



FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

METSOALLE ea LESOTHO

President's Message

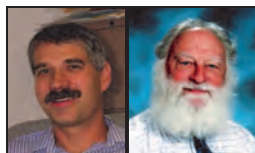
Lumelang Metsoalle,

The feedback from those who attended our 25th reunion was a much appreciated affirmation of a job well done by the Reunion Planning Committee. Thanks go out to all those who posted their pictures and comments on our Facebook reunion page! The FOL Committees are reviewing the ideas generated during the brainstorming sessions at the reunion, and several suggestions have already been put into practice. Committee chairs are discussing existing and new initiatives for 2012. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and will be considered for follow-up during our 2012 Board workplan meetings.

Recently, the Board approved funding for Family Literacy Lesotho to support the publication of the Lesotho Counting Book Project (Sesotho language book) submitted by Jane Hale and Dave Ruch. We were also pleased to send additional funding this year for Janissa Balcomb's Laptops to Lesotho program, a highly innovative and successful project recently highlighted in a previous FOL newsletter.

In recognition of all of the newsletter coordinators and committee members who have worked behind the scenes in publishing our FOL newsletter over the past 25 years, we have archived every past issue of the newsletter on our website. You are encouraged to review our history through this archive. The FOL newsletter has been one of our most visible projects and means of communicating with our members over the years. Along with our website and Facebook pages, we expect to continue to expand our communications and social networking with our membership in the years to come.

The FOL Board appointed two new directors at our October meeting: Dave Ruch and Kevin Caughlan. Dave and Kevin decided to join the Board as a result of what they experienced at the FOL reunion. Dave and Kevin will serve on the Finance Committee and other task-force groups as they get oriented to the workings of the Board.



Dave Ruch & Kevin Caughlan

Recruitment of new board and committee members will begin in January in anticipation of elections at our March annual meeting. If you are interested in providing your time in support of FOL activities, please contact Dyann Van Dusen. She would be happy to provide more information on how to apply for a board or committee position and to describe the time commitment and responsibilities involved. Look for details on our website on how to participate in our up-coming elections and annual meeting conference call. As always, all members are invited to participate in our board meetings.

Peter Neumann recently sent out our **Annual Appeal Letter** to the membership. On behalf of the board of directors, thank you for including FOL in your annual giving plans. As you will read in this newsletter, there are critical needs for funding in Lesotho at this time: one example is the Lesotho Child Counseling Unit (LCCU) emergency orphan shelter, which had a major fire and is in dire need for our support.



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

Fourth Quarter 2011
Newsletter



Photo courtesy:
Lizbeth Schoon

Inside this issue:	
<i>President's Letter</i>	1
<i>Lesotho Child Counseling Unit Fire</i>	2
<i>Lesotho RPCVs Advocate for Peace Corps</i>	4
<i>FOL & Peace Corps News</i>	5
<i>Litaba tsa Lesotho</i>	6
<i>National Day of Service</i>	7
<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	8
<i>FOL Marketplace</i>	9
<i>FOL 2012 Calendar</i>	10
<i>Membership Form</i>	11

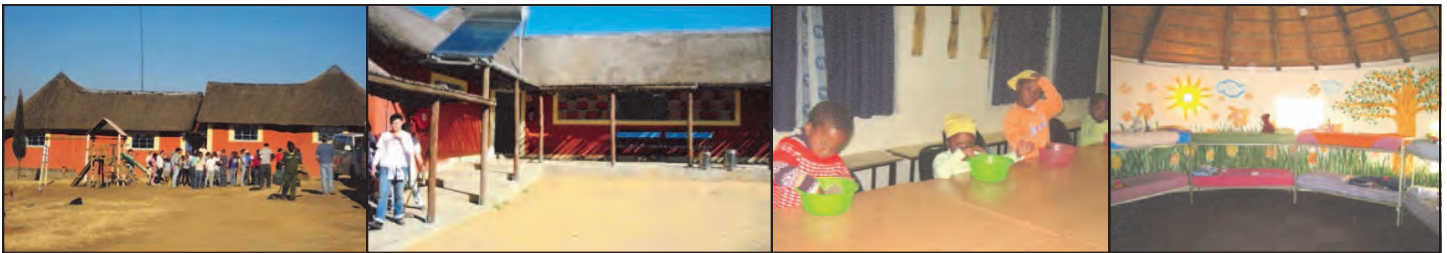


METSOALLE ea LESOTHO

Lesotho Child Counseling Unit (LCCU) Fire Leaves the Most Vulnerable Exposed

By Dyann Van Dusen, FOL Vice President (dyvandusen@yahoo.com)

The Lesotho Child Counseling Unit (LCCU) emergency orphan shelter had a major fire this past month—just as it was making preparations to celebrate its 10th anniversary. LCCU is located in Mazenod on the road to the airport. This large shelter had been the dream of founder Lydia Muso since she opened LCCU in her own home in 2001 to care for some of Lesotho's most vulnerable children. It was completed in 2008, thanks in large part to a significant donation from Standard Bank of Lesotho and many other U.S. and international donors.



Lesotho Child Counseling Unit emergency orphan shelter before the fire.

We have not been able to reach Lydia by phone since receiving her e-mail about the fire. These pictures were taken by Rose Paradise, a former PCV and founder of Little Angels who has lived in Lesotho since 2003. Here is an excerpt from Rose's e-mail to me:

"From what Lydia told me it happened last Friday, the 11th. She said that she and the children were in the kitchen watching TV, when around 8pm a boy came running to the compound yelling 'mollo'. The fire apparently started in the laundry room (her theory), which is on the other side of the building. It took the Fire Dept some time to get there from Maseru. When they arrived the building was pretty much destroyed. After that the fire engine from the airport showed up...with very little water...they're practically across the street. Lydia thinks it started because of faulty wiring to the dryer, but nothing has been proven and the police haven't really investigated, nor do they have a Fire Marshal able to determine the real cause of the fire...based on the fact that she was not crying and ranting and raving...why would she start the fire?? For what good reason is what I want to know? There was no insurance on the property. Apparently she let it lapse. Thank God no one was hurt. As you can see, the building is gutted. All the furnishings are gone, clothing, toys, everything gone. To add insult to injury: the people who came to help stole all the blankets that were saved.

The house where LCCU used to be also burned down last Sunday. She had some of her nieces stay there and apparently they had some boys over. She thinks one of the boys is responsible for this fire. She suspects smoking. The police have the boy (about 20 years old) in custody. Now the children are living in her house, currently 21 of them.

When I talked to her she was totally out of it as if she was in shock, not surprising given the circumstances. She says that whenever she goes to town people are asking her why she set her house on fire?



Inside the Lesotho Child Counseling Unit emergency orphan shelter after the fire.

(Continued on page 3)



Lesotho Child Counseling Unit (LCCU) Fire Leaves the Most Vulnerable Exposed

(Continued from page 2)

The children at LCCU are not just orphans trying to fend for themselves in their home villages. They have suffered severe abuse inflicted by extended family members and others in their village. Many are victims of beatings, rape, forced marriages, or child trafficking. Some are brought to LCCU by the police or social agencies in order to protect them and so that they can receive counseling to begin the process of healing.



Outside the Lesotho Child Counseling Unit emergency orphan shelter after the fire.

Scott Rosenberg, FOL board member and professor at Ohio's Wittenberg University, has traveled to Lesotho with students for many years. The beautiful dorm (see photo) was one of many projects undertaken by his students. Scott has already begun reaching out to the generous donors from his local rotary who have supported LCCU in the past. The Rotary president is travelling to Lesotho for another project and plans to meet with a trusted general contractor for an assessment of repair costs. BLOOM Africa, fundraising service group formed by some of Scott's former students, will also be contacted for help.

FOL's Donation's Committee met recently and is recommending an initial contribution of \$6,000. They have begun contacting a number of other non-profit groups working in Lesotho to enlist additional support.

If you haven't already made an end-of-year donation to FOL in response to our annual appeal letter, please consider doing so today on behalf of the children of Lesotho Child Counseling Unit.

If you would like more details about LCCU, you can go to our website and

download the slideshow presentation prepared for FOL's 25th anniversary reunion held in D.C. at the end of September. From the FOL website home page (<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/>), click on 25th Anniversary Reunion. Slideshow presentations can be found at the bottom of that page.

I was a volunteer with LCCU between 2003 and 2006. The picture of Lydia at the left with baby Keke was taken a few months after she came to LCCU malnourished and near death from alleged sexual abuse. The LCCU provides critical support for the most vulnerable in Lesotho. Please consider contributing to its reconstruction. On behalf of Lydia Muso, the children of LCCU, and the Friends of Lesotho Board of Directors, thank you for your concern and generosity.



Lydia Muso with Baby Keke.



Some of the children of LCCU



METSOALLE ea LESOTHO

50th Anniversary Gathering Spotlights Critical Peace Corps Needs: Returned Peace Corps Volunteers from Lesotho Advocate for the Peace Corps on Capital Hill

By Julie Galbraith

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) from Lesotho spent a day on Capitol Hill during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C. Meg Castle (Maryland), Julie Galbraith (California), Deena Rowe-Krumdick (Colorado), and Wendy Seaward (Tennessee) spent Thursday, September 22, 2011 on Capitol Hill urging their congresspersons to support legislation that will honor and strengthen the Peace Corps's mission of promoting peace and friendship around the world. September 22 marked 50 years to the day of final congressional passage and signing of the Peace Corps Act in 1961.

The RPCVs from Lesotho, along with over 500 other RPCVs from various countries, urged continued strong support for funding of the Peace Corps, noting the positive role Peace Corps volunteers play in U.S. outreach to the world and emphasizing the significant dividends and many domestic benefits RPCVs provide to communities here at home. Earlier this year, Peace Corps was dealt a \$26 million cut to its \$400 million budget. Advocates are seeking to forestall further cuts. Some 8,655 Peace Corps volunteers are currently in the field, an increase of nearly 1,000 from a year ago and the highest number in 40 years. Since 1961, more than 200,000 citizens have served as Peace Corps volunteers in nearly 140 different countries.



RPCV Lesotho Julie Galbraith and her fellow Californian RPCVs get ready to meet with the staff of Representative Brian Bilbray during Peace Corps Day of Advocacy.

Advocates also urged bi-partisan support and cooperation to ensure passage of the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act, designed to strengthen the agency's training and response to volunteers serving overseas who are subjected to physical or sexual assault. Since this issue received much attention earlier this year, Congress, the Peace Corps, and victims advocacy groups have taken significant steps forward to address the concern.

Congress is also considering legislation to authorize the creation of a commemorative work near the National Mall to mark the historic significance of the founding of the Peace Corps in 1961. This project would use no taxpayer funds for either its creation or maintenance. The RPCVs explained each of these issues to their Senators, Representatives, and/or their staff and provided them with follow-up literature for further review.



RPCV Lesotho Wendy Seaward meets with Congressman Duncan during the Peace Corps Day of Advocacy.

Wendy Seaward and her fellow RPCVs from Tennessee met with Representatives Diane Black, Jim Cooper, John Duncan, Chuck Fleischman, and Phil Roe and the staffs of Senators L Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker (see photo).

Former Friends of Lesotho Board Member Deena Rowe-Krumdick and other RPCVs from Colorado met with Senator Michael Bennet and the staff of Senator Mark Udall and Representative Mike Coffman.

Friends of Lesotho Board Member Julie Galbraith and other RPCVs from California met with Senator Barbara Boxer and the staffs of Senator Diane Feinstein and Representatives Brian Bilbray, Janice Hahn, Duncan Hunter, Karen Bass, and Bob Filner (see photo).

Meg Castle and other RPCVs from Maryland met with the staff of Representatives Roscoe Bartlett, Steny Hoyer, and Donna Edwards.





25 Years of Newsletters Archived on Our Website

In recognition of all those who helped to publish the FOL newsletter over the last 25 years, we have now archived the complete set of newsletters on our website (<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/membership/newsletters/>).

If you have any paper copies of issues not included in this collection, please let us know so we can add any missing issues. Thanks to Bill Dunn and Marty Smith for their contributions to this project.

FOL would like to recognize the newsletter coordinators and committee members whom we were able to identify. Please send us the names of anyone who should be added to this list.

Years	Newsletter Coordinators and Committee Members
1980s	Scott Brumburg, Don Spicer
1990s	Bob Kerr, Caroline Richardson, Lori Wichart, Lisa LaBella, George Fanelli
2000s	Dorothy Holland, Martha Munson
2010s	Faye Farmer, Allison Pranger, Nicole Potsane, Dyann Van Dusen

Boy Scout Troop 100 in Washington DC has invited four boy scouts and two leaders to come to Washington from Lesotho in June 2012. They will tour the City and spend a week at Summer Camp in Virginia. Troop 100 is fund raising at this time: selling Holiday trees and greens. Annmarie Emmet, RPCV Lesotho 2002-2004 has spoken to the troop leader and they estimate that \$2500 would enable one scout to participate in this program. The cost is primarily airfare, as they will be housed in other scouts homes, and the Summer Camp is providing free tuition to the Basotho. Annmarie is a member of Friends of Lesotho, RPCV/Washington, NPCA and recently worked on the 50th PC Anniversary Parade. She is hoping to raise enough money to sponsor one scout from Lesotho. Please help Annmarie by mailing a check, made out to Troop 100 BSA, to her at 2525 Queen Anne's Lane, NW Washington, DC. 20037 and indicate if you need a tax letter.

Membership Committee News

The FOL board regretfully accepted the resignation of Jason Samuelian from the position of membership chair in October. Until a new chair is appointed (committee chairs must be a member of the FOL board) Dyann Van Dusen, immediate past chair of the committee, will resume that role.

FOL welcomes new member Marge Scieszka.

FOL welcomes new Lifetime members: Anne Button, Duane Morse, Don Spicer, Nthakoana Peko, Marissa De Franca, Nancy Zook

Membership Outreach

FOL's recent 25th Anniversary/Reunion resulted in one new Lifetime Membership from Marissa DeFranca, as well as offers from long-standing members willing to help bring fellow RPCVs whose membership has lapsed back into the FOL family.

Whether you attended the reunion or not, we would welcome your help in reaching out to your RPCV peers. FOL maintains a database of several hundred names of RPCVs who have been members in the past or who at one time inquired about membership, but never joined. As an active FOL member, you can access the database to find friends and past acquaintances and act as an ambassador for FOL. Reaching out to nascent members and asking them to join again supports FOL by increasing membership revenue, as well as by adding voices to the work we do. The database can be sorted by service years and/or geographic areas to make searching easy. Please consider promoting FOL membership on a personal level as one way you can support FOL.

PCV News and Outreach

A new group of education PCVs arrived at post this past month as the 2009-2011 group prepared to COS. To learn who they are and where they will be posted after training, please check out the Peace Corps Lesotho *Khotso* monthly newsletters, which are posted on FOL's website. These newsletters provide a vital link to FOL members and describe the lives of PCVs in Lesotho today. As most of you know, Peace Corps has rules against providing personal contact information for PCTs (Peace Corps Trainees) while attending pre-service staging. Also, PC posts are also not allowed to send us personal contact information once PCVs arrive in country.

However, we have learned that many newly appointed PCVs establish Facebook pages for their group prior to departure. If you are an active member of Facebook and would like to serve as an ad hoc ambassador to the group on behalf of FOL, let me know.

As a reminder, FOL offers complimentary membership to actively serving PCVs, which continues for one year from their COS date. PCVs must take advantage of our website complimentary-membership offer, which requires their e-mail contact information.

Please contact me (dyvandusen@yahoo.com) for more information if you are willing to help FOL grow its membership and expand our communications with current and past PCVs.





Download the newsletter from the FOL website www.friendsoflesotho.org and you can click on the links.

Litaba tsa Lesotho (News of Lesotho)



Local Elections

The Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD) won 69 of the 77 councils in the October local elections. The All Basotho Convention (ABC) won three councils, and the Basotho National Party (BNP) won two. Other opposition parties and independents won the remaining seats. Interestingly, the left-of-center Popular Front for Democracy (PFD) did well at the ward level; although it only won one council, it was considered third behind the ABC.

Despite the victory, reports indicate increased factional divisions within the LCD with members split over support of Prime Minister Pakatitha Mosisili. The purported leader of the anti-Mosisili group, Communications Minister Mothejoa Metsing, was reported on WikiLeaks to have described the Prime Minister as a dictator. Read more about the local elections at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201110141344.html>. Read more about the LCD factions at <http://www.southernafricareport.com/Member/SecurePages/SecureNews.aspx?niid=11333>.

New Hospital in Maseru

Recently, a state-of-the-art hospital opened in Maseru. The hospital was built as the result of a public-private partnership managed by the Tsepong consortium. The hospital includes several new services, including intensive care, and is designed to improve maternal health, reduce child mortality, and combat HIV/AIDS. In addition, it has associated filter clinics in Qoaling, Mabote, and Likotsi. If it is a success, the public-private partnership model may be used across the continent to increase the delivery of quality healthcare. Read more at <http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/201110211407.html>.

2010 Land Act

The land tenure system in Lesotho has long been considered a hindrance to development because the lack of certitude in title made individuals reluctant to invest in the land. In an effort to propel economic development and ensure food security, the government passed the Land Act of 2010. Under the new law, the minister can regulate rent, dictate land use, and exempt companies from being disqualified from holding title to land. It also allows for the termination of a lease or the right to occupy if the land has been declared abandoned. Land may be considered abandoned if it has not been cultivated for at least three consecutive years. The law's passage was not welcomed by all, however. Opposition parties, traditional leaders, some rural communities, and non-governmental organizations opposed the law arguing that it will result in land being a moneyed commodity that only Basotho elite and foreigners will be able to afford. Read more at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201111040510.html>.

Highlands Water Project

The Highlands Water Project development continues to impact Basotho. The Polihali Dam, part of the project designed to supply water to the South African area of Gauteng, is anticipated to displace approximately 2,550 people from 17 villages in the Mokhotlong district. In addition to the displacement, the resulting lake is expected to submerge fields and grazing lands of a further 72 villages, thus impacting approximately 16,560 residents. Read more at <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/Dam-to-displace-2-500-Basothos-20111109>. To read more about the social and environmental impact of the dams, visit <http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/90064531?Dam-building%20continues%20despite%20controversy#ixzz11eNEWBCuWx>.

Initiation School Enrollment Up

After a report that men could reduce their risk of HIV infection by being circumcised, initiation-school enrollment spiked in Lesotho. Because the schools are not regulated, boys as young as 12 are dropping out of primary/secondary school to attend. After initiation school, few return to their traditional education, in part because they are now viewed as men and in part because they are indebted to the initiation school and must work to repay them. Although some of the schools in the mountains charge as little as 100 maloti, those in more populous areas charge as much as 500 maloti. In addition, the boys' families are expected to supply the food, blankets, and accessories needed for the graduation ceremony. If the families are unable to provide the supplies, the initiation school will feed and clothe the boys, but they will then have to work for a year or more, often herding animals, to repay the debt. Read more online at <http://www.irinnews.org/printreport.aspx?reportid=94228>.

Huge Green Energy Project

Lesotho Highlands Power Project (LHPP) has announced a new project to harvest wind and water. The first phase of the project is a 150 megawatt wind farm set to start next year. South Africa's Harrison and White Investments and its Chinese technology partner, Ming Yang Wind Power, will build wind turbine components factories in South Africa and Lesotho. Construction is anticipated to take 10 to 15 years, with turbines to be placed atop the Maluti mountains, making it one of the highest wind farms in the world. Although the area where the turbines are to be placed is sparsely populated, there is expected to be some opposition to the environmental impact on the flora and fauna. Read more at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/oct/31/lesotho-harness-wind-water-energy>.

Textile Industry Update

Global economic woes have had a significant impact on the Lesotho Textile Industry. In 2005, the industry included 45 factories employing approximately 55,000 Basotho with exports of around \$500 million per year. Currently, there are 23 working factories employing 33,000 workers and exporting \$300 million per year. Despite this 40 percent decline, the industry still contributes 20 percent of Lesotho's annual gross domestic product and is the largest employer in the country. Recently, the Lesotho government announced plans to spend 100 million maloti to bolster the industry. Concerns have also been raised about the 2015 end of the African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA), which gives certain sub-Saharan African countries, including Lesotho, duty-free access to U.S. markets. However, at a U.S. State Department briefing earlier this year, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Demetrios Marantis stated that the department is working on "a seamless renewal of AGOA when it expires in 2015." Read more at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201111250174.html>.





National Day of Service

By Julie Galbraith

As part of the recent 50th anniversary celebration for the Peace Corps, FOL partnered with the National Park Service and Ben and Jerry's for a landscaping service project at the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Despite the rainy weather, 27 former Peace Corps volunteers spent the morning of September 23, 2011, working on a landscape project to beautify the World War II Memorial. In the Peace Corps spirit of friendliness and inclusiveness, Julie Galbraith invited two of her RPCV Ecuador friends, Wendy Seaward invited an RPCV from Uzbekistan whom she met while participating in the Peace Corps Day of Advocacy the day before, and the RPCVs from Lesotho recruited two parents of a current PCV in Guatemala to join them as they passed through the hotel lobby on their way to the metro the day of the project!

The volunteers planted their Kingdom of Lesotho and U.S. Peace Corps flag at the project site and got right to work. The service project was located adjacent to the sidewalk that led from the visitor's center to the memorial, enabling interaction between those participating in the work and those visiting the memorial. Many of the RPCVs were able to converse with WWII vets visiting the memorial for the first time, and heartfelt thanks were exchanged by all parties.

The day of service was particularly meaningful for RPCV Lesotho and FOL member Gary Gilbert of Defiance, Ohio:

"I was truly honored to work with my fellow Returned Peace Corps volunteers from Lesotho at the World War II Memorial. My father, Howard M. Gilbert, served in the 10th Mountain Division in Italy during WWII and never had a chance to visit the memorial before his death in 2008. To help beautify the memorial in the pouring rain and have WWII vets thank us for our service is an experience I will not soon forget. When we finished with our work, I felt like I had honored my dad's memory and his service."

Many thanks to Acting Volunteer Program Manager for the National Mall and Memorial Parks Miriam Hornstein for providing gloves, tools, and supervision. A special thanks also to Ben and Jerry's, who provided our blue service-day t-shirts, which were more brown than blue by the end of the project. Ben and Jerry's also provided free ice-cream coupons. Soaking wet and muddy, the volunteers headed off to clean up for the 25th anniversary gathering of the Friends of Lesotho .



Rainy day of service: Wet and muddy volunteers at project site.



Before picture caption: Early risers to the day of service: left to right, standing: Peggy Hawkins, Miriam Hornstein, Deena Rowe-Krumdick, Wendy Seaward, Ted Hochstadt, Gary Gilbert, Larry Durkin, Kristen Olson, Kennedy, John Olson Kennedy, Seated, Meg Castle, Julie Galbraith.

Those who participated in the Day of Service at the World War II Memorial included Julie Galbraith, Larry Durkin, Gary Gilbert, Kristin Olson-Kennedy, John Olson-Kennedy, Wendy Seaward, Deena Rowe-Krumdick, Meg Castle, Peggy Anne Hawkins, Ted Hochstadt, James Rubarth-Lay, David Almandsmith, Ann Pfingston, Ronna Abbott, Marlene Buffington, Sherry Hellenkamp, Joel Hellenkamp, Linda Henry, Glenna Snider, Sally Vogl, Brad Gamble, Frank Weyer, Michael Olsen, Janet Laminack, Katie Jones, Jim Liljestrand, and Alice Liljestrand



amazon.com
and you're done.™

Whenever you shop at Amazon.com, start at FOL first.

Friends of Lesotho is an Amazon.com affiliate.

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/shop/amazon/>

**Check out the
FOL website**

www.friendsoflesotho.org



METSOALLE ea LESOTHO

Bits & Pieces



Photo courtesy:
Lizbeth Schoon



Friends of Lesotho - 2011 Treasurer's Summary for Board: November 21, 2011			
	10/24/2011	11/21/2011	Difference
Current Bank Balance (checking):	\$6,697.83	\$9,495.85	\$2,798.02
Current Bank Balance (savings):	\$40,822.70	\$40,849.95	\$27.25
Paypal (pending transfer):	\$2,658.85	\$2,158.85	-\$500.00
Total (both accounts)	\$50,179.38	\$52,504.65	\$2,325.27
<i>Interest Earned CY to Date (incl. above)</i>	\$287.88	\$315.13	\$27.25
Paid Membership (Incl. Adv Dues - 20 for 2011):	110	117	7
New members this Year to date:	13	15	2
Non-member cash donors Year to date:	8	11	3
2011 Extra Donation Fund Status:			
	Amount in	Amount sent	Amount Pending
Donation Fund	Fund	to Lesotho (1)	Future Disbursement
Lesotho Project Fund (2)	\$15,745.20	\$9,841.30	\$5,903.90
Scholarship Fund	\$41,985.26	\$14,288.01	\$27,697.25
Village Hope Project (PCV)	\$802.00	\$802.00	\$0.00
Little Angels	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00
Sesotho Counting Book	\$1,000.00	\$29.00	\$971.00
Totals	\$62,132.46	\$27,560.31	\$34,572.15
<i>Difference from Prior report:</i>	\$3,156.67	\$2,459.00	\$697.67
<i>Note 1 - These include donation collection fees from Just Give and transfer fees in sending funds.</i>			
(2) Project cash sent (other than online fees) in period included:			
- Janissa Balcomb - Laptops to Lesotho (\$1,190 FOL Project Fund)			
- Little Angels - Wire to Lesotho incl fee (\$440 FOL Project Fund, \$800 Little Angels Fund)			
Fundraiser Events			
PC 50th Anniversary (expenses covered by registration)			\$8,520.18
PC 50th Anniversary (expenses covered by Fundraising Comm. budget)			\$1,796.95
PC 50th Anniversary (expenses covered by FOL Operating Cash Reserve)			\$5,401.43
PC 50th Anniversary (covered as inkind expense)			\$534.66
		Total Reunion Fundraiser Expense:	\$16,253.22
<i>Amount from sales that went to the Lesotho Project Fund (in total above):</i>			\$2,196.00
2011 Operating Expense Status:			
Current Cash in Accounts (as above):		\$52,504.65	
Subtract out:			
Project Expenditure Obligations (per above, incl. interest)		-\$34,572.15	Incl. fundraiser fund
Future Dues for Carryover		-\$315.00	Incl. interest
Life Membership Fund (incl. interest)		-\$14,079.25	54 = total members
Cash Available for FOL Expenses =		\$3,538.25	
Unused Expenses in 2011 Budget -		\$1,975.04	
Current Cash Reserve =		\$1,563.21	excluding unspent budget
(Total operating cash expenses, incl. NPCA pass thru):		\$3,159.96	
(Total operating inkind expenses to date - excl reunion above):		\$243.26	operating expenses only

Find Friends of Lesotho as a Cause on Facebook

<http://www.causes.com/causes/505986>

PLEASE PAY YOUR
MEMBERSHIP DUES ANNUALLY

Your membership expiration date
is located on the mailing label.

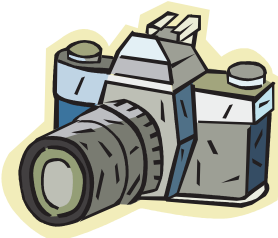


Bits & Pieces

Got Photos??

We would love to showcase your pictures of the people, places, and things of Lesotho and Peace Corps in our various publications, including this newsletter.

Please email your photos to Faye Farmer at f_e_@hotmail.com



www.friendsoflesotho.org

You can now PAY your dues and make donations with a

CREDIT CARD

1234 5678 9012 3456

*Making a difference
at the grassroots level*



Sign up for email-only delivery of your FOL newsletter and you'll help FOL send more money to Lesotho. Sign up at the membership page at www.friendsoflesotho.org

FOL Marketplace

FOL items are great for holiday gift-giving ! 2011 is FOL's 25th Anniversary and PC's 50th Anniversary. Our Anniversary Celebration apparel has an FOL design on the front and Peace doves on the back.

2012 Calendars are now for sale as well!!

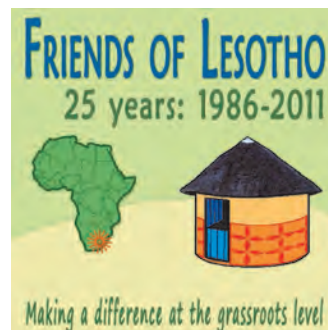
Visit <https://friendsoflesotho.org> for more information.

Interesting links about Lesotho:

www.publiceye.co.ls

www.informativenews.co.ls

www.allafrica.com/lesotho/



Front of shirt



Back of shirt

amazon.com
and you're done.™

Whenever you shop at Amazon.com, start at FOL first.

Friends of Lesotho is an Amazon.com affiliate.

Access Amazon.com from the FOL website and a portion of the price of your purchase will be donated to FOL by Amazon.com.

Go to the FOL website, click on the "Shop" tab, select "FOL Amazon," and click on the Amazon link.

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/shop/amazon/>

2012 Lesotho Calendars

Lesotho: The Mountain Kingdom

A photographic essay by Jeremy Wade Shockley



Lesotho: The Mountain Kingdom

by professional photographer and
RPCV Jeremy Wade Shockley

A limited supply of this calendar will be available for purchase at the FOL reunion or directly from FOL* for just \$15, including shipping. After those are gone, you may purchase this calendar at our online store for \$21.99 plus shipping.

* To order - email: pneumann1947@yahoo.com, subject line: FOL Calendar -OR-

post: FOL Calendar, attn: Pete Neumann, 58 Playstead Road, Newton MA 02458-2125

Best of FOL's Lesotho 2: 2012

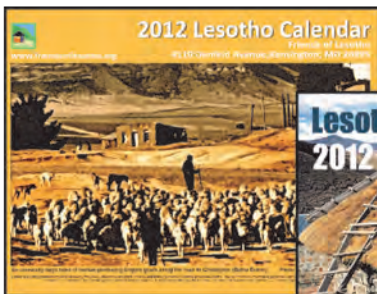


BEST OF LESOTHO 2

2012 editions
of previous
FOL calendars
available



SCENERY



LESOTHO



LESOTHO LIFE



SMILES



BEST OF LESOTHO 1

www.cafepress.com/lesotho

All profits go to projects supported by Friends of Lesotho



FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

Making a difference at the grassroots level

4110 Denfeld Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895
(301) 942-2751
www.friendsoflesotho.org

*Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone/Home _____ Cell _____

*Email: _____

*Yrs in Lesotho: ____ to ____: *District: _____

*Village: _____

CHED ED Project(s): _____

Occupation/Employer: _____

Newsletters will be sent by e-mail as part of FOL's "GO GREEN" effort. If you prefer postal service, check here .

FOL's Website Member Directory is accessible to members only by use of a secure ID and Password. The fields marked above with an * will be included in the directory. Check here if you do not want to be listed .

Privacy Policy: FOL will not release member information to any organization, except the National Peace Corps Association, upon implied consent when a member joins both FOL and NPCA. FOL will share membership information with other FOL members and prospective PCVs seeking information about Lesotho.

Friends of Lesotho (FOL) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. A copy of the current financial statement of Friends of Lesotho is available by writing 4110 Denfeld Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895, or by emailing treas@friendsoflesotho.org. Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitations Act are also available, for the cost of postage and copies, from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis MD 21401, (410) 974-5534.

*FOL is affiliated with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). * If you choose to send your FOL dues directly to NPCA in response to their membership solicitation, you must specify FOL as your choice of affiliated group to receive the credit for dues.*

Membership Form

Complimentary--PCVs during service up to 12 months after COS.

Dues Are Per Person

Annual Membership--\$15 \$ _____

Lifetime Membership Options

- Basic--\$250 \$ _____
- Bronze--\$500 \$ _____**
- Silver--\$750 \$ _____**
- Gold--\$1,000 \$ _____**

****Payable in annual installments of \$250**

Additional Donation to FOL \$ _____ for:

- Greatest Need (default option)
- Tuition Assistance Programs
- Memorial Scholarships Fund *In memory of:*

Name _____

Yrs _____ to _____ Dist/Village/Job _____

TOTAL to FOL \$ _____

NPCA Membership--\$35 \$ _____

**FOL will forward to NPCA for you.*

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

Mail your check and completed form to Friends of Lesotho at the address above or pay by credit card by Clicking on Join/Renew from our website at www.friendsoflesotho.org and select JustGive or Razoo.

For FOL use only. Please do not complete the information below.

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Member Since _____ New _____ Source _____

Renew Date _____ Expires _____ No. of Members _____ NPCA _____ **11/01/2010**



FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

4110 Denfeld Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895

301.942.2751
board2@friendsoflesotho.org



METSOALLE ea LESOTHO

Fourth Quarter 2011
Newsletter



FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

This newsletter was printed
at a reduced cost by
The Alternative Copy Shop
in Tempe, Arizona.

President:	Kevin Freer (board1@friendsoflesotho.org)
Vice President:	Dyann Van Dusen (board3@friendsoflesotho.org)
Treasurer:	John Hollister (board4@friendsoflesotho.org)
Secretary:	Julie Galbraith (kindergardens@yahoo.com)
Embassy Liaison:	Scott Rosenberg (srosenberg@wittenberg.edu)
Board Members:	Jane Hale Dave Ruch Bill Moore (moowag@scc.net) Richard Rowan (qhomaki@mac.com) Dick Nystrom (dickpam@nystrom.us) Janice Stapleton (jstapleton225@gmail.com) Pete Neumann (pneumann1947@yahoo.com) Jason Sameulian (Jason.Sameulian@gmail.com) Victor Cuevas (animeon@gmail.com)
<i>Additional assistance from the following members:</i>	
Graphic Artist/Fundraising:	Janissa Balcomb
Finance & Audit:	VACANCY
Website:	Marty Smith
Database:	Bill Dunn
Memorial Scholarships:	Bill Reed
New PCV Contact:	Elizabeth Perry (perry_41@hotmail.com)
Newsletter:	Faye Farmer, Coordinator (f_e_@hotmail.com) Nicole Potsane, Layout & Design Allison Pranger, Copy Editor