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In June 22, 2018 His Excellency Sankatana Gabriel Maja presented his credentials to President Donald J. Trump and became the 17th Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United States of America. Ambassador Maja brings to the post over 30 years of work experience working with International Agencies as well as Private Sector in Lesotho.

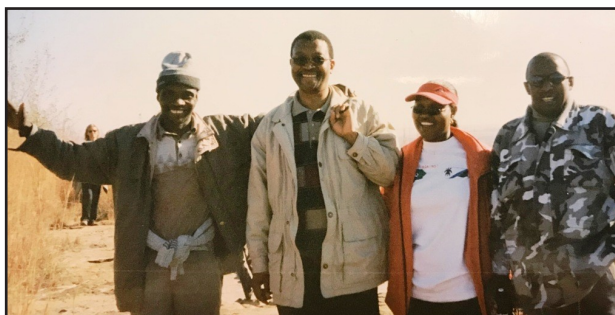


H. E. Sankatana Gabriel Maja

His Excellency Ambassador Maja's background is in Finance and Administration having studied at National University of Lesotho and Centre for Accounting Studies. Prior to his appointment to serve as an Ambassador to the United States of America by His Majesty's King Letsie III, he worked for CARE (Cooperative For American Relief Everywhere) as the Administrative/Finance Officer responsible for the overall finances and administration of the Agency in ensuring that funds provided are utilized as requested. He also worked for USAID (United States International Development Agency) still as the Finance/Administrative Manager, the program which was under the United State Peace Lesotho focusing on three districts Mokhotlong, Qachas Nek and Thaba Tseka with SSIAP (Small Scale Intensive Agricultural Project) volunteers who were working more with the

communities in their small gardens for vegetable production. He later joined the United States Peace Corps Training Unit as the Assistant Training Director handling the overall training finances, budgets, traveling, procurement, logistics in ensuring that we had a smooth training of the volunteers on different programs. Apart from working with International Development Agencies, Ambassador Maja has an extensive experience working with the private sector. He also worked for the Christian Health Association of Lesotho (CHAL), umbrella association of church institutions (hospital and clinics) in ensuring that the institutions are well trained in the field of accounting and administration for smooth operations to better serve the communities around them.

Ambassador Maja also worked for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) as an advisor to the Resident Country Director and Deputy Resident Country on matters relating to the successful completion of Compact I MCC projects by providing administrative, financial, support, logistics, procurement, travel planning, budget support and other administrative support. He liaised with various stakeholders on behalf of MCC, including development partners, government contacts as well as Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) Lesotho counterparts. He has also been trained on project management as well as community financing for middle level management in Kinshasa, Zaire (DRC). He was also trained in Health Services Management and Administration in Lusaka, Zambia while working for Christian Health Association of Lesotho (CHAL).



On a visit to Thaba Bosiu with the Peace Corps Trainees in June 2003, Ntate Maja, as PCVs know him, is pictured second from left with some of the other trainees. Photo courtesy: Nicole Potsane, RPCV



Photo courtesy Nicole Potsane, RPCV

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A Word From Our President, Dr. Scott Rosenberg

Lumelang Motsoelle,

First, I wanted like to thank our members who continue to support our work and the board members for all the hours they have put in. I am pleased to report that FOL continues to fulfill its mission to promote positive change and to assist the people of Lesotho.

This summer, FOL launched a fundraiser aimed at helping Basotho youth with physical disabilities. The campaign was done in conjunction with Dave and Kathy Tempest as they rode their bikes across the country to raise awareness for the fundraiser. FOL is very thankful to all who supported the cause. We set a goal of \$3,000 and managed to exceed it, raising over \$5,400. The money will go to The Phelisanong Centre, an organization that serves children with physical disabilities and chronic illnesses. The funds will be used to improve the paths to the school which are essential for the children being able to get to the center. The remaining funds will be put towards purchasing equipment to start a bakery at the center.

Thanks to the generous support from the American School in Taipei and other donors, FOL was able to provide \$12,400 worth of TAP scholarships. This will allow over 50 deserving Basotho youth to attend high school this year. The scholarship money was requested by 13 volunteers across several districts in Lesotho.

On another note, with assistance from FOL, a container holding more than 250,000 nutritional supplement meals packed by the Lesotho Nutrition Initiative, shipped in the middle of June has just arrived in Lesotho. The meals will help over 1,800 children at a dozen different centers from Mokhotlong to Mahale's Hoek. I am very pleased to announce that by working with Peace Corps volunteers we have been able to expand our reach to four new centers.

I am also pleased to report that our new free membership policy has led to an increase in FOL members, and especially an increase in the number of Basotho living in Lesotho who have joined. Since the beginning of 2017 to date, we've increased our numbers from 456 to 540!

For those interested in learning more about the history of development in Lesotho, I would strongly encourage you to read John Aerni-Flessner's new book *Dreams for Lesotho*.



Sincerely,

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



Short Film Produced by Filmmakers from Lesotho

Insured is a quirky short film from Lesotho and a uniquely Sesotho comedy. *Insured* centers around two insurance brokers struggling to sell a new insurance product called 'livestock cover'. They travel the mountains of Lesotho trying to encourage farmers and shepherds to buy the product. They fail to make a sale and fear losing their jobs, so they come up with an idea.

STARRING Silingani Tyhali Katlego "Kaygee" Letsholonyana Teboho Mochaoa

CREDITS:

Writer and Director: Carl Houston Mc Millan www.carlhm.com
Produced by: Pheello Makasholo
DOP: Christian Denslow www.christiandenslow.com
Production manager: Moleboheng Rampou
Sound recordist: Thapelo Ntsane
Boom Swinger: Lebohang Ntsane
Gaffer: Retha Scott
BTS video: Selebalo Molefe
Assistants: Thabo Mohloboli Liteboho Molato

POST PRODUCTION:

Sound design and mix: Thapelo Makhubo
Edit: Carl Houston Mc Millan
Grade: Christian Denslow
Music by: Morusu Hlalele and Mpho Molikeng



To view the film, go to <https://youtu.be/bda5QuPx3OQ>



Interview with Marty Smith—FOL Webmaster

Interview Conducted by Kevin Freer

When did you serve as PCV in Lesotho? Where were you stationed? What project(s) did you work on during this time?

I served in the Peace Corps from 2004 to 2006. During that time I was stationed at St Mary's High School in Roma as a computer teacher. I helped to setup the computer lab (including the addition of AC), establish a curriculum, train my co-teacher, and taught classes for students in Forms A and B. I also served as the coach for the basketball team, coordinating with the Lesotho Basketball Association on camps.

When did you begin serving as webmaster for FOL?

I have been serving as webmaster for FOL since somewhere around April of 2009. Had to go back in the email archives to find my original correspondence with Bill Dunn who I took over for. He had a great system in place that was just looking for an updated site (and an exit strategy for him :)).

What are your roles & responsibilities as webmaster?

I maintain the website for FOL. Making sure the domain and hosting are all set, uploading files and links, approving new member accounts for content that lives behind the member login, and coordinating logistics and emails for everyone. My SLAs can be a bit shaky these days between work and my 2-year-old daughter, but it all gets done eventually (or after I'm sent a reminder or two).



St. Mary's Basketball Team

What would you like members to know about the FOL website?

It's a living presence and archive for FOL. I'd love to get feedback from anyone who has some about ways that we can tweak and improve. Social media has really changed the utility and purpose of a website for a small, but active non-profit organization like ours.

What do you perceive as the value of maintaining the FOL website in addition to the social media resources?

As I alluded to above, it is an archive and a valuable history of our organization. Social media has made parts of the site less important, like news and fundraising, as they can be done directly via social media, but made the functions of being the "home" more important as a place for people to come back to join, renew, and vote in elections.

I think also as we've removed the barriers to entry for membership that the website will continue to evolve, especially to be more directly helpful to Basotho members.

How can members make suggestions for additions or changes to the website?

Everyone can go to the contact page (<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/contact/>) and just send in some feedback to the general category. Or folks are welcome to email me directly: mwsmith13@gmail.com.

What other comments would you like to share with the readers of the newsletter?

Always looking for help and ideas!



Marty with his daughter Abigail

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

SHOPPING?? PLEASE USE FOL'S LINK TO AMAZON

Amazon donates a small percent of purchases made by Friends of Lesotho year round, with no extra charge to the customer, if you access their site through

Friends of Lesotho's Web page, <http://FriendsOfLesotho.org>

One extra click by you enables FOL to send hundreds of dollars of donations to Lesotho each year.



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Ride4Lesotho Campaign Raised over \$5,000 for Children with Disabilities In Lesotho

By Stacey McKeever

To reiterate Dr. Rosenberg's opening statement, in June [Friends of Lesotho](#), along with our friends Kathy Tekolste and Dave Tempest, launched our second crowdfunding campaign, [Ride4Lesotho](#), to benefit a wonderful organization in Lesotho called [Phelisanong](#). [Phelisanong](#) is the only facility in Lesotho that serves children with physical and mental disabilities and chronic illnesses. Each year they turn away more children than they can serve.

Earlier in the year, Kathy Tekolste and Dave Tempest, two retired physicians with a history of support to Lesotho, embarked on an 8,500 mile, 6 month bicycle trip around the United States. They wanted to use their trip to help FOL expand services at Phelisanong and pledged to match FOL donations.

Together with many of FOL's friends, we were able to raise \$5,425 from 60 donations and a generous match from Kathy and Dave! These contributions will fund two important projects:

Phelisanong will build accessible pathways to its primary school, which serves both children who reside at Phelisanong, as well as students from the community. These pathways will improve access to schooling for students with disabilities who use wheelchairs or otherwise have trouble navigating to school.

Phelisanong will also establish an on-site bakery, which will provide bread and other bakery products for residents and staff, as the community at large. This project will reduce the cost of feeding the children who live at Phelisanong and provide a sustainable source of income for the organization.

Thank you, friends, for helping make this work possible! Rea leboha!



Pictures Above (L to R): Dave Tempest and Kathy Tekolste, Phelisanong Village, A Group of Phelisanong Kids

Pictures Below (L to R): Phelisanong Kids Making Music, Phelisanong Location, Wheelchairs on Pathway





Kick 4 Life Lesotho at World Cup



Retrieved from <https://www.kick4life.org/news-media/news/kick4life-represent-lesotho-world-cup/>

Although Lesotho lost to Comoros in a Round One qualifier for the 2018 World Cup, Kick4Life represented Lesotho at the Football for Hope Festival in Moscow, Russia this summer, as an official part of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, joining 48 other delegations from across the globe.

The K4L delegation included four young people who have demonstrated hard work and commitment as Kick4Life participants over recent years. They are Mats'ukulu Motlohelo, Nyakallo Taole, Lebeko Moalosi and Relebohile Letsoela. They will be joined by Delegation Leader Hana Taiji, K4L Country Director, and Young Leader Reitumetse Tlopo, Media Officer.

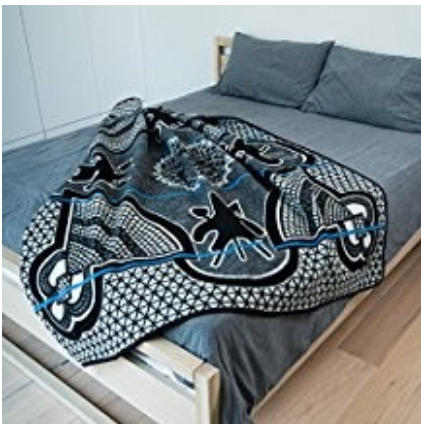
Tlopo said: "This is a great chance for us to meet with our colleagues from other countries and organizations from around the globe to exchange ideas and experiences in the field of Football 4 Good. It also serves as a chance for us as Kick4Life to narrate on how we are touching the livelihoods of young Basotho using the power of football here in Lesotho."

The Football for Hope Festival is an initiative set up by FIFA to celebrate the power of football for social change. Kick4Life has participated at previous events in South Africa and Brazil.

Motlohelo said she hopes to inspire young girls and women into changing the perception in many countries that football is a men's sport: "I am looking forward to meeting girls from other countries and share the challenges they face. I believe we have the power to motivate women and girls into taking part in football, while also using this sport as a tool to encourage people into healthy living. Of course it's what we do here at Kick4Life."



What is Selling on Amazon



Basotho Heritage Blanket



Lesotho Gifts



Retro Lesotho Shirt

Submissions wanted!!

Help us create our awesome newsletter! We are looking for photographs, articles, news from the front, creative writing, reflections from your volunteer experience, travel essays, and anything else Lesotho-related.

Please send your submissions for the next FOL Newsletter to Tara Browne, tara.m.browne@gmail.com.

The next deadline is November 1, 2018



Litaba tsa Lesotho (News from Lesotho)

Compiled by Ella Kwisnek, RPCV Education, 1992-1994

Another Diamond Recovery at Mothae

Australia-based Lucapa Diamond Company Limited recently reported recovering a 11, 88 carat diamond from its Mothae Mine. This find comes after last month's recovery of an 89-carat yellow diamond at the same mine. These mines have been recovered during sampling before full-scale mining begins at the end of the year. Mothae Mine is located close to the high dollar-per carat gem producer, Letšeng Diamonds in Mokhotlong. It was put up for sale by the government in February 2016 after prospective buyer, Paragon Diamonds Limited, failed to secure the requisite funding. Lucapa owns 70 percent of Mothae Mine while the government holds the remaining 30 percent shares.

Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030497.html>

Women's Group Petitions Government Over Gender-Based Violence

A women's group held a protest how the government handles victims of gender-based violence. Lineo Tsikoane, a human rights lawyer, coordinated the demonstration and read a list of demands. The women demanded the government prioritize providing legal aid to female victims of gender-based violence. According to the article, Lesotho is ranked first in the world in terms of sexual violence against women. Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030504.html>

Teachers Strike

Teachers recently began a month-long nationwide strike in an effort to force the government to address their demands for salary increases and improved working conditions. The teachers want the government to pay them salary arrears on their performance-based contracts dating back to 2009. They also want the government to pay salaries that are commensurate with their academic and professional qualifications as well as weed out ghost workers from the payroll.

Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030499.html>

Police Advised to Stop Demanding Bribes from Tourists

The Ministry of Tourism recently held a workshop for the Lesotho Mounted Police Service (LMPS). Police were advised that demanding bribes from tourists damages the tourism industry. It was noted that police officers should act as tourism ambassadors as one of the key stakeholders who should create rapport with visitors.

Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030496.html>

Chiefs Donate to Ribaneng Accident Victims

Four Principal Chiefs donated M14200 worth of groceries to the families of the victims of a horrific car accident that claimed 16 lives in Ribaneng in the Mafeteng in June. Ten people died on the spot when the driver of the vehicle they travelling in lost control and the car plunged down a cliff. Another six passengers later died in hospital. The death toll has since risen to 17 after another victim of the car accident died on the 27th of July at Queen Mamohato Memorial Hospital (QMMH). The vehicle had 36 passengers in all and some of them were reported to have been critically injured in the accident.

Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030502.html>

Littering Challenge

Minet Lesotho, an insurance company, donated 40 outdoor garbage cans to the Maseru City Council (MCC) in a move meant to keep the city free of litter. The company held a clean-up. Unfortunately, vandalism is also a challenge as the bins have been stolen, the plastic liners removed, and the garbage dumped on the ground, and some concrete bins have been smashed.

Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030500.html>

LDF Claims Avis owes it M30 Million – Ministry of Finance Disagrees

The Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) claims that is owed M30 million by Avis Fleet Services. However, the Ministry of Finance insists that an audit indicated that Avis does not owe the army anything.

Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030498.html>

Opposition Calls for the Firing of the Police Minister

Female politicians in the opposition Movement for Economic Change (MEC) and the Socialist Revolutionaries (SR) have called on Prime Minister Thomas Thabane to fire the Minister of Police, 'Mampho Mokhele, for alleged incompetence. They accused Ms Mokhele of failing to ensure investigations were completed in crimes against women including the June 2017 assassination of former First Lady, Lipolelo Thabane.

Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201807140018.html>

Mosisili Says Plan for New Elections

Former Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili has told his Democratic Congress (DC) party supporters to prepare for new elections. And on Sunday, Dr Mosisili alluded to a continuation of the instability, telling his supporters to go back to their constituencies to start mobilising for imminent polls.

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Litaba tsa Lesotho (continued from page 6)

Dr. Mosisili did not say why he believed the elections would be held soon. However, the DC deputy leader, Mathibeli Mokhothu, yesterday told the Lesotho Times that they believed that elections were imminent because there was infighting within the governing parties and this was happening at time when the government was battling to control widespread restlessness in the populace over poor service delivery and a poor economy. They also raised the issue of corruption and unwarranted attacks on the judiciary
Read the full story online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030503.html>

Thabane and Mosisili Meet Over Reforms

Prime Minister Thomas Thabane met with his predecessor, Pakalitha Mosisili to discuss the implementation of multi-sector reforms. The meeting was held after Dr. Thabane extended an invitation to all opposition parties to discuss the reforms process. SADC gave Lesotho until May 2019 to have fully implemented constitutional and security sector reforms. However, the reforms process has stalled largely as a result of the constant bickering between the government and the opposition over the latter's demands for the establishment of a government of national unity and an end to the prosecutions of army officers suspected of human rights violations among other things. Further, a National Leaders' Forum planned for early August was postponed after the opposition said they would boycott the forum because of the government's failure to meet its demands.
Read the full stories online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808030494.html> and <https://allafrica.com/stories/201808100671.html>

Diamond Prospectors Shut Down Potential Mine

Plans for a diamond mine in Quthing have ended after the prospecting company determined that the deposits in the area would not support commercial mining. Mohokare Mining Company obtained a license in 2015 to prospect along the banks of the Senqu River. The company hopes to secure an alternative site in the Mokhotlong district, home to the prosperous Letšeng Diamond Mine.
Read the full stories online at <https://allafrica.com/stories/201807090335.html>

Another Hazing Death at Lerotholi Polytechnic

21-year-old Rethabile Mositi, a first-year student at Lerotholi Polytechnic, also known as Fokothi, was killed in an "initiation ritual" at the Mokhokare river that involves "dipping" students in the river during winter. Mositi, who drowned, is the sixth student to die in hazing-type rituals at Fokothi in the last nine years. Reportedly, multiple attempts to end the hazing have failed. The government stated that it is considering to imposing scholarship sanctions against the students involved. Allegations that teachers or other staff members were involved in the ritual were denied.
Read the full stories online at <http://www.lestimes.com/fokothi-holds-memorial-service-for-murdered-student/>

Lesotho Freight and Bus Services Corporation in Debt

The Lesotho Freight and Bus Services Corporation seeks a M4.5 million bail-out from the government. The debt is alleged to have resulted from years of mismanagement, embezzlement of funds by employees, and failure of political parties to pay M300,000 they owed for bus rentals for the rallies they held in the run-up to last year's general elections. The bailout would help pay employees who have not been paid since April 2018. There are plans to appoint a board of directors to investigate and make recommendations regarding the future of the corporation.
Read the full story online at <http://www.lestimes.com/political-parties-bleed-lesotho-freight-and-bus-services-corporation/>

Massacre in Ha-Mokauli

On July 23, 2018 in Ha-Mokauli, Maseru, gunmen murdered five women who had been gunned down in their own homes. Another woman and a two-year-old toddler were shot and injured. Village chief, Mokhalinyane Sekhonyane, said he did not know what could have caused the brutal murders of the women. Violence in the village is reported to have been occurring since 2012. A police spokesperson said no arrests have been made and the police are still following the leads to find the killers.
Read the full story online at <http://www.lestimes.com/massacre-leaves-indelible-scars-on-ha-mokauli-community/>

Thabane speaks on relationship with UK tycoon Banks

Prime Minister Thomas Thabane admitted that he received financial assistance from the controversial British businessman Arron Banks while he was in exile in South Africa. Banks has come under criticism in the U.K. for bribing government officials in Lesotho to secure a diamond prospecting license. Banks is known for bankrolling Brexit.
Read the full story online at <http://www.lestimes.com/thabane-speaks-on-relationship-with-uk-tycoon-banks/>

Corruption in Lesotho Mounted Police Service (LMPS)

A senior police officer told the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) that she was forced to process payments for goods and services that were never delivered to the police force. I also was recently disclosed that LMPS has uniforms worth at least M3.4 million that are unusable because they are too small.
Read the full story online at <http://www.lestimes.com/more-dirt-on-lmps-procurement-processes/>

ABC Chair Called before Disciplinary Committee

The ruling All Basotho Convention (ABC) chairperson, Motlohi Maliehe, is being called before a disciplinary committee for publicly criticizing First Lady, Maesaiah Thabane. In his comments, Maliehe said Ms. Thabane was fomenting chaos in the party and in the government through "constant meddling" in the work of ministers and officials. He also accused the First Lady of derailing the government by seeking to control ministers and how they should perform their duties and instigating the removal of ministers who refused to comply with her demands.
Read the full story online at <http://www.lestimes.com/maliehe-in-trouble/>





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Photo retrieved from <http://www.travelettes.net/lesotho-kingdom-of-mountains-kingdom-of-the-sky/>

UFO 1995: The Lesotho Incident



Although not yet featured on *Ancient Aliens* or reported by Giorgio A. Tsoukalos, David Hatcher Childress, or Erich von Däniken, you can read about the crash and retrieval of a non-human space-craft and the subsequent cover up of all related activities in the Kingdom of Lesotho. <http://www.thinkaboutit-ufos.com/1995-lesotho-incident/>.

The Original 'Jurassic Park'

A large carnivorous dinosaur once walked across southern Africa some 200 million years ago, a team of researchers has concluded after discovering a large footprint in Lesotho.

The dinosaur, named *Kayentapus ambrokhohali*, was 2.7-metres high and nine-metres long making it one of the largest dinosaurs to ever roam the continent.

Lara Sciscio, a postdoctoral research fellow in Geological Sciences at the University of Cape Town, and lead writer of the journal article, described the finding as "unprecedented" and "unexpected". "This discovery means that there are only two sites in the world where such large carnivorous dinosaurs were found as far back as 200 million years ago - Poland and now Lesotho," Sciscio told Al Jazeera from Cape Town.

Researchers found the footprint during a field trip in the Roma Valley near the National University of Lesotho in early 2016. They returned through the year to conduct tests and establish the date of the fossil footprint, which culminated in the report published in Plos One Journal.

Azad Essa, Al Jazeera News. Retrieved from <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/10/largest-dinosaur-footprints-lesotho-171028064939544.html>

Oh, Kingdom in the Sky An ode to the country of Lesotho

By Mary Ann Camp
Peace Corps Volunteer, Lesotho (1998-2000)

I have come to love your land.

Your peaks reaching skyward—
Your treasured trees,
Even the dangas express a pained beauty of its own.

I have come to love your seasons.

Summer in December—
Christmas without snow.
Springtime planting of maize, mabele, mokopu, and meroho.
Autumn bursts forth with cosmos waving in the breeze.
And winter time— kobos layered at night so I won't freeze.

I have come to love your people.

Bo'Me!— I admire your tenacity for hard work.
Carrying the buckets on your head and
Seeing that your family is fed.
Washing the clothes, cutting the wood.

Bo'Ntate— caretakers of the animals—
Training your sons to plow, plant and reap.
I respect your wisdom.
UFO
Oh, children of Lesotho—

It is now your land to love and keep.

I have been honored to spend precious days with you.

Oh, Kingdom in the Sky. 

Retrieved from <https://www.peacecorps.gov/educators/resources/oh-kingdom-sky/>

Have a poem about life in Lesotho you would like to share?
Send it to tara.m.browne@gmail.com



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beginning this fall, in preparation for our 2019 newsletters, I'd like to hear from you, dear reader! Is there a burning question you have about a project FOL is working on? An ongoing issue in Lesotho? A specific board or committee function?

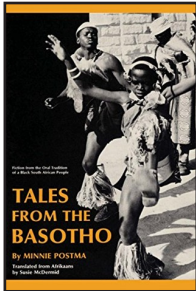
If you have questions, we have answers. Send me your inquiries and your question could be featured in our inaugural "Letters to the Editor"!

Send your inquiries to tara.m.browne@gmail.com



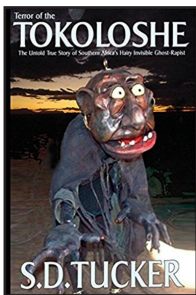
Fall Reading Suggestions: Myths & Legends of the Basotho

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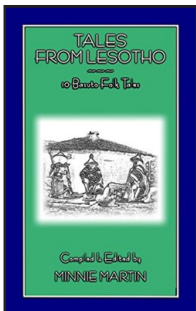
Potma, M. (1974). *Tales from the Basotho*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.

"They say that the eldest of the chief's daughters..." So begins a tale from the Basotho, unfolded by the meager light of a dung fire that burns smokily behind the reed screen sheltering the entrance of the hut. The old ones of the tribe wait until dark before telling their stories, for everyone knows horns will grow from the head of one who tells a story during daylight hours. *Tales from the Basotho* abounds with elements familiar to folk narrative. The heroes and heroines are the chiefs and their wives, their sons and their daughters. Fantastic creatures frequent the narratives exhibiting their awful powers.



Tucker, S.D. (2013). *Terror of the tokoloshe: The untold story of Southern Africa's hairy invisible ghost-rapist*. North Devon, Great Britain: CFZ Press.

Tokoloshes - hairy little men with gigantic magical penises and the ability to turn themselves invisible through the aid of an enchanted pebble - are a matter of everyday belief in nations such as South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Lesotho. In this, the first ever full-length book to be published upon the topic in the West, the consequences of this bizarre belief are explored in immense detail. It is not just that poltergeist-hauntings and UFO-sightings are blamed upon the activities of this nefarious little imp; so are everyday misfortunes such as a person's lack of success in love or business. Lavishly illustrated and all fully-referenced, this book is not only filled with dozens of unusual, amusing and hitherto-unexamined real-life stories, it also tries to place prevailing contemporary southern African belief in the tokoloshe into some kind of plausible social context. The tokoloshe may not be a genuinely real creature, but it certainly occupies a position of social reality in the minds of those who believe in it - with truly wide-ranging and often unexpected consequences.



Martin, M. (Ed.) (2014). *Tales from Lesotho: 10 Basuto folktales*. Sandhurst, UK: Abela Publishing.

Within this little volume you will find 10 unique folk tales and children's stories from the African mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. Here you will find the story of Takane, who, despite having an arranged marriage, became a happy and devoted wife. The tale of how Khosi chooses Polomahache (Crocodile Child) to be his wife and of Mokete and Morongoe the Snake and many more.

Retrieved from <https://www.amazon.com/>

Have a favorite book of interest to our readers you would like to share? Send to tara.m.browne@gmail.com



Lesotho in Jeopardy

For those who missed it:



Final Jeopardy Question on November 7, 2017.

Landlocked Countries - South of the Tropic of Capricorn, this kingdom is the world's southernmost landlocked country.

Ten years earlier on September 17, 2007 and perhaps a bit more difficult for most.

World Flags - \$400. In 2006 Lesotho went for a more peaceful look, putting a hat on its flag to replace a shield & this weapon.

Retrieved from <https://thejeopardyfan.com/2017/11/final-jeopardy-11-7-2017.html> and <https://fikkle fame.com/final-jeopardy-11-7-17/> and https://www.j-archive.com/showgame.php?game_id=2066

Going to Lesotho?



Contact us if you are traveling to Lesotho

FOL often needs someone to make contacts for us in Lesotho which may involve a short visit to the Peace Corps Office, with PCVs, or projects we are supporting. Use the Contacts page on our website to let us know if you are traveling to Lesotho.



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Be an FOL Member for FREE!

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

As mentioned in the last FOL newsletter, Friends of Lesotho stopped collecting the mandatory \$15 yearly membership dues starting in January 2017.

What do FOL's free dues mean for you?

If you're currently a member of Friends of Lesotho:

You don't have to do anything. Your membership automatically renewed.

If you used to be a member but are no longer a member:

Take two minutes to fill out the updated [membership form online](#).

If you've never been a member:

What are you waiting for? There's never been a better time to start getting involved!

With membership fees in the rear view mirror, we need your help more than ever to continue doing the amazing work Friends of Lesotho does in Lesotho.

Amazon will donate money to Friends of Lesotho when you shop. Join Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and add Friends of Lesotho as a beneficiary. Remember to use Amazon Smile when you shop on-line.

Get involved with one of the many committees in FOL.

Donate generously to our many projects, using the [form online](#).

And Remember :

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

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

We work because you give.

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

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

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

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

Submit articles, photos, or information of interest to our members to:

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SPEAKING OF TREASURERS...

We are *still* looking for our next Treasurer! Love FOL, Accounting, Finance, and trying to think of ways to combine your passions? Look no further. At the end of 2018, our dear and faithful treasurer, John Hollister, will be retiring from his duties. We're seeking someone who is trustworthy, passionate, reliable, and good with numbers to be trained by John before taking the reins in 2019.



For more information or to apply, please contact the newsletter editor, Tara Browne, at tara.m.browne@gmail.com.

Friends of Lesotho - 2018 Treasurer's Summary for Board:		August 10, 2018	
		<i>most recent activity:</i>	<i>interim</i>
<i>(Jan-2018 = Start of CY Accounts)</i>	7/11/2018	8/10/2018	Difference
Current Bank Balance (checking (1)):	\$5,061.86	\$6,901.86	\$1,840.00
Current Bank Balance (savings (2)):	\$38,541.02	\$33,554.66	-\$4,986.36
Total (both accounts excluding Paypal pending)	\$43,602.88	\$40,456.52	-\$3,146.36
<i>Interest Earned CY to Date (incl. above)</i>	\$78.76	\$92.40	\$13.64
2018 General / Project Fund Status:	Amount in	Amount sent	Amount Pending
	Fund (1)	to Lesotho	Future Disbursement
Start Calendar Year (after EOY memb. db reconcile adjust) =	\$34,524.57		
Donations received year to date (1) =	\$7,733.38		
Totals	\$42,257.95	\$35,164.18	\$7,093.77
<i>Total difference from Prior report:</i>	\$2,305.00	\$5,425.00	-\$3,120.00
(2) Breakout project cash sent (all fees under operating):		\$35,164.18	= Total below
Leratong Comm Ctr via Springfield Rotary Foundation - ck 172	1/12/2018	\$4,200.00	PCPP total breakout:
PCPP posting #1 - TAP, ACH	1/18/2018	\$315.36	\$15,397.18
PCPP posting #2 - Local HS project, ACH	2/11/2018	\$1,000.00	
PCPP posting #3 - Library multi room, ACH	2/11/2018	\$1,000.00	
PCPP posting #4 - school roof, ACH	2/11/2018	\$1,000.00	
PCPP posting #5 - Toilets R4us, ACH	2/11/2018	\$1,000.00	
PCPP posting #6 - Pre-school Library Project, ACH	4/10/2018	\$434.43	
PCPP posting #7 - HS Rennov Project, ACH	4/10/2018	\$1,000.00	
Lesotho Nutrition Initiative (via Wittenberg U) - ck 174	5/30/2018	\$2,650.00	
God's Love Center (RISE) Grant - Wire	5/31/2018	\$7,492.00	
PCPP posting #8 - World Map and Projector Project	7/8/2018	\$787.72	
PCPP posting #9-21 - TAP Projects (13 total), ACH	7/11/2018	\$8,859.67	
Phelisanong Children's Center project wire	8/10/2018	\$5,425.00	
2018 Operating Expense Status:			
Current Cash in Accounts (as above, excluding Paypal pending):		\$40,456.52	
Subtract out:			
General / Project Fund (per above)		-\$7,093.77	
Life Membership Fund (reserve)		-\$23,335.13	
Available Operating Reserve =		\$10,027.62	
Unused Expenses in 2018 Budget -		\$5,238.59	
Current Cash Reserve (after budget) =		\$4,789.03	excludes unspent budget
(Total operating cash expenses, incl. pass thru):		\$336.41	
(Total operating inkind expenses to date):		\$42.00	operating expenses only



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