directors are members in good standing who are elected on their ability and willingness to support the purpose of FOL
- ◆ Nominations are welcome year round
- ◆ Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in March
- ◆ Directors serve for two-year terms

Committees and Task Forces

FOL members who do not wish to make a long-term commitment to the board are encouraged to:

- ◆ Join standing committees, or
- ◆ Work on special projects which match their skills and interests to the needs of the organization

There are also committees and task forces that help carry out the Board work. These committees include Donation Distribution, Membership, Fundraising and Board Nominations & Development.

Check out the [Board Information](#) page. Also, for a summary of the expected level of commitment see the Board and Committee description of work. If you're interested in application or nomination, please complete the [Board and Committee Application Form](#) and email it to the address shown within the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

ATTEND FOL MEETINGS

Board Meetings

- ◆ Zoom meetings are held at 12:30pm Eastern time on the third Sunday of odd numbered months.
- ◆ Meetings are open to all FOL members, please contact Kevin Caughlan (caughlan@earthlink.net) for call-in information.

FOL Annual Meeting

- ◆ Scheduled close to Moshoeshoe Day in March, via Zoom more information to follow on our website. Be on the lookout for your FOL Annual Report posted on our website following the Annual Meeting.





Be an FOL Member for FREE!

Richard Rowan, RPCV Lesotho, qhomaki@mac.com

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

Membership in Friends of Lesotho is free. 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](#) online.

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) 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](#).

And Remember :

We couldn't do and support the work, have the impact, and save the lives we do without your financial support. Your contributions support our work in:

- ◆ HIV/AIDS
- ◆ Orphanages
- ◆ Tuition Assistance including Memorial Scholarships
- ◆ The Morija Museum
- ◆ Peace Corps Volunteer Projects
- ◆ Community Development Projects
- ◆ Other types of projects as new opportunities arise

We work because you give.

Whether it's \$5 or \$5,000, all donations help us reach further and save more lives and because we're a registered 501(c)3, your donation is tax deductible!

If you'd like to give, please go to: <http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/donate/>



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Newsletters Past and Present—The FOL Newsletter, *Metsoalle ea Lesotho* is posted on our website homepage (<http://friendsoflesotho.org>) each quarter of the year. The complete set of newsletters is available on our website from Issue Number One, Summer, 1987 to the present. Go to Newsletters at the bottom of the home page for the archives.

Submit Newsletter Articles—Pass on RPCV updates. Recommend a Mt. Kingdom movie, music, book or Website. Share new or old photos. Been to Lesotho lately? Share it!

Submit articles, photos, or information of interest to our members to: Kevin Freer, FOL Newsletter Coordinator kfreer49@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report

2022 Financial Report

YTD 11/19/2022

Opening Balance 1/1/2022	\$ 56,380.76
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Revenue

<i>Revenue type</i>	Total Revenue
Donations (Checks, Online, Other)	\$ 19,477.43
Interest	\$ 11.90
Amazon Smile	\$ 179.93
Total	\$ 19,669.26

Expenses

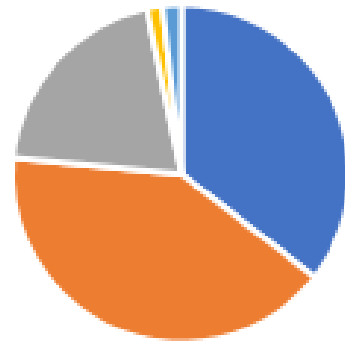
<i>Expense type</i>	Total Expense
Project related fees (e.g. wire transfers)	\$ 470.00
Expenses other	\$ 312.53
Tax and Registration	\$ 149.00
Bank Fees	\$ 110.00
Total	\$ 1,041.53

Projects Overview

<i>Project Name</i>	Amount
Malaleng Community	\$ 2,000.00
Matsopa Rotary Club	\$ 4,120.00
Mohloli Youth Empowerment	\$ 2,000.00
Monica Letsoha Student Tuition	\$ 1,000.00
Rotary Club of Maloti	\$ 3,175.00
Rotary Club of Maseru	\$ 5,900.00
Monica Letsoha Molete Reading Club	\$ 1,000.00
Kick4Life	\$ 3,500.00
Wittenberg Student Project	\$ 3,000.00
Sechaba Community Project	\$ 2,200.00
Monica Letsoha Student Tuition	\$ 1,000.00
Heal Our Life Organization	\$ 2,200.00
Total	\$ 31,095.00

Balance 11/19/2022	\$43,913.49 *
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Summary Chart



- Student tuition & youth development
- Rotary Clubs
- Infrastructure
- Project related fees
- Administrative fees



Traffic jam Sani Pass

<https://chemadventures.wordpress.com/2013/11/08/journey-into-the-mountain-kingdom-of-lesotho-sani-pass-to-thaba-tseka/>



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