



FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

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## President's Message

Lumelang Metsoalle,

Friends of Lesotho will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this month in Washington, D.C., during the U.S. Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Lesotho RPCVs and their families and friends are invited to join us at the Arlington Hilton on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Bill Reed and the reunion committee for planning an outstanding program for those who can attend these events. Bill's leadership and long-term commitment to this project are much appreciated by us all.

In the last issue of this newsletter, we began preparing for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary by acknowledging FOL's founding Board members. We would be remiss if we did not also recognize the leadership and contributions made by Bill Dunn over the years. Bill served as president from 2003-2008. During Bill's tenure as president, he and the Board (Dorothy Holland, Ted Hochstadt, and John Hollister) sustained the organization when it was at great risk of disbanding. Bill initiated regularly scheduled Board meetings by conference call, thus enabling a national Board to operate and grow. Bill provided the leadership to increase Board membership, established a committee structure to accomplish the work of the Board, used task forces for short term projects, and differentiated the roles and responsibilities of officers and committee chairs. This organizational infrastructure has since been consolidated in a common structure of policies and procedures now used by the Board. Bill developed the FOL website and maintains our database. With his many years of experience working for FOL, Bill continues to serve as a mentor and advisor to Board members.

Thankfully, RPCVs continue to take their turns in serving the organization and bolstering it for the future. In that spirit, we welcome Victor Cuevas, our newest Board member. You can learn more about Victor in this issue of our newsletter.

FOL continues to work for the Basotho people. We recently sent \$16,000 for 2011 Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) grants to fund TAP scholarships, a historical record of funding support for any year. Richard Rowan and Dyann Van Dusen, co-chairs of the donations committee, and John Hollister, treasurer, coordinate the transfer of funds to Lesotho with the PCPP to ensure accountability of funds sent to PCVs. In addition, FOL approved \$2,800 to Village Hope for food, shoes, clothing, school supplies, and heating oil for an orphan project in Butha-Buthe managed by RPCV Georgann Gall. The donations committee is also working with NHTC to fund nursing scholarships in the coming year.

FOL is pleased to announce that Janissa Balcomb has our 2012 FOL calendar ready for sale. The photographs of scenes from Lesotho were generously donated by Jeremy Wade Shockley (<http://www.FEDORAPHOTO.com/>). Look for ordering information in this newsletter and on our website. Janissa continues to update items for sale on Café Press, including holiday cards and gift ideas.

The Board of directors looks forward to meeting FOL members and friends in Washington, D.C., later this month. We will include accounts of FOL's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary events along with pictures of those attending the reunion in the December newsletter and on our website.



Ka Khotso,  
Kevin Freer, President  
RPCV Lesotho 1976-1978

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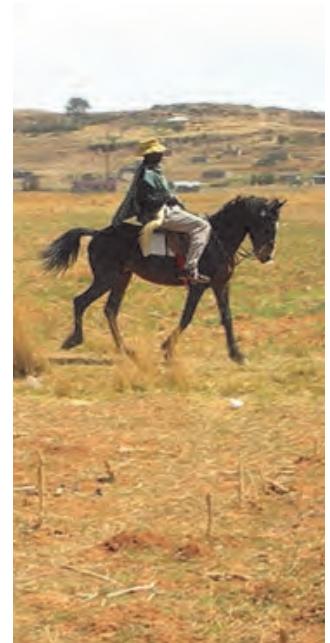


Photo courtesy:  
Dyann Van Dusen  
RPCV, 2003-2006

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## Friends of Lesotho 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Lesotho Reunion Update

Monthly teleconference meetings have turned into weekly meetings for the FOL reunion planning committee, chaired by Bill Reed—the experienced planner extraordinaire who orchestrated the Reunion I gathering in D.C. last year. We expect between 80-90 RPCVs and another dozen or so guests and presenters at this year's once-in-a-lifetime event.

On Friday evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a reception with a buffet dinner. Friday's gathering will, of course, start with the singing of the Lesotho National Anthem. A memorial tribute to volunteers who have passed away will also be part of Friday's events. We recently learned that Lesotho's new ambassador to the U.S., Ntate E. Malapi Sebatane, and his wife, Lois (RPCV), will not arrive in D.C. in time for the reunion. However, we do anticipate hosting representatives from the embassy. Brian Baltimore, immediate past Deputy Country Director of the Lesotho Millennium Challenge Corporation will be making a presentation Friday evening. Friday's events will conclude with a blend of American and Lesotho dance music, hosted by Julie Galbraith and her fellow 1987 RPCVs.

Throughout Friday evening and Saturday morning, we will have a number of presentations continuously running on laptops around the meeting-room perimeter. Thanks to the response from PCVs and RPCVs unable to attend, we will be able to showcase a variety of their projects as well as a number of wonderful videos celebrating the Basotho culture.

Saturday's live presentations will include a slideshow celebrating FOL's 25 years of "making a difference at the grassroots level," narrated by Kevin Freer and other members of the FOL Board. A panel presentation will follow, with representatives from the Peace Corps Lesotho country desk, PC Response, and Peace Corps Partnership Program offices.

Also on Saturday, Becky Banton will present the history and success of the African Library Project in Lesotho, followed by Dyann Van Dusen's presentation about the very successful Laptops to Lesotho Project, founded by Janissa Balcomb, who will be unable to attend. Saturday will wrap up around 12:30 in the afternoon with a breakout/brainstorming session covering five operational areas critical to the success and growth of FOL for the next 25 years.

Fundraising raffle tickets will be on sale throughout Friday evening and Saturday morning. Items contributed thus far include weavings from Lesotho, jewelry, original prints by local artists, CDs, and other items not directly related to Lesotho. If you have a raffle item you would like to contribute and think you can get it to D.C. by September 21<sup>st</sup>, please send it to: Marty Smith, c/o SHRM, 1800 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314.

On Sunday, we will all participate in the country-flag march, proudly carrying our Friends of Lesotho banner and individual flags.

If you are among those planning to attend, we look forward to seeing you soon. If you are unable to join us in D.C., watch for a recap of the events on the FOL website later this year.



### Friends of Lesotho: Ready for 2011 Anniversary Celebrations

September 21-25, 2011, is fast approaching as we plan to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peace Corps and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Friends of Lesotho in Washington, D.C.

The Lesotho reunion would not have happened except for the work of the planning committee, which began meeting in September 2010. Members include Kevin Freer (76-78), Dyann Van Dusen (03-06), Dana Kenney (79-81), Julie Galbraith (87-88), Pete Neumann (04-06), Connie Wingo-Hunter (78-81), Sherry Hellenkamp (80-82), Richard Rowan (79-83), Marty Smith (04-06), John Hollister (1986-88), and Bill Reed (1967-69).

Over 80 volunteers and guests will be attending. While not much time is left, you can still RSVP:



Bill Reed, Lesotho I (1967-69)  
Wc44reed@gmail.com, 516-333-2880

### Reunion Slide Shows:

#### ORPHAN SUPPORT

- Little Angels Orphan Day Care and Pre-School, Rose Paradise, RPCV 2003-2004
- Village Hope Orphan Care, Georgann Gall, RPCV 2003-2005
- Lesotho Child Care Unit (LCCU), Dyann Van Dusen, RPCV 2003-2006
- St. Camillus Orphan Care, Sherry Hellenkamp, RPCV 1980-1982
- M.O.S.A. Mohale Orphan Support Association, Belinda Collias, RPCV 2007-2009

#### CONSTRUCTION

- Mountain School Desk Project, Maddy Urankek, RPCV 2007-2009

#### THIRD GOAL

- World Wise Schools, Third Goal, provided by Maddy Urankek, RPCV, 2007-2009

#### CULTURAL

- Moija Museum and Cultural Festival, from Dyann Van Dusen, RPCV 2003-2006
- Basotho Culture Videos, provided by Jessica Atherton, RPCV 2007-2009

#### HIV/AIDS HEALTH PROJECTS

- Ha Paki HIV/AIDS Community Support Center, Chuck Kuehn, RPCV 2004-06
- Clinton Foundation Health Initiative in Lesotho



## Reunion Program of Activities (subject to change)



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**Washington, D.C. Arlington Hilton Hotel**  
**Friday, September 23 5:00PM to 11:30PM**  
**Reception, Buffet Dinner (cash bar), Music and Dancing**

5:00-6:00	Registration and raffle ticket sales
6:00-6:15	Welcome , brief overview of weekend
6:15-6:45	Singing of the National Anthem, led by Mr. Christopher Nyaka, Lesotho Embassy Charge' d'Affaires on behalf of the newly appointed Ambassador E. Malapi Sebatane and his wife Lois Sebatane, RPCV 1967-1969 Brian Baltimore, Immediate past Country Director, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Lesotho
6:45-8:00	Buffet Dinner
7:15-8:00	"Laptops to Lesotho" slideshow by Janissa Balcomb, RPCV 1977-1980
8:00-8:15	Brief History of the founding of Friends of Lesotho by Don Spicer, RPCV 1976-1978 & Scott Brumburgh, RPCV 1967-1969
8:15-8:30	Description of raffle prizes, how raffle works-Pete Neumann, RPCV 2004-2006, FOL Fundraising Committee Chair
9:00-9:15	Closing remarks
9:15-12:00	Music and dancing sponsored by RPCVs Lesotho 1987

**Saturday, September 24**

**7:00AM to 12:30PM**

7:00-8:00	Registration and raffle ticket sales
7:30-8:30	Buffet Breakfast
8:30-8:45	Welcome, Introductions of FOL Board
8:45-9:30	Slide show about Friends of Lesotho Kevin Freer, FOL President, RPCV 1976-1978
9:30-10:30	Panel Discussion: Lesotho Country Desk Officer -Heidi Broekmeier, Caitlin Gliniecki and Melissa Becchi, PCPP; Julie Johnson, PC Response
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break and Raffle Ticket Sales; Check out the slide shows along the wall (see page 2 for a list of shows)
10:45-11:15	Speaker: African Library Project-Becky Banton, RPCV 2005-2008
11:15-11:30	Recognition of deceased RPCVs, Bill Reed, RPCV 1967-1969, Founder of Memorial Fund
11:30-12:15	Break out Brainstorming sessions: various topics
12:15-12:30	Raffle Drawing and Closing
12:30-1:15	FOL Board Meeting--Open to any attendee wishing to learn more about the functioning of the Board



## A Ride With a Queen

By Pete Neumann, RPCV Lesotho 04-06

Scrambling to write an article for the FOL newsletter...what can I write so eyes don't glaze over? Get folks to reach for their wallet to open it, not cover it. Take a walk.

Inspiration, where are you?

Remember. Back to Lesotho. It's December, 2004, when I took a ride with a queen:

I am on the *kombi* in Mafeteng. I have been on it for a while. The other passengers and I wait for the driver to decide to leave. We await some magical convergence of his desire to go and the proper number of passengers in the taxi. Then, we will leave. Meanwhile, we sit.

The taxi is in the Mafeteng taxi rank, halfway between Maseru and my home in Thoteng, near Mohale's Hoek. I had some business in Maseru and caught a Mafeteng *kombi* and now must wait for another to Mohale's Hoek. There are dozens of taxis in the rank. It is hurly burly, a carnival bustle of vehicles, passengers, hawkers. There are a few sheep, a cow grazing across the road. The hawkers sell everything. They stick their heads, arms, bodies into the van one after another in some indeterminable rotation. They sell snacks of Zimba and Nik Naks. They sell lighters, plastic wallets, pantyhose, t-shirts, fruit, cups of water. They offer to run to the market to fetch a cold drink, some food, or a loaf of bread. There is constant movement and the buzz of conversation. Over there, some young boys are wrestling. A driver yells at them, and they laugh and run away. The afternoon sun lends a peaceful golden glow that belies this active buzzing beehive.

She gets in. The other passengers pause in their reading, chatting, looking out the window, and take in our new companion. She is dressed like a village woman. She has on an old blanket wrapped around her like a skirt. A well-worn but clean white blouse, a shawl, and a red *luku*. She gets on with a grace that gives us all pause. To me, she seems regal. She has a poise and presence that commands my attention. I study her. The rest of the passengers return to what they had been doing.

I wait. The rest of the passengers wait. The woman waits. The conductor brings over a yellow plastic bucket with a red lid. There's some weight in it, and he hoists it aboard and nuzzles it next to another passenger's small suitcase. He then gets an old feed bag, again with some heft in it, and shoves that under a seat. She gazes at him and nods. They belong to her.

I immediately smell a pungent, vinegary, metallic smell: blood. I look at the feed bag more closely and see red spots growing. Through the opaque yellow bucket, I see dark spots. These are cuts of meat. The village woman has been to the butchery and bought some meat. For her and her family? To sell to neighbors? To cut and dry out to make biltong?


The taxi leaves and rumbles, groans and bounces over the rutted dirt out of the rank and onto the road. She sits straight backed and adjusts automatically to shifting and yawing. Her black skin shines with a luster of deep beauty, polished by fatigue. She is in stand-by mode, between asleep and alert. I sense her efficiency: she uses this time in the taxi to rest. She recharges from her long day and readies herself for the next chore, task, job, duty, responsibility. She stares straight ahead looking at the road but seeing past it.

Her grace demonstrates her dignity. To me, she is a victor. She is a champion. She has won her battle for the day. Her prize is in the bloody bag and in the bucket. She is an Olympian. She has the bearing of confidence. She is secure in herself. She has coped, can cope, and will cope. Today she knows she is the victor. Tomorrow, she knows she will be again.

The afternoon light turns to twilight. The shadows are long and carry across the valley that passes by us. The road is mostly smooth and the ride comfortable. I am not as crowded as I have been. She is quiet until she softly says, "*Emama mona,*" stop here. The conductor tells the driver, who pulls off the road to the left. I look around. What is here? Some mistake? In the distance, I see a cluster of homes. Between the road and the houses is a deep gorge, then up the other side. The conductor slides the van door open and removes the sack of meat and the heavy pail. There is no one there waiting for her. She looks for no one in the distance who might be late, but coming to help her. There is no one around.

My queen leaves her carriage. As the van pulls away, I see her bending down, reaching for her burden. She will head for home as do I. For her, it is another day that blurs with those before and after. For me, well, I had a ride with royalty.

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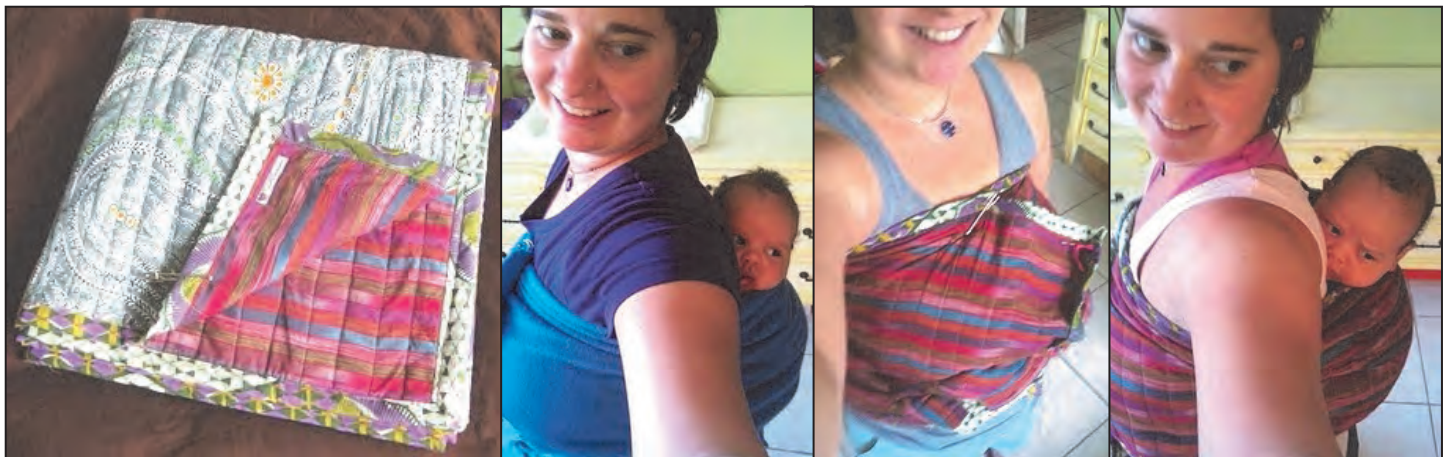


## Baby Got Back

By Nicole Potsane, RPCV Lesotho 03-05

Nicole and her husband welcomed their first child, Ellis Tumelo on June 6, 2011. Excerpt from Nicole's blog. Nicole volunteers for FOL by completing the layout for the FOL Newsletter.

Sometimes things are not better in the west. No offense to the myriad of companies producing baby carriers, but the developed world has simply not designed any product that carries babies as efficiently and perfectly as the women of developing nations. I have seen pictures of how it is done in other countries, but Lesotho is the only country for which I have firsthand experience. They use a blanket and a gigantic safety pin. That is it. It sounds too good to be true, but I assure you it is possible. Thanks to my two year sojourn in Lesotho, and the fact that my best friend and her mother both had babies, I learned how to *pepa* (carry a baby on my back). About a month ago, I decided Ellis was ready to pepa, so on my back he went. Other people seem surprised at how much he likes it, but not me. Let us think about this...he is tightly wrapped and happens to be strapped to one of his favorite people in the world. What's not to love? Anyhow, I started off using my *tjale* (a blanket women wear around their waist or shoulders, similar to a picnic blanket - mine was given to me by my in-laws) and when at home, I carried Ellis around on my back all the time. But I was not mentally prepared for venturing out in public. I have this awful tendency to get a bit timid about doing out-of-the-ordinary things in public, so obviously strapping my baby on my back and wandering the grocery store was totally NOT in my comfort zone. Ugh.



From left to right: The Pepa. Nicole & Ellis with the boring blue *tjale*, the new and improved pepa blanket, Nicole & Ellis with the new Pepa.

But then Janissa (FOL's graphic artist) saw a picture I had posted of Ellis on my back and she mentioned that my blanket is boring. She is right. It is blue with blue stripes. Well, I cannot say that I needed another sewing project, but I like a good challenge. And I realized that maybe if I made a special *pepa* blanket, I would be more at ease using it in public. As an added bonus it would be lovely and hopefully not be as hot as an acrylic blanket, which is *mucho importante* in Miami. So I pulled out my fabrics and voila!! I sewed a quilted cloth to carry my little Ellis. Now when people ask me what carrier I am using, I am going to tell them it is a "Pepa" by Lerato Designs. And they will be super jealous, because their hands-free carrier ain't as fantastic as my hands-free carrier.

Isn't it lovely? I am still not 100% confident using it in public, because I feel like a fish out of water, but I am working on it. I am building up mental stamina... I used it walking downstairs to get the mail, to a yoga studio grand opening, and in my husband's company at the grocery store. It has been wonderful, but it definitely gets a lot of stares and comments. I know, I know...time to stop worrying about what everyone else is thinking and just worry about what is best for me and my baby. Easier said than done, but I am trying!!!

Update: After reading this story on my blog, Janissa pointed out that when I use the *Pepa* I am fulfilling my Peace Corps duties "by educating Americans in a beautifully personal way." It makes me happy to think that carrying my child around the grocery store is helping to achieve Peace Corps' Third Goal of "helping Americans understand the people and cultures of other countries."





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## Lithaba tsa Lesotho (News of Lesotho)



Download the newsletter from the FOL website [www.friendsoflesotho.org](http://www.friendsoflesotho.org) and you can click on the pictures to link to the full story.



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News from Lesotho at <http://www.irinnews.org/country.aspx?country=ls>



### Ex-mineworkers search for new livelihoods

MOHALE'S HOEK, 24 February 2011 (IRIN) - Communities in Lesotho are struggling to find new livelihoods as the number of local men employed in South African mines continues to dwindle.



### Better coordination could save lives of mothers

THABA-TSEKA, 22 February 2011 (IRIN) - A new joint program is changing the way the Lesotho government and its development partners deliver aid by getting different government departments, UN agencies, and civil society organizations working together to help mothers and their families



### Learning to do more with less

MASERU, 18 February 2011 (IRIN) - The Lesotho government has warned its citizens to prepare for a difficult year ahead as the tiny, land-locked country absorbs the effects of the global economic slow-down, including a sharp decline in crucial revenue from the Southern African Customs Union (SACU).



### Floods take heavy toll

THABA-TSEKA, 15 February 2011 (IRIN) - From a distance, the fields of maize that cover almost every hillside in Lesotho's Thaba-Tseka district look green and lush. On closer inspection, the plants have a sickly yellowish hue and the heads of corn that should be ripening in time for the April harvest are nowhere to be seen.



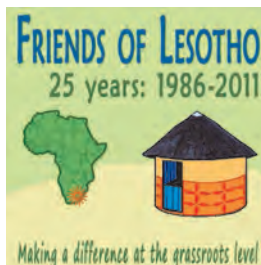
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## FOL & Peace Corps News

### FOL Welcomes Victor Cuevas to the Board



Victor Cuevas is a graduate of San Diego State University with a Bachelor's degree in child development. Prior to Peace Corps, Vic served with AmeriCorps, where he helped countless children in reading and writing. Vic was a 2008-2010 education volunteer in Lesotho, where he worked as a resource teacher in the district of Thaba-Tseka. His role involved providing resources and guidance to over 60 preschool and kindergarten teachers and to well over 3,000 children. He also provided training and guidance in HIV/AIDS to hundreds of host nationals. Additionally, Vic opened approximately 24 libraries within the district of Thaba-Tseka that included over 2,000 children's books and served more than 1,000 children. Before leaving Lesotho, Vic provided training and assistance to the new education group, allowing them to grab a sturdy foothold in their endeavors for the next two years.

Vic is moving on to the next phase of his volunteer service by offering his services to FOL and embracing the third goal of Peace Corps by bringing the culture he grew to love in Africa back to America. Vic resides in San Diego and is currently sharing his computer skills with FOL by working with Kevin to put the final touches on the slideshow that will be used at FOL's reunion/ anniversary event in D.C. later this month. 


### Join the Peace Corps Day of Service

As part of the Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the National Peace Corps Association is encouraging all RPCVs to participate in a day of service. Volunteers that will be in Washington, D.C., for the anniversary events will join together on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> to participate in service projects around the D.C. area. A group of 30 RPCVs from Lesotho are planning to join in the day of service before attending the Friday dinner and evening program sponsored by FOL.

If you can't join us in D.C., consider showing your Peace Corps pride by participating in a service activity in your local or global community. Please let Peace Corps know if you are planning a service day outside of D.C. because they want to hear from you. They will be totaling all the service hours for the day and circulating the information to the entire community.

Join FOL and your fellow RPCVs for a day of service either in D.C. or near your home.

Contact Khalisa from NPCA with your service hours at [khalisa@peacecorpsconnect.org](mailto:khalisa@peacecorpsconnect.org) 

Julie Lancaster (nee Faulkner), Mark Lancaster (not pictured), Nicole Brule (nee Busustow), Charlotte Massey, and Faye Farmer recently enjoyed an August weekend reminiscing in Flagstaff, Arizona. The women served as Agriculture volunteers starting in 1997. Mark served in the Education group starting in 1996. Dr. Nicole Brule is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in private practice and lives with her husband, David, in Eugene, OR. Dr. Charlotte Massey is a Naturopathic Physician at Montana Integrative Medicine in Bozeman, MT and loving it! Julie and Mark live and work in Flagstaff, with their two children and four chickens, as a Associate Professor, Career Services Advisor & Alumni Association Director and a high school English instructor, respectively. Faye lives with her husband and 2 kids in Tempe, 3 hours south of Flagstaff, and works at Arizona State University. Even after 12 years, we found ourselves lapsing into SeSotho, catching up on what we knew of mutual acquaintances, and generally reliving all the stories that made Peace Corps Lesotho an exceptional event in our lives. 





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## Bits & Pieces



Photo courtesy:  
Nicole Potsane  
RPCV, 2003-2005



Friends of Lesotho - 2011 Treasurer's Summary for Board:		July 17, 2011	
	5/16/2011	7/17/2011	Difference
Current Bank Balance (checking):	\$28,429.49	\$12,455.45	-\$15,974.04
Current Bank Balance (savings):	\$44,665.34	\$44,728.57	\$63.23
Paypal (pending transfer):	\$0.00	\$1,929.52	\$1,929.52
<b>Total (both accounts)</b>	<b>\$73,094.83</b>	<b>\$59,113.54</b>	<b>-\$13,981.29</b>
<i>Interest Earned CY to Date (incl. above)</i>	<i>\$130.52</i>	<i>\$193.75</i>	<i>\$63.23</i>
Paid Membership (Incl. Adv Dues - 20 for 2011):	60	83	23
New members this Year to date:	4	12	8
Non-member cash donors Year to date:	1	5	4
<b>2011 Extra Donation Fund Status:</b>			
		Amount sent	Amount Pending
<b>Donation Fund</b>	<u>Amount in Fund</u>	to Lesotho (1)	<b>Future Disbursement</b>
Lesotho Project Fund	\$11,935.97	\$8,202.24	\$3,733.73
Scholarship Fund	\$41,565.77	\$14,287.33	\$27,278.44
Village Hope Project (PCV)	\$802.00	\$802.00	\$0.00
Little Angels	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$56,103.74</b>	<b>\$25,091.57</b>	<b>\$31,012.17</b>
<i>Difference from Prior report:</i>	<i>\$2,395.85</i>	<i>\$21,793.40</i>	<i>-\$19,397.55</i>
<i>Note 1 - These include donation collection fees from Just Give and transfer fees in sending funds.</i>			
Project cash sent in period included:			
- LCCU via Wittenberg U - Scott's 2011 projects (\$1,646.00 - 1st Presb)			
- Little Angels - Wire to Lesotho (\$3,340 total - \$1,800 L.Angels, \$1,540 FOL undesig)			
- Village Hope - Project Funds via G.Gall (\$2,800 total - \$802 V.Hope, \$1,998 FOL undesig)			
- TAP via PCPP ACH/ck2159 (\$14,000 TAP)			
<b>Fundraiser Events</b>			
PC 50th Anniversary (fundraiser cash to expense)	\$5,295.18	\$60.48	\$5,234.70
<b>2011 Operating Expense Status:</b>			
Current Cash in Accounts (as above):		\$59,113.54	
<b>Subtract out:</b>			
Project Expenditure Obligations (per above, incl. interest)		-\$36,246.87	Incl. fundraiser fund
Future Dues for Carryover		-\$180.00	Incl. interest
Life Membership Fund (incl. interest)		-\$12,294.35	49 = total members
Cash Available for FOL Expenses =		\$10,392.32	
Unused Expenses in 2011 Budget -		\$4,147.68	
<b>Current Cash Reserve =</b>		<b>\$6,244.64</b>	excluding unspent budget
(Total operating cash expenses, incl. NPCA pass thru):		\$882.32	
(Total operating inkind expenses to date):		\$41.91	

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## FOL ONLINE STORE

### ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT\*

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\* If you attend the September 2011 reunion in Washington DC, you will receive a complimentary t-shirt at registration. A limited supply will also be available for purchase at the reunion.



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# 2012 Lesotho Calendars

## Lesotho: The Mountain Kingdom

A photographic essay by Jeremy Wade Shockley



## Lesotho: The Mountain Kingdom

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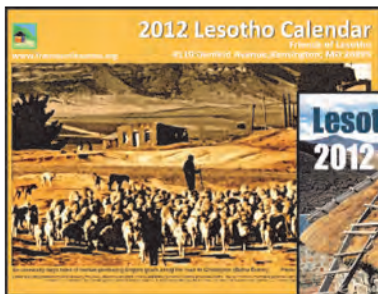


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