

FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

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BANFES Creates Databases For Lesotho

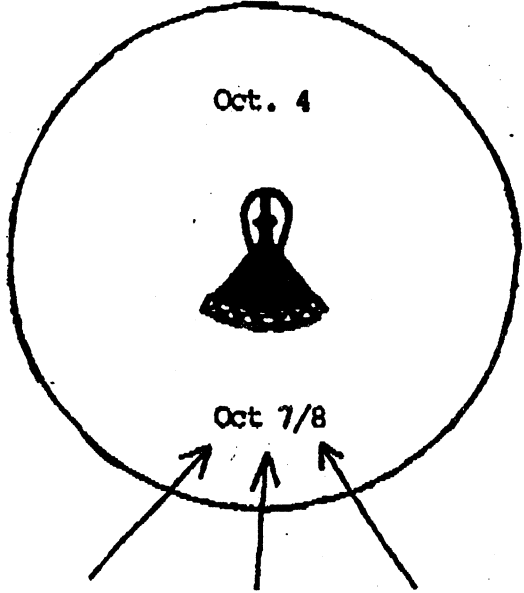
The Basic and Nonformal Education Systems Project (BANFES) has helped create two databases for the Department of Planning of the Ministry of Education of Lesotho. BANFES is funded by the United States Agency for International Development.

One database contains information on students, teachers, facilities, and finances for every educational institution in Lesotho. The other contains information on all donor projects in the country. With BANFES assistance, Department of Planning personnel are able to track more than 120 separate projects from almost as many donors. The system coordinates requests for projects, reviews them for applicability with the Ministry's goals, and draws on information supplied by the educational institutions to determine where assistance is most needed.

BANFES has also helped to create a personnel management information system for the Teacher Service Unit (TSU). The database contains comprehensive personnel and salary data. Teacher's paychecks and personnel rosters are sent monthly to school managers who distribute the paychecks and send back updated personnel and salary data. This system is providing managers and planners with the means to process correct and timely salary payments, set staff levels for each school, and forecast accurate financial requirements.

(from the "Academy News" published by the Academy for Education)

Lesotho Independence Day



Mokete ea Washington

FOL nationwide bash scheduled for Lesotho Independence day weekend, October 7-9. This is Columbus Day weekend folks so how about coming to Washington for a big reunion!!! Events will include, a reception at the embassy, a discussion on Lesotho and South Africa and a briefing on the current political situation in Lesotho. Details will be forthcoming.

FOL Members Speak at the Rotunda

Many FOL members participated in the 24 hour vigil at the Rotunda to mark the 25th year since the assassination of Peace Corps founder John F. Kennedy. Mary Jane Manning spoke at 6:30 on the 21st. Bob Kerr brought up the night shift (3:30-4:30am on the 22nd). All who participated in the reading and at the memorial service the next day were moved.

D.C. Pastor Is New Ambassador
To Lesotho

The Rev. Jerry A. Moore, a 70 year old Baptist pastor from Washington, D.C. has been confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to Lesotho. The selection of Moore, a Republican who helped to organize clergy in support of President Bush's election campaign, signals the efforts by successive GOP administrations to place blacks in ambassadorships in southern Africa. The U.S. Ambassador to South Africa, Edward J. Perkins, appointed by President Reagan, also is black.

Moore said he has traveled to Africa about five times, but never to Lesotho. He feels he is pretty knowledgeable of the day to day issues that are confronting Africa.

FRIENDS OF LESOTHO TO PUBLISH
MONTHLY

Now I know you may be asking, how do they plan to publish monthly when the quarterly schedule was so difficult? Well we're going to try. Specifically, we are going to move to a streamlined format, accept the contributions we receive by our deadline, and go to print. Gone are the days of the 20 page newsletter 3-4 times per year. Welcome to the days of the 4 page newsletter monthly. Starting in June, the newsletter deadline will be the fifteenth of each month. We will seek to conclude publication by the last day of the month and have the newsletters mailed by the end of the first week of the following month. We're going to GO FOR IT!!!

Newsletter Praised

Mpho Thatto from Tennessee State University writes to thank FOL for copies of the newsletter. Well we on the newsletter staff wish to thank Mpho for his thanks.

FOL Not Only Group To Publish
Newsletter

David Ambrose, Associate Professor at the University of Lesotho, writes that we are not the only "Friends of Lesotho" group that publishes a newsletter for its membership. In Switzerland, Freunde von Lesotho is published in German, and in Wales, Dolen Cymru is published in Welsh and English.

What follows is a membership form for all of you Welsh speakers who would like to receive Dolen Cymru. If anyone is interested in receiving the Swiss publication, let us know and we will contact David to get more information.

Hoffwn ymaelodi â Dolen Cymru

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At: Y Trysorydd, Dolen Cymru, 18 Stabler Crescent, Pentre'r Gerddi, Wrecsam, Clwyd, LL11 2TL.

Caiff unigolyn neu gorff ymaelodi â Dolen Cymru.

Sicciau yn daladwy i: DOLEN CYMRU. Ffurflenni Cyfamodi ar gael.

National Conference of Returned
Peace Corps Volunteers
Kent State University, July 20-24

This years National Conference is in Ohio!! Sound exciting?? There are a number of FOL members in Ohio and so a dinner or gathering of them might be appropriate. In fact, it might be a right smashing idea. Anyone interested in getting the midwest folks together on this?

At the national convention there will be an art exhibit. Interested parties may either display or sell works of art at the exhibit. These articles should be sent to the home of Georgia Drakes (RPCV India '69), 1718 Preyer Avenue, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118.

LSAP Update

The Lesotho Students in America Program (LSAP), sponsored by the Friends of Lesotho, has been initiated with seven Basotho students. These Basotho are all college students studying throughout the U.S. Each Mosotho student is paired with an American host who will be working to help the Mosotho learn more about American culture and help Americans learn more about the Sotho culture.

In May, the American hosts will be meeting with the Basotho at their college or in their community for a day long orientation. They

will be discovering how the student has adjusted to the American life style, and they will be making plans to take the student to visit other areas.

LSAP needs volunteers to host these students for a day or weekend this summer, to help to organize a meeting with American groups (schools, civic, church), and act as guides around the area.

If you would like to volunteer to be a host (and you live somewhere in the general vicinity of one of the Basotho students or FOL Hosts), contact David Bertocci at (703) 683-0749, weekdays 6-10pm Eastern Daylight Time and weekends anytime, as soon as possible.

Mosotho	College/Town	FOL Host
Mokete Mabusa & Hlasoa Molapo	California Polytech Inst St. Louis Obispo, CA	Dennis & Cheryl Caspe Santa Cruz, CA
Elisha Manyatsela	North Carolina Agr. & Tech U. Greensboro, NC	William Chi Raleigh, NC
Andrew Makenete	Utah State Logan, UT	Linda Telford Ogden, UT
Emmanuel Mosiuoa & Puseletso Ranthimo	New Mexico State Univ. Las Cruces, NM	Ken & Makoena Simon Santa Fe, NM
'Mathotoane Ramasike	University of Arizona Tuscon, AZ	Tom & Dee Cox Tuscon, AZ

Request For Assistance

Thabang Toloane is an 18 year old Mosotho who will be attending Santa Fe Community College this year. He writes that he has been able to attend this year only because he has received a scholarship from a Peace Corps Volunteer who taught in Lesotho for the last two years. He explains this came about after the failure of the Lesotho Students Studying in Other Nations (LESSON) project.

He has three sisters attending school in Lesotho, two are in Secondary and one is in Primary. He would be grateful for any type of help, especially financial, for his

next year of college or for his sisters.

If you feel that you can assist him, contact Thabang directly at:

6426 South West 26th Place
Gainesville, FL 32608

We recently heard from Margaret Scruggs (RPCV/Lesotho 84-86) who also was familiar with Tabang and his financial situation. Margaret organized scholarship assistance for a number of worthy Basotho students during her tour. Margaret is helping a United Church Women's group in Ocala Florida with a program on South Africa this month. Best wishes Margaret!!!



L E T S G E T P E R S O N A L

CONGRATULATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS,
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

For the entry into the world of Emily Lynn Butler on October 6, 1988. The proud parents are Dale Butler who served as a volunteer at Christ the King High School in Roma during the late 70's and early 80's and Jerinah Butler who was a language instructor for many of our trainings. Many thanks to Dale and Jerinah for extending FOL into second generations.

Les Otto Parlent en Francais

Doug and Karen Otto write that they are hard at work learning French in the town of Massy, France. They've bought an Apple IIGS computer, started their series of vaccination shots, and seen Gorillas in the Mist. Sounds like they're all ready to head out to Rwanda to go to work. We wish them much luck and success. We know that they'll both do an excellent job.

Missing Person Alert

George Katsikos would like to know the whereabouts of Drew Hardgrove, a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho in 1981 - and better known as the Assistant Director for Education during the mid-eighties. If you have any information please contact George at:

53 Samuil St. 2
Code 45333
Ioannina, GREECE

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YOUR
PERSONAL
FOR
THIS
SPACE
BY
JUNE 15!!!

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
SCHOLARSHIP -- New York University

New York University is offering scholarships in their Graduate School of Public Administration Program to volunteers who COS'd within the past three years. Interested applicants should submit a standard GPA form along with a brief statement indicating how Peace Corps influenced their career objectives. Deadlines are June 1 and October 1 and interested applicants should contact Joan Chipkin, NYU-GPA, 40 W. 4St., NY., NY. 10003 or telephone (212) 998-7454.

FOL FINANCIAL/MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The FOL budget on December 31, 1988 was \$2,239 for operating expenses and other FOL project work and \$2,504 for the earmarked SASAKAWA project. Operating expenses in 1988 amounted to \$810. As of January 1 FOL had 175 members -- pretty exciting. Now if we get a 100% turnout at the reunion this coming March we'll be in great shape -- read on.

SALE...SALE...SALE...SALE...SALE

HEAR YE HEAR YE, READ ALL ABOUT IT --
LESOTHO TAPESTRIES FOR SALE!!!

The Peace Corps/Vista Alumni of Colorado are offering the following items from the NCRPCV Conference '88 for sale. See order form for items and prices. The audiotape is a 120 minute edited recording of the presentations of the guest speakers at the conference:

- * Loret Miller-Ruppe, Director of Peace Corps
- * Rodrigo Carazo, former President of Costa Rica
- * Dennis Goldberg, representative of African National Congress
- * Richard Celeste, Governor of Ohio

A joint importing enterprise of Lesotho tapestries has been established between former volunteer Jennifer Root and Moteng Weavers. If you would like additional information on her supplies and designs, she can be contacted at 932 Chestnut Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009; telephone (303) 642-4635. She shared pictures with us and they were certainly beautiful goods. The cost is \$18 per square foot.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____

Make check or money order out to: Peace Corps/Vista Alumni of Colorado
mail to: P.O. Box 18995
Denver CO 80218

ITEM	HOW MANY	SIZE	COLOR CHOICES			PRICE	TOTAL
			1st	2nd	3rd		
PEACE COURSE COOKBOOK(S)		—	—			\$8.00	
PEACE CORPS MUG(S) BLUE OR WHITE		—	—			\$6.00	
PEACE CORPS T-SHIRT(S) Mark size: S, M, L, or XL. Write 1st, 2nd, & 3rd color choice for each shirt. red, green, lt. blue, dk blue, yellow, grey	SHIRT #1			.	.	\$7.00	
	SHIRT #2			.	.	\$7.00	
	SHIRT #3			.	.	\$7.00	
CONFERENCE '88 AUDIOTAPE		—	—			\$8.00	
Add 3.3% for Colorado residents or 6.6% for Denver residents						TAX	
Postage and handling is \$2.00 for orders up to \$20, \$3.00 for orders \$20 to \$30, and \$4.00 for orders above \$30						POSTAGE & HANDLING	
						TOTAL	

Motion to Ammend Charter Passes

You will be happy to know that the motion to amend the FOL charter in order to Comply with IRS regulations passed. Hopefully we will soon be a tax exempt institution, involved in good works to develop mutual cooperation and understanding throughout the world. HERE HERE!!!

