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President's Message

Lumelang!

Some of you reading this issue of the newsletter might be current PCVs or are living in Lesotho now, but the newsletter mailing labels indicate most of us finished our work in Lesotho a number of years ago and have since returned to the U.S. The occasional news story about Lesotho or the FOL newsletter reminds us of our time in Lesotho. This past year, I discovered PeaceCorpsJournals.com. It says it is the largest and most updated online archive of volunteer stories, and it gives easy access to many blogs written by current PCVs. I must admit that reading them has brought back many memories, and I've found myself getting nostalgic for my years in Lesotho. The blogs are a great way to get a feel for what is going on in Lesotho today. Most likely you'll find one written by someone who is living in the same community you lived in (a few blog addresses are featured in this newsletter).

Although the technology of keeping in touch has changed over the years, the experiences PCVs write about in their blogs will sound familiar to former volunteers. At PeaceCorpsJournals.com, volunteers write about the excitement of arriving in country, the hard work and camaraderie of training, shared vacations, the experience of living in communities and working at a grass roots level, and the difficulties of adjusting to a culture different from where you grew up. You can read about the successes and frustrations of their jobs and secondary projects. The blogs also give insight into current issues and problems in Lesotho and provide a perspective that you can't get from general news sources. They personalize the news.

I've also found that the blogs are a good reminder of the importance of FOL's mission. There are pictures and stories of children going to school, classroom painting and school improvement projects, families coping with

HIV/AIDS, and HIV/AIDS outreach programs and community development fairs. Volunteers write about their efforts to raise money for scholarships and projects. They post pictures of their vacations, worry about their host families, and occasionally take in a stray dog. I've even seen FOL mentioned once or twice! These stories are all reminders that as members of FOL, we remain active in supporting the efforts of Basotho, PCVs, and others who are trying to improve life in Lesotho. By providing financial support and encouragement to these many efforts, we stay connected to Lesotho.

On a less sentimental note, Friends of Lesotho held its 2009 annual meeting on October 4, Lesotho Independence Day. Two new members, Dick Nystrom and Dan Schmitt, joined the Board of Directors. Scott Rosenberg also agreed to serve another two-year term, and Pam Nystrom volunteered to join the Donations Committee. The FOL bylaws were changed so that future annual meetings will occur near Moshoeshoe Day in March. This new date will coincide more closely with our fiscal year and make it easier to report on our finances.

I also want to thank John Aerni and Scott Rosenberg for speaking at the annual meeting. John reported on his research into "the role of young people, institutions, and youth organizations in defining independence from a Sesotho perspective and their co-opting of colonial power structure to gain power and influence." Scott Rosenberg reported on two work/study trips to Lesotho that he led (he has a brief write up for you in this newsletter). The participants were students from Wittenberg University.



Salang Hantle,
Richard Rowan
FOL President

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Dyann Van Dusen, RPCV

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Summer Trips to Lesotho

By Scott Rosenberg,
PCV Lesotho 1989-1991, FOL Board

With the help of FOL, I led two volunteer groups on month-long visits to Lesotho during the summer of 2009. A total of 65 students traveled from Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio) to Lesotho and worked with several communities that had asked for help. Our projects are designed to assist orphans and the facilities that help them or other poor and vulnerable children. As part of the Orphan and Vulnerable Children project in Lesotho, we resumed our work with Habitat for Humanity and helped build two houses for orphans in the rural community of Nazareth. Two orphan-headed households, totaling 13 children under the age of 16, received the houses we built. In addition to building them homes, we wanted to give these children a gift, something all children should have: a safe place to play. Thus, we built a playground. We also planted 20 fruit trees and prepared two gardens to help the children grow their own food.

We also built a greenhouse, chicken coop, and drip irrigation system to help The Little Angels Daycare Orphanage meet the nutritional needs of the 35-40 pre-school-aged children in their care. They also hope to use these projects to generate income so that they can meet some of the children's other needs such as clothing and medical care. This project will truly make a difference in the lives of nearly 40 orphaned children who are under six years of age. We also saw firsthand how the teachers were using the paintings my students made the previous year to teach the alphabet and counting.

We headed up into the mountains to build another community center, one with a playground, for orphans in Ramabanta. We undertook this project after a Peace Corps Volunteer serving in that community wrote to me, expressing a real

need for a community center to help the orphans of that community. The community center will provide resources for the orphans such as a library and craft center (where they could make and sell crafts). Other community groups such as village health workers, the local HIV support group, and a group of women mohair spinners also hope to use the new facility. In addition to building the community center, the nurses at the local clinic asked us to help build a second exam room so their patients did not have to wait so long to be seen by a nurse. Although we did not complete this project, we were able to get about half of it done.

A Peace Corps Volunteer in Motsekua sent me pictures of the damage done to her school after a storm. The roof was blown off one building; doors and windows were blown out on others. It was obviously not a safe place, nor was it one conducive to learning. In addition to raising the funds to repair the roof, we were able to provide this very poor school with a nice playground and garden. While there, we also painted a local pre-school.

This year, we also volunteered at the Lesotho Child Counseling Unit (LCCU) for orphaned and vulnerable children, which currently cares for thirty children between the ages of 5-18. Many of these children are orphans, and all of them have been either physically or sexually abused. This facility was started by 'M'e Lydia Muso in her own home and has grown rapidly over the years as more and more children lose their families to HIV/AIDS. During our week at LCCU, we painted the dorm rooms to make them a more inviting place for children, built a library, designed a therapy room, and built a playground for the children. Lastly, we planted 20 fruit trees and prepared seed beds to help them grow more food.

For the last few years, Lesotho Save the Children has been trying to start a small

farm to teach older orphans life skills that will help them survive as well as generate income to support the younger orphans, many of which have extensive medical problems. On past trips, we have helped clear fields and plant vegetables and fruit trees, yet these have resulted in limited success. The major problem is that they do not have access to water, which impedes the success of the farm. I was able to raise the money for a well and small irrigation system. It is my belief that this water system will greatly benefit hundreds of orphans in Lesotho. During our trip this year, we prepared the dorm rooms for the first 12 orphans who moved in last month. The farm is now producing chickens, pigs, and vegetables, which provide food and desperately needed income to support the children at the Maseru Children's Village and their medical needs.

Last year, our final project was with a local church group (PHCL) with which we planted trees and prepared gardens for orphans living on their own in Ha Abia. We also built a playground at their school and painted educational material on the classroom walls. We did this because the school cannot afford books or even a chalkboard, and thus by painting the materials on the wall, we have provided the teachers with some essential teaching aids.

In addition to the Wittenberg University students, we work with a local volunteer group called the Lesotho Youth Work Camps. This allows my students to work side-by-side with local Basotho, and it also provides an opportunity for local Basotho to help their own country. We threw two carnivals at the Baylor pediatric AIDS clinic with coloring books, bubbles, rub-on tattoos, and face painting. The smiles were incredible. Lastly, we continued to work with a local group that hosts soccer clinics for orphans .





Top 6 Ways of Finding International Development and Job Openings

By Madeline Uranek

1. DRUM BEAT - cool newsletter that compiles lots of HIV/AIDS and international development news and a few selected job openings and upcoming conferences.

To subscribe, see

<http://www.comminit.com/en/user/register>

"The Drum Beat seeks to cover the full range of communication for development activities. From The Communication Initiative Network - where communication and media are central to social and economic development."

2. The Briefing - briefing@devex.com

Very cool weekly mailing summarizing news of the world by country, just a paragraph each. You can scan by world regions to the countries that interest you and keep up with issues easily.



To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to thank you for the FOL grant of 500 Maloti which I filed for on December 18, 2009. The grant was used at Tsoelike Secondary School in Qacha's Nek. Together with PCV Christina Balch, I painted the mural that is in the photos included. Ms. Balch is responsible for the drawing and all artistic images on the mural. The mural is on the wall of the building that will be our library in the coming months as 950 books have arrived from the African Library Project.

The painting adds much needed color to the school and has already contributed greatly to the motivation and pride of the students and faculty at Tsoelike. Students and faculty send there gratitude to FOL.

With Sincere Thanks,
Christopher R. Conz
Christopher Conz, PCV



3. DEV EX - the International Development Jobs Newsletter: recruiting_center@devex.com

DEVEX was the most useful (weekly) mailing I received. It was easy to click on a job and get full details, key words to use in your application, encouragement to register with them, and other services.

To subscribe: <http://www.devex.com>

DEVEX

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4. ELDIS

ELDIS lists a limited number of jobs and abstracts each one. Pretty classy jobs! ELDIS comes out of the UK and is funded by the UN and many European development organizations.

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5. DevNetJobs is a Yahoo group that overwhelmed me with the number of listings. Some are repeated in the others above. It seems to be a "granddaddy" of development job postings.

Name of yahoo group:

developmentjobs@yahoo.com

Greetings from <http://www.DevNetJobs.org>

Sent from: jobs@devnetjobs.org

Reply to: developmentjobs-owner@yahoo.com

Lesotho I Reunion Update

Lesotho I (1967-69) will be holding its reunion on May 28-30, 2010, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. Forty-five former volunteers and staff plan on attending with another three teleconferencing from overseas. Family and friends are also invited to the event, which will give participants a time to renew acquaintances and share their life journeys with each other.

The Lesotho Ambassador and speakers from Peace Corps and Friends of Lesotho are expected to attend.

The Reunion Planning Committee is: Doug Mayo, Tom Carroll, Ted Hochstadt, Scott Brumburgh, Peggy Tibbits, Barbara Jaynes Tomlinson, Ava Betz Wooliscroft, Ken Lai, Dave Massey, Larry Roth, Dave Almandsmith, and Bill Reed.

For more information, go to Facebook and find "Lesotho I Peace Corps" or contact Bill Reed at wc44reed@aol.com.

For even more international jobs, go to: <http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/internationaljobs.html>

At the bottom of each posting, they offer a subscription service where you can get even more, or even higher paying jobs:

Subscribe via: <http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/valueservices.html>

6. RPCVs

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers are offered other yahoo groups and job placement services. Postings several times a week, both for domestic and international jobs. Very helpful.





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News from an FOL Project

Laptops to Lesotho



By Janissa Balcomb, FOL Member

An exciting new project, called Our Treasure Highland Computer Project, is getting underway in Ketane, Lesotho. The goals are to:

- distribute an XO laptop (the innovative, inexpensive, indestructible, \$200 laptops designed by One Laptop Per Child) to each primary school student at Ha Nohana Primary School,
- train the children and their teachers in the laptop's use,
- teach the children critical thinking and problem solving skills using the laptops,
- deploy solar power for charging and running the computers,
- establish a LAN network,
- provide access to the internet, and
- develop a community-based organization to provide long-term local

support and funding.

There is already substantial enthusiasm and support for this project, from local teachers, students, parents, and community leaders to PC/Lesotho staff and volunteers.

The eight-member team running the project is made up of:

- a primary school teacher and the project manager -- Tsela Mapeshoane,
- the school principal and project treasurer -- Matlabe Teba,
- three college students -- Lineo Motsoeneng (computers), Sarah Balcomb (primary education), and Amy Balcomb (special education),
- one current PCV -- Aaron Laufman-Walker,
- a soon-to-be Returned PCV -- Andrew Dernovsek, and
- a long-time RPCV -- Janissa Balcomb.

To raise funds and facilitate this project, an affiliate U.S. nonprofit foundation is being formed called Laptops to Lesotho (L2L). There are currently three board members, but L2L needs someone to serve on the board as Treasurer. Because L2L is a non-member NGO consisting only of the Board of Directors, and because the vast majority of the funding will be acquired through grants, the duties of the Treasurer should not be too time consuming. If you are interested in helping, please contact Janissa Balcomb at janissa@silverstar.com.

If you would like to learn more about this exciting project, go to

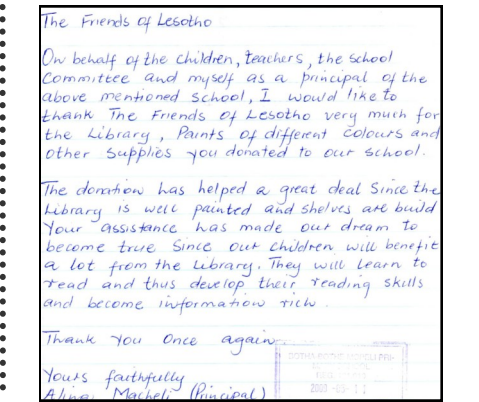
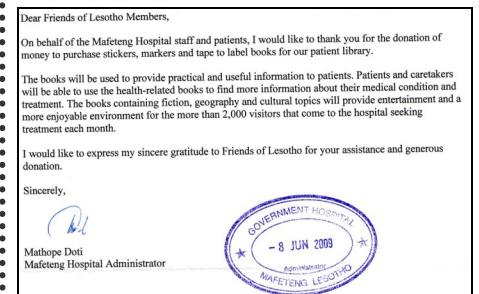


http://wiki.laptop.org/go/OLPCorps_Muskingum_College_Lesotho/

and visit our blog at

<http://olpc2010-lesotho.blogspot.com/>.

If you have an OLPC XO laptop you purchased through the Give One Get One program that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to Our Treasure Highland Computer Project by contacting Janissa at janissa@silverstar.com. Your donation will be tax-deductible.





News from Friends of Lesotho

Fundraising Committee

By Bill Moore,
Fundraising Committee Chair

Annual Appeal Letter

By now, FOL members have received the Friends of Lesotho Annual Appeal letter. We included a second copy of the letter to share with relatives and friends who might contribute. If you haven't already, you know what to do. Thank you all for your generosity. Additional thanks to Bill Dunn, Roberta Ebbers, Richard Rowan, and Mary Wagner for their labor preparing addresses and stuffing, labeling, and stamping the letters. Janissa Balcomb designed the stationary, and Kevin Freer, Dyann Van Dusen, and Dick Nystrom were helpful editors. Note: if you haven't received the appeal, email me, and I'll send you one by return email: moowag@scc.net.

Holiday shopping online

The holidays are upon us, and another way to support Friends of Lesotho is by shopping at our online store at <http://www.cafepress.com/lesotho>. There you'll find the beautiful 2010 Friends of Lesotho calendar of Basotho portraits along with greeting cards, children's and adult apparel, cups, mugs, posters, and other great gifts.

Luggage tags and bookmarks made by Peter Maphatsoe, founder of the Children's Art Organization of Lesotho, are another creative gift idea. Peter is a 23-year-old self-taught artist who is trying to make money to support his dream to teach art to children in Lesotho. Each picture is hand-painted and represents some aspect of traditional Basotho culture. To see some examples and order bookmarks and tags, visit our FOL website at <http://friendsoflesotho.org>; click on Other Fundraising Items.

Giving online

Friends of Lesotho now has a page with the new online giving service Razoo. Razoo issues a receipt to donors and covers transaction fees so Friends of Lesotho receives the full donation. Check out our page at <http://www.razoo.com/story/Friends-Of-Lesotho>. And spread the word!

Membership Committee


By Dyann van Dusen,
Committee Chair

Friends of Lesotho welcomed 31 new members since January 2009. The following new members joined since our last newsletter printing:

- John Becnel, Ogden, Utah
- Dan Bosko, New York, NY
- Dan Schmitt, Wilton, CA
- Michael Young, Placentia, CA
- Sharon Zeiden, San Diego, CA

Welcome also to the following PCVs who responded to FOL's offer of complimentary membership while serving in Lesotho and for the first year following COS:

- Christina Balch, RPCV 2007-2009, Qacha's Nek/Ha Manteko, EDUC
- Sarah Cosimano, RPCV 2007-2009, Bela-Bela, Berea, EDUC
- Melissa Hill, Mafeteng, 2009-2011, CHED
- Megan M. Kelly, Ha Mamosa, Qacha's Nek, 2008-2010, CHED
- Janice Stapleton, Mafeteng-Ribaneng, 2008-2010, EDUC

Welcome back to the states, Christina and Sarah!! 

Welcome Dick and Dan

Newly elected board members Richard Nystrom, RPCV 2003-2005, and Dan Schmitt, RPCV 1979-1982, have joined the fundraising committee. Many hands will make light work. But the more hands, the more we can accomplish, so, if you've got ideas, skills, and energy for finding \$\$ for the fine grassroots projects FOL funds, there is plenty of room on the committee. C'mon in; the water's fine!

Do we have a mailing angel?

Speaking of \$\$, printing and mailing costs for the annual appeal letter added up to \$395. Does anyone know or want to be an angel

Special Recognition

We would like to thank Martha Munson for her many years of volunteering with FOL. After spending the better part of the past decade serving on the FOL Board of Directors, Martha is moving on so she can devote more time to a new job. During her time on the board she served on the Donations Committee, and as chairperson, helped standardize its procedures and make it more efficient. She was also responsible for organizing several annual meetings and was FOL's Lesotho Embassy Liaison for most of her time on the board. As FOL Vice President, Martha was responsible for many administrative tasks that don't get much attention but keep FOL in operation. She has donated hundreds of hours of her time to Friends of Lesotho and we are very grateful for that.




In Memoriam

Edna Boorady passed away on November 5, 2008. Ms. Boorady was USAID Director in Maseru from 1982-85. She was an FOL member for many years.

Julia Jawoisz also recently passed away. She was a PCV from 1986-88 in Ha Soere, Mohale's Hoek. She worked with CARE.

who could cover all or part of that? Let me know: moowag@scc.net.

Amazon.com

For you book lovers, don't forget about FOL's affiliate program with Amazon.com. FOL has its own website link to Amazon.com, prominently displayed on the "Other Fundraising Ideas" page. By using our link rather than Amazon's own site, a portion of all your purchases are donated to FOL. 

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Madeline's Mountain Schools Desk Project

Public Letter #21: October 28, 2009

By Madeline Uranek,
PCV Lesotho 2006 – 2009, FOL Member

This letter is intended as a HUGE thank you and report to 100 friends who gave \$7,500 - \$10,000 (depending on the day's exchange rate) in donations large and small, to help me deliver 100 desk/bench sets plus a pile of school materials to four schools in Lesotho. The desks each seat two elementary school children, or three if they're skinny. So thanks to you, 250 kids are sittin' pretty.

Original plan down the drain

My original goal was to build a school at Pulane village in Quthing district. Thank goodness the proposal to the American Embassy in Maseru, step #1, didn't come through. Because I had enough trouble with 400 desks, I shudder to think what would have happened if I'd gotten in the middle of cement, bricks, trucks, and serious construction.

Before project



From left to right: 1) First graders at Masia Primary School, Quthing, sit on paint cans. 2) Class 3 in Koali Primary learns enthusiastically despite lack of desks or chairs. 3) This photo captures the chill of a cold, rainy day in a school that has only benches, no desks.

Having failed to build a school, I thought, "Well, the least I can do is to get a few desks to some schools before I leave the country."

I chose the four schools from my hikes through the mountains, visiting 27 schools: two had barely any furniture at all, and two were schools nearest my village, whose teachers and kids had worked closely with me over three years. This is a country of schools without windows, heaters, or textbooks, much less libraries with colorful wall posters or computers. There's virtually no classroom in the entire country that couldn't use 25 desks in good condition.

My original idea had been to employ men in the four villages to build the desks, thus creating not only desks but short-term jobs. But visits (bump, bump, hours in sweaty vans) to the four villages showed this was impractical. Village men not only didn't have tools, they didn't have skills. I didn't have

skills – more importantly I didn't have time. My-Last-Months-in-Lesotho clock was ticking.

Word quickly got around that a woman with money was looking for work to be done and my neighbor, a carpenter with a local shop and good reputation, came to me and told me he could build the desks in two weeks. I doubted the two weeks part, but I liked the idea of helping business local.

Revised plan goes awry

So I plunked down the first R20,000 (\$2,000) toward materials for 50 desks and left town to finish work at my college in Maseru. Weeks passed. No word from my village. No desks. Neighbors told me my neighbor was now driving a brand new yellow car.

The heart sank. Not that there's not corruption in Lesotho – but this was your money. My project. So I arranged to have a talk with my neighbor. "No problem," he told me. "Some delays. Don't worry."

I worried. Another month: no progress. This time I went back to Mt. Moorosi and called a meeting of the four principals. We agreed that we did have the power of consumers. A local owner who risked his reputation could lose more business than just ours.

Word started to trickle around town, I guess, because after a week I got a desperate call from the carpenter, "Call those teachers off! They are ruining me."

"The desks?" I asked. "They are coming!" he fairly shouted into his cell.

Calling in the big guns

But now my time was truly up and I walked into big office supply construction yards in big Maseru and ordered the 50 remaining desks. "No problem," they said. "Give us three days."

Well, it took even the big guys a week, and I tried not to feel too responsible when they told me the roads to Masia village had broken an axel and they had to send for a wrecker.

But they also said parents and kids danced on the road when the truck arrived, and carried the desks up their mountain, four kids to a desk, singing all the way.

Meanwhile, back in Mt. Moorosi, all was not well. The workmen, who hadn't yet been paid a penny all these months, wondering if they'd ever get paid once I left the country, had delivered 25 desks, but locked the remaining ones in a storeroom, holding them hostage until someone paid them.

"Work it out," I told my neighbor. I left for Namibia, enroute to the USA. I fully expected a call and was ready to deposit the last payment in his bank account.

But no call came. "Damn!" I said, in Sesotho. I imagined 25 desks in that storeroom, gathering dust for years to come, finally used

as firewood on a freezing winter day. I realized I was going to have to bus, taxi, bump and shudder back across Namibia, South Africa, Maseru to Mt. Moorosi, retracing my steps, to finish the project. I grit my teeth and traveled, non-stop, across three countries.

When I arrived in Mt. Moorosi, things went so smoothly, you'd never know there was a problem. The warehouse was unlocked; the carpenters were gracious and proud of their work; the desks were piled high on a truck. I went with the driver, not fully confident the vehicle could summit the mountain. I'd been to Pulane village four times, but had never seen a vehicle there.

But we summited. It was sunny and windy, and guys unloaded the truck in minutes. The only sad thing was that no one was there. It was after school, and two of the three teachers

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Madeline's Mountain Schools Desk Project

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were "away." This is the school where my murdered friend Halieo had taught. I'd intended at least to spend the night, and was vacillating about teaching there a half year – no other job offer on my table at that point.

But as I stood there, I got the most forlorn feeling. The wind was intense, it was a lonely valley, and I knew how few resources there were, material or human. I said to the driver, "Do you mind if I come back to Mt. Moorosi?" As I hopped it, I felt like a total coward, like a dog with its tail between its legs, leaving a deposit of a few desks instead of the full talents and connections I'd been

considering. Back down the mountain we bumped, over the river, paths, dongas, past the cliffs, river, curves, more dongas, and river again.

Success at last

So, all four schools had desks. Here's a pictures of the 6th graders in Sekhonyana, dancing exultantly when their desks were delivered, and photos of the unloading atop Pulane mountain, and pre-desk photo, the poor little first graders in Masia sitting on paint cans, as well as the pre-desk furniture-less classroom in Pulane.

Websites

Blogs from PCVs in Lesotho:

- <http://kayeinlesotho.blogspot.com/>
- <http://www.globalmaddy.moederogall.com/>
- <http://www.merrillnosler.blogspot.com/>
- <http://www.megan-kelly.blogspot.com/>

Each of the principals gave me a list of materials their schools needed, and the desk gift was accompanied by cash enough to buy such things as a school bell to ring, cement for a non-dirt floor, books for a library, and panes to replace broken windows before winter winds arrived again.

I learned hard lessons and re-learned lessons I already knew – how difficult it is to create sustainable projects; how one shouldn't venture alone into big efforts with small skills; that little can be done in a developing country with a "hurry up" attitude; that my sense of time, even after three years, is entirely American; about what a coward I am when I had the choice to live, truly, as teachers live in rural Lesotho; and importantly, how there are friends like you who are willing to trust and support projects done with heart.

Even the simplest undertaking in a developing country takes a ton of effort. This was hardly the *Three Cups of Tea* victorious building of schools or changing of lives. But I love the respect it conveys – learning is a serious matter and learning deserves a nice place to sit.

I wish to thank each of you who contributed. I also want to thank Friends of Lesotho, a modest organization comprised mainly of returned Peace Corps Volunteers, that made the accounting and receipt of the donations effortless.



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After project



Clockwise from top left: 1) Madeline Urank helps wrap desks for delivery to Pulane Primary School in Quthing. 2) Big trucks made deliveries up steep mountain roads loaded with piles of desks. 3) Class 6 students look sharp with their new desks. 4) Sekhonyana Primary School students shout for joy when 25 new desks arrive.

If you have comments, questions, suggestions, news, articles, websites, photos, or other items to contribute to this newsletter, please contact:

Faye Farmer at f_e_@hotmail.com or 2612 E. Geneva Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282.

We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and length.



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Fundraising

Seeking Newsletter Sponsors
FOL members, would you like to help spread news of Lesotho to other members and friends? If you're at a loss for words, chelete will do. Each issue of this newsletter costs about \$400 to publish and mail (even with our growing number of email subscribers). At 3 issues per year and the annual report, that's \$1,400 for the year. So, if your employer or other organization you belong to would like to sponsor an issue -- or part of an issue -- we'll shower them with thanks and make sure their generosity is properly acknowledged and recognized. For more information or to contribute, contact Bill Moore, Fundraising Chair, moowag@scc.net.

Friends of Lesotho - Treasurer's Summary for Board Meeting of:		November 15, 2009	
	9/20/2009	11/15/2009	Difference
Current Bank Balance (checking):	\$13,414.09	\$17,221.14	\$3,807.05
Current Bank Balance (savings):	\$35,390.94	\$35,459.40	\$68.46
Total (both accounts)	\$48,805.03	\$52,680.54	\$3,875.51
<i>Interest Earned CY to Date (incl. above)</i>	\$380.26	\$448.72	
Paid Membership (Incl. Advance Dues - 18 for 2009):	108	125	17
New members this Year to date:	20	26	6
Non-member cash donors Year to date:	105	111	6

2009 Extra Donation Fund Status:

Donation Fund	Amount in Fund	Amount sent to Lesotho (*)	Amount Pending Future Disbursement
Undesignated Fund (\$250 min balance)	\$11,552.46	\$7,550.92	\$4,001.54
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Fund	\$30,039.43	\$6,546.15	\$23,493.28
HIV/AIDS Fund	\$1,003.68	\$501.95	\$501.73
Morija Museum Fund	\$151.46	\$0.00	\$151.46
Orphanages Fund	\$579.09	\$0.00	\$579.09
Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$2,576.48	\$1.50	\$2,574.98
PCV Projects	\$326.99	\$0.00	\$326.99
Pachela School (NGO)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Village Hope Project (PCV)	\$5,489.42	\$3,134.00	\$2,355.42
LCCU (Lesotho Child Counseling Unit)	\$1,886.00	\$1,886.00	\$0.00
Uraneck PCV projects (Mountain Schools)	\$10,363.37	\$10,169.37	\$194.00
T. Veiga PCV Project (scholarship)	\$420.00	\$8.40	\$411.60
Lesotho I Reunion	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00
Totals	\$67,488.38	\$29,798.29	\$37,690.09
<i>Difference from Prior report:</i>	\$13,668.48	\$685.15	\$12,983.33

Note (*) - These include donation collection fees from Just Give and transfer fees in sending funds.

2009 Operating Expense Status:

Current Cash in Accounts (as above):	\$52,680.54	
Subtract out:		
Project Expenditure Obligations (per above, incl. interest)	-\$37,690.09	Incl. interest
Future Dues for Carryover	-\$105.14	Incl. interest
		29 = total members
Life Membership Fund (incl. interest)	-\$6,569.72	(incl intr)
Cash Available for FOL Expenses =	\$8,315.59	
Unused Expenses in 2007 Budget -	-\$3,330.25	
Current Cash Reserve =	\$4,985.34	
(Total operating cash expenses, incl. NPCA pass thru):	\$2,184.75	
(Total operating inkind expenses to date):	\$23.18	



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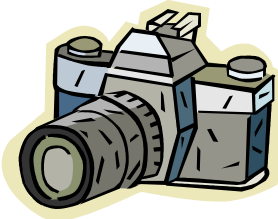


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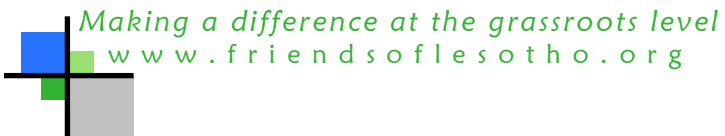




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