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Fourth Quarter 2019  
Newsletter

## A Word From Our President

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Download the newsletter from the FOL website [www.friendsoflesotho.org](http://www.friendsoflesotho.org) and you will be able to click on all the website addresses.

Lumelang Metsoalle,

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 continued its strong support of the TAP program, sending over \$16,000 in scholarship funds to help deserving Basotho children obtaining a high school education. This program is one of FOL's trademark programs and I am pleased that it has grown so much since my days as a volunteer. Furthermore, FOL has supported nearly a dozen other projects in Lesotho, including a number of projects designed to help generate income to support those with the greatest need. FOL does its best to be a thoughtful and careful shepherd of your donations, but to do so, we need your continued support. Our annual appeal letter will be coming out soon and we rely on your donations to continue making an impact in Lesotho.

On a personal note, I am very proud that I have five former students currently volunteering in Lesotho, of which three are serving as Peace Corps Volunteers. Once again, thank you for the trust you put in us and for your continued support.



Photo courtesy Nicole Potsane, RPCV



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



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## Interview with Ali Kukovich, Social Media Committee Chair



### What years did you serve in Lesotho? What was the focus of your service?

Though I was not a Peace Corps Volunteer, I lived in Mokhotlong, Lesotho from 2017-2018 working for Touching Tiny Lives (TTL). TTL is an organization whose mission is to combat malnutrition and HIV/AIDs in children under the age of 5. While working for them, I primarily managed their social media, fundraising, grant writing, and assisted in all of TTL's many different projects.

### What led you to serve as Committee Chair of FOL Social Media?

I wanted to be a part of FOL when I returned from Lesotho so that I could continue to help the country I love from the US. Based on my past work with social media at TTL and previous organizations, this seemed like the way I could be most effective.

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## In Memoriam: Bill Savage

By Janissa Balcomb, RPCV Lesotho 1977-1980

William “Bill” Savage Jr. died of cancer on August 31, 2019. He was 68. Bill was a gentle soul, passionate about teaching and volunteering to help young people. He served in the VISTA program for one year before becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer to Lesotho in 1978. He taught high school math at Sacred Heart High School in St. Monica, Lesotho. When he wasn't teaching or involved in school activities, he enjoyed having philosophical discussions or playing games over a glass of beer with friends.

After his return to the U.S., Bill helped open Gregory Middle School in Naperville, Illinois. There, he taught math to gifted students for over 25 years. Bill was also active in scouting, serving as a Boy Scout troop leader.

After Bill retired, he returned to Lesotho with his wife, Cindy, in 2017 to work as a volunteer for Laptops to Lesotho, a nonprofit helping educate primary school students in remote mountain areas. He worked at Kokobe Primary School for six weeks, teaching students math and critical thinking skills, as well as helping teachers improve their teaching skills. Bill was very grateful to have had the opportunity to return to Lesotho after so many years. He said living and working in a small village in the mountains gave him an opportunity to see a completely different side of Lesotho than he had previously experienced in the Lowlands at St. Monica.

Bill was highly dedicated to his family. He leaves behind his wife and four children, Will, Ted, Cara, and Peter. He will be sorely missed by the many friends he made and all the students he influenced.



## In Memoriam: Sister Barbara Marie Andes

SNJM  
Albany, NY  
December 17, 1935—July 6, 2019 (Age 83)



Sister Barbara Marie Andes, a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for 63 years, died July 6, 2019, at the Provincial House of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Latham, NY. Sister Barbara embarked on the focal point of her ministry, beginning a 16-year career working as a missionary in Lesotho, Africa, where she served as teacher and principal in schools operated by the Sisters of the Holy Names. She also co-authored textbooks in agriculture and Bible Studies used in Lesotho secondary schools. Kevin Freer, RPCV-Lesotho, spoke to Sister Barbara’s religious order, family, and friends at a recent memorial mass, recounting his experience working with Sister Barbara at the National Teacher Training College in the 1970s. Those who wish may make donations in Sr. Barbara’s honor to Sisters of the Holy Names, 1121 New Scotland Rd., Albany, NY 12208.





## OH LESOTHO

By Jody Lewis

Oh Lesotho, *fatsa la bontate rona*

That girl visiting for a week said you have no culture

But I know

Culture is not something you so obviously observe in town

But something you taste, like the dust that lines your mouth in the months before the rains start

Like the sweet, warm porridge you drink for breakfast in the mornings

And those small peaches that squirt delicious juices to the back of your throat

Like the scent of fresh *makoanya* billowing from tin shacks on the roadside

The crisp air you take into your lungs when you make it to a mountain's peak

And then that of trash burning once you've descended

It's something you hear

Like a taxi blasting *famo* music from its speakers

The crows of a senseless rooster around midnight

And every *Lumela* as you walk by

It's something you see

Like the wearing of thick, colorful blankets no matter the season of year

The erected tents housing an entire village for a funeral

And a shepherd with his *molamo* as he guides animals to find scarce water

And, finally, it's something that you feel

Like the stifling heat, bumpy road and immediate adjacency of neighbors on a taxi ride

The warmth of a hand shaking yours as it cheerfully greets you

And the ache of your heart when it's time to leave.

<https://jodyalewis.wordpress.com/2016/07/18/a-poem-for-lesotho/>

Have a poem about life in Lesotho you would like to share? Send to [tara.m.browne@gmail.com](mailto:tara.m.browne@gmail.com)



Picture from

<https://traveltips.usatoday.com/ethnic-food-lesotho-36010.html>

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## Interview with Ali Kukovich, Social Media Committee Chair (continued from page 1)

### What social media does your committee provide?

Right now, we are primarily on Facebook with plans to expand to Twitter and Instagram in the next month. Our Facebook platform has been extremely valuable in keeping RPCVs up-to-date on our projects as well as engaging with the Basotho people about our organization.

### What has been the response from member and friends?

All of the FOL members have been extremely welcoming to me in this new position and my friends have been very supportive and excited. I think that we are all very excited to see more of Lesotho on our social media platforms.

### How do these social media sites differ or complement the FOL website?

The FOL website contains plenty of information about our whole organization as well as opportunities to donate to projects. I would recommend that anyone who served in Lesotho check it out. FOL having social media pages complements the website while providing things the website does not offer. Social media makes it easier to update our members on what we are doing as well as allowing a way for those interested in our work to engage with us.

### How can members participate and support FOL through the social media?

Please follow us on social media to share and engage with our content! Invite your friends to follow us and send me any FOL related content that I could share on our sites at [alikukovich@gmail.com](mailto:alikukovich@gmail.com). Your participation is important to us.

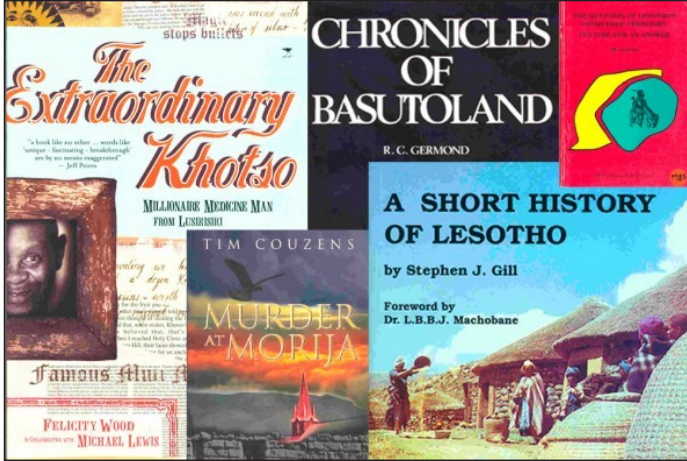






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## Celebrating Lesotho



### MORIJA MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

Morija Museum & Archives publishes and reprints outstanding books about Lesotho, relevant research and publications on Lesotho Evangelical Church & churches, as well as Lesotho history & culture. Use the link below for a list of all publications and ordering information.

<http://www.morija.co.ls/arts-and-culture/publications/>  
*Have a favorite book of interest to our readers you would like to share?*  
Send to [tara.m.browne@gmail.com](mailto:tara.m.browne@gmail.com)

### COST OF LIVING IN LESOTHO

Ever wonder what it costs to live in Lesotho since your Peace Corps service? The cost of living in Lesotho is 53.82% lower than in United States (aggregate data for Maseru only). Rent in Maseru is 81.32% lower than in United States.

For some current costs for restaurants, transportation, clothing, entertainment, rent etc., visit <https://www.expatistan.com/cost-of-living/country/lesotho?currency=USD> or [https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country\\_result.jsp?country=Lesotho&displayCurrency=USD](https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country_result.jsp?country=Lesotho&displayCurrency=USD).

Currency can be changed to US dollars for easy comparisons.



### CUSTOM LICENSE PLACE HOLDERS

Amazon donates a percentage of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to FOL. Support FOL by starting your shopping at <http://www.friendsoflesotho.org>

<https://www.amazon.com/Custom-License-Plate-Frame-PERSONALIZE/dp/B009HIHVS0>  
Proudly displayed by Kevin Freer, Winter Springs, Florida



## 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.



## Leratong Community Center Updates

Schools reopened on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. Class delayed by a teacher's strike is expected to resume after the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. The children will be back and classes will resume at the Center to help, especially in Maths and Sciences. Most of the children's results this session were poor. Retired teachers are being encouraged to help out. Five have agreed, to date.

### Soccer and discipline

Some incidents left me with the last option of long-term suspension of players such as Kananelo Mashoi. 'M'e Joyce and Thabo Ntlhoki agreed to intervene. A 3-hour long discussion with the soccer players occurred in which grievances, respect, tolerance, theft and expectations or suspensions were set. We appreciate the support given to us and are hoping for some soccer balls. The cheapest are at USAVE at R60.

The Rice packets were delivered last week. Leratong was issued 90 boxes. This is what is being eaten by the children daily. No complaints as it is filling.

With the increase in wages, comes more expectations to get staff to perform better, punctuality, cleanliness of Center, volunteering to help with the sick, be it children or adults.

Progress report on Ntate Thakali and M'e Maleloko. Both started getting periodic rice packets after we were made aware of how sick they were. Their starting weights were 19 and 21kgs respectively. At present, they are at 54 and 58. Sometimes they are given support with the washing of clothes, with gloves. Every precaution for safety is taken. We meet during our lunch break so as not to compromise our responsibilities here.

A Pitso was held last Saturday to make the community aware that 6 Social work students have asked to start when NUL opens and to ask for their cooperation. I can only manage 3 successfully at a time.

The filling of the donga is complete, so collection of leaves will be replaced by another activity.

We are looking forward to warm weather.

### Community Center August Report 2019

Attendance of the children fluctuated due to the weather. With the onset of the change of season, the numbers will be high.

Rachel came to meet us, but has not started her work with us. A lot is planned for her time with us.

Bonang Melao, 4th year Social Work student, has started his field work placement at Leratong. He will be supervised through literary classes, counseling (case work), community practice initiatives, group work, hospital referrals, and court attendance if necessary. At the moment, we are organizing help for a 5 yr old who is HIV positive with permission of his family.

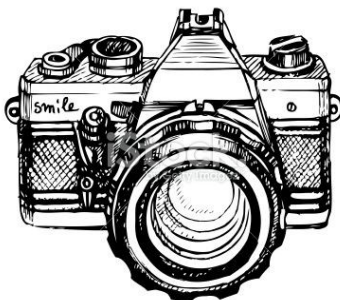
Seedlings of tomato, green pepper, beetroot and radish have been planted. We hope for good weather.

The feeding scheme continues with no problems.

The lack of wool is an issue, but hopefully it will be sorted soon.

Both case studies of Maleloko and Thakali are progressing smoothly. Both were being supplied with rice to aid in their recovery.

Motena Tau



## GOT PHOTOS?

Do you have photos from Lesotho? We would love to feature them in the newsletter!

Send your photos to the editor [tara.m.browne@gmail.com](mailto:tara.m.browne@gmail.com)



## Litaba tsa Lesotho (News from Lesotho)

### DISCORD WITHIN ABC CONTINUES

The All Basotho Convention (ABC) held a special conference at which ABC leader Dr. Thomas Thabane was “suspended” for six years for alleged “uncomely behavior” and sowing divisions within the fractious ruling party.

Prof Mahao and four allies were elected into the party’s NEC at the ABC’s February 2019 elective conference in Maseru, but their victory was rejected by Dr. Thabane and his allies and has resulted in a power struggle for control of the party.

The special conference also nullified Dr. Thabane’s June 17, 2019, expulsions of Prof Mahao and four of his allies, namely, Lebohlang Hlaele (secretary general), Samuel Rapapa (chairperson), Montoeli Masoetsa (spokesperson) and his deputy, Matebatso Doti.

Seventy-four of the ABC’s 80 constituencies attended the special conference along with the party’s external provinces of Gauteng, North West and Free State. The Bobatsi, Semena, Khafung, Mokhotlong, Malimong and Qacha’s Nek constituencies did not attend.

The vote in no way affects Dr. Thabane’s status as Prime Minister - only legislators have the power to oust a Prime Minister through a “No Confidence” vote in parliament.

Parliament has been suspended, purportedly because the pro-Mahao ABC legislators filed a “No Confidence” motion against Dr. Thabane and, once parliament is re-opened, they will vote on the motion.

The power struggle between Thabane and Mahao has led to much litigation. Prof. Mahao and his allies challenged Dr. Thabane’s June expulsion. The High Court temporarily nullified those expulsions and is expected to make a final ruling on September 30, 2019.

Read more online at <http://lestimes.com/mahao-takes-over-abc-leadership/> and <http://lestimes.com/mahao-allies-wait-on-high-court/>

### SPAT BETWEEN DEFENSE MINISTER AND ARMY BRASS

Army commander, Lieutenant General Mojalefa Letsoela, summoned all soldiers in Maseru to an urgent “Commander’s Mass Parade” at Makoanyane Barracks to dispel unfounded rumors regarding efforts to make salaries of members of securities agencies consistent.

However, the army did not notify the Defense and National Security Minister, Tefo Mapesela. Many ministers were not pleased when they realized that their guards were withdrawn without prior notice.

The government recently embarked on an exercise to harmonize salaries to ensure that members of security agencies of comparable ranks earn similar salaries. While rank-and-file soldiers welcome the review, the army command has indicated it is not sure that it is the appropriate time to engage in such a salary review.

Read the full story online at <http://lestimes.com/defence-minister-army-boss-clash/> and <http://lestimes.com/army-boss-talks-tough/>

### NUL FACING FUNDING CHALLENGES

The National University of Lesotho (NUL) is desperately short of funds after the government only provided M78 million when there was a projected need of M186 million for the 2019/20 financial year. NUL reportedly faces a shortfall of M108 million and is unable to attract and retain lecturers, staff, and students. Recently, there were violent student protests over delays in the disbursement of food and book allowances.

The shortfall has been attributed to the government reducing its support of higher education and political instability, which has resulted in deterioration of the university and government’s relationship. In particular, there is reportedly a perception that the university serves as a center of political opposition to the ruling party.

Read more at: <http://lestimes.com/nul-faces-closure-due-to-funding-challenges/>

### LIMKOKWING UNIVERSITY OF CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Limkokwing University of Creative Technology recently held its graduation ceremony. 253 students graduated with degrees while another 494 graduated with associate degrees in the faculties of Architecture and Built Environment, Business Management and Globalisation, Communication, Media and Broadcasting, Design Innovation, Tourism and Hospitality and the Information and Communication Technology.

The goal is for the graduates to drive innovation in Lesotho.

Read more online at <http://lestimes.com/prof-rapapa-hails-limkokwing/>



## Litaba tsa Lesotho (continued from page 6)

### THABANE AND METSING MEET

Prime Minister Thomas Thabane recently met with Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD) leader Mothetjoa Metsing. Reportedly, the meeting was an attempt by Dr. Thabane to thwart a “No Confidence” motion against him when parliament, currently on indefinite suspension, re-opens. If Dr. Thabane were to get Mr Metsing’s support and all 11 LCD MPs vote against the “No Confidence” motion, the Prime Minister may survive by a two-vote margin.

Read more about the meeting online at <http://lestimes.com/mahao-faction-dismisses-thabane-metsing-talks/>

### DROUGHT WARNING

Lesotho is expected to have below normal rainfall from September through November 2019. Therefore, the Basotho have been asked to conserve water.

Lesotho had below normal rainfall in the 2018/19 rainy season due to an El-Niño induced drought and thus had a poor growing season which has resulted in up to 700,000 Basotho, about a third of the population, facing severe hunger.

Normal rains are expected from the end of November 2019 to March 2020.

Due to changing climatic condition, farmers are being urged to plant crops that will ripen faster given the shorter rainy season.

Read more online at <http://lestimes.com/govt-issues-drought-warning/> and <https://publiceyenews.com/dry-season-expected-till-mid-november/>

### SECURITY CONCERNS THREATEN LOSS OF INVESTORS

Textile company owners have indicated they will leave Lesotho if more is not done to protect people from criminal gangs. They have long-standing security concerns and seek assurance regarding their personal safety after carjackings and robberies.

Some urge that more be done to prevent crime rather than to simply react after crimes have been committed.

Read more at <http://lestimes.com/saving-the-geese-that-lays-the-golden-egg/>

### LESOTHO SERIALLY FAILS TO MEET 2003 AU QUOTE ON AGRICULTURE

Despite agreeing to commit a tenth of its annual budget to boost farming under a multi-lateral African Union deal geared towards ending hunger on the continent, Lesotho is lagging behind other countries in the region.

Amid perennial droughts, the African Union agreed in 2003 to improve food production on the continent. Member states agreed to set aside at least a tenth of national budgets and encourage people to take up farming under the Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security of 2003. The goal of the declaration was to eradicate hunger and reduce poverty by 2025.

Since Lesotho ratified the protocol, the country has failed to allocate sufficient funds to farming. From 2014 to 2019, Lesotho contribute an average of three percent of the national budget towards food production and farming development. Food production has been gradually declining yearly due to shrinking budgets and the effects of climate change.

Read more online at <https://publiceyenews.com/lesotho-serially-fails-to-meet-2003-au-quota-on-agriculture/>

### POLIHALI DAM PROJECT DISPUTES

Clashes have erupted between Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) contractors and directors of a mining company operating in the Khubelu and Senqu rivers confluence in Mokhotlong over resources and access issues around the Polihali Dam area.

The Khubelu and Senqu rivers fall into the priority area for the Polihali reservoir under Phase II of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP).

Officials from Poone Diamonds are in dispute with LHDA’s contractors over the latter’s refusal to buy sand mined at the Polihali Dam site from Poone Diamonds as well as the use of an access road.

Poone Diamonds was awarded a 10-year license to mine diamonds and sand in the area even though construction work for LHWP phase II were already underway.

Recently, Poone Diamonds tried to use the LHDA access road to the river and access was denied. Poone Diamonds also reportedly wanted the LHDA to direct its contractors at the site to purchase the sand mined from them but the LHDA has refused. However, LHDA planned to mine their own sand from the same river and use it for their construction works.

Read more online at <http://lestimes.com/fights-saddle-polihali-dam-project/>





## Mountain Snow in August



Photo from: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/104427285084405520/>



In 2018, a satellite image of snowfall in Lesotho was the Image of the Day on NASA's website for Earth Observatory images.

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/92617/a-winter-blanket-for-lesotho>

## 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](mailto:tara.m.browne@gmail.com).

The next deadline is March 1st, 2020







## Ways to Support FOL

### HELP FOL WITH YOUR EXPERTISE AND TIME

#### Board Service

- ◆ If you've always wondered how you could give a little more to FOL, now is the chance to volunteer your time, special skills, and enthusiasm. The members of the Board of Directors of Friends of Lesotho are elected based on their ability and willingness to contribute to the achievement of the organization's goals and objectives.
- ◆ Directors are members in good standing who are elected on their ability and willingness to support the purpose of FOL
- ◆ Nominations are welcome year round
- ◆ Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in October
- ◆ Directors serve for two-year terms

#### Committees and Task Forces

FOL members who do not wish to make a long-term commitment to the board are encouraged to:

- ◆ Join standing committees, or
- ◆ Work on special projects which match their skills and interests to the needs of the organization

There are also committees and task forces that help carry out the Board work. These committees include Donation Distribution, Membership, Fundraising and Board Nominations & Development.

Check out the [Board Information](#) page. Also, for a summary of the expected level of commitment see the [Board and Committee description of work](#). If you're interested in application or nomination, please complete the [Nominating Form](#) and email it to the address shown within the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

### ATTEND FOL MEETINGS

#### Board Meetings

- ◆ Meetings are held at 8pm Eastern on the third Sunday of odd numbered months. Minutes are posted about one week after each meeting.
- ◆ Meetings are open to all FOL members, please contact [John Hollister](#) for call-in information.

#### FOL Annual Meeting

- ◆ Scheduled close to Moshoeshoe Day in March, via teleconference, more information to follow on our website. Be on the lookout for your 2019 FOL Annual Report posted on our website following the Annual Meeting.





## Be an FOL Member for FREE!

Aparna Jayaraman, RPCV Education, 2011-13, [aparnaay@gmail.com](mailto:aparnaay@gmail.com)

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](http://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!

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**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:

Tara Browne, FOL Newsletter Coordinator [tara.m.browne@gmail.com](mailto:tara.m.browne@gmail.com)



## Treasurer's Report

| Friends of Lesotho - 2019 Treasurer's Summary for Board:   |             |               | November 17, 2019       |
|--|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <i>(Jan-2019 = Start of CY Accounts)</i>   | 9/15/2019   | 11/5/2019     | Difference              |
| Current Bank Balance (checking (1)):   | \$8,565.82  | \$7,705.12    | (\$860.70)              |
| Current Bank Balance (savings (2)):  | \$18,783.73 | \$13,795.69   | (\$4,988.04)            |
| Total (both accounts including Paypal pending)   | \$27,349.55 | \$21,500.81   | (\$5,848.74)            |
| <i>Interest Earned CY to Date (incl. above)</i>  | \$72.33     | \$84.29       | \$11.96                 |
| 2019 Project Fund Status (remaining amount in yellow highlight):   |             |               |                         |
| Total of all donations designated for projects are listed below. The Membership Committee can provide further information on project designation requests.   |             |               |                         |
| Note - These total amounts reflect operating/project designation breakout assumed when deposits are made. These assumptions will occasionally be reconciled per donor listings provided by the Membership Committee. |             |               |                         |
|  | Total       | Total         | Difference from         |
|  | Amount      | Amount        | 9/15/2019               |
| Start Calendar Year =  | \$36,730.52 |               | Board Report:           |
| Donations received year to date (1) =  | \$33,226.00 |               | \$4,580.00              |
| Total Sent to Lesotho =  |             | (\$57,220.87) | (\$10,299.00)           |
| Total Remaining in Project Fund =  | \$12,735.65 |               | (\$5,719.00)            |
| (2) Breakout project cash sent (all fees under operating):   |             | \$57,220.87   | = Total below           |
| Leratong Comm Ctr via Springfield Rotary Foundation - ck 179   | 1/25/2019   | \$2,850.00    | PCPP total breakout:    |
| Snake Park General Dealer (Outdoor Center) - wire  | 2/25/2019   | \$3,000.00    | \$18,806.87             |
| Mankoe Lebisa (Lend a Hand) - wire   | 2/25/2019   | \$4,000.00    | PCPP TAP breakout:      |
| Mahala Secondary School (water supply) - wire  | 2/25/2019   | \$1,900.00    | \$16,806.87             |
| Ret'd Snake Park General Dealer (Outdoor Center) - wire failed   | 3/12/2019   | -\$3,000.00   | Lesotho Postbank needed |
| Ref - exchange/fee loss for returned wire entered in operating expenses  | 3/12/2019   |               | \$188.11 from operating |
| Ret'd Mahala Secondary School (water supply) - wire failed   | 3/12/2019   | -\$1,900.00   | an Intermediary Bank    |
| Ref - exchange/fee loss for returned wire entered in operating expenses  | 3/12/2019   |               | \$118.37 from operating |
| Snake Park General Dealer (Outdoor Center) - 2nd try wire  | 4/3/2019    | \$3,000.00    |                         |
| Lesotho Nutrition Initiative (LNI) via Scott R.  | 4/14/2019   | \$3,000.00    |                         |
| Mahala Secondary School (water supply) - 2nd try wire  | 4/22/2019   | \$1,900.00    |                         |
| Ha Ramoloi Chicken Project - wire  | 4/22/2019   | \$4,365.00    |                         |
| Lord's New Church - High School Furnishings Project - ck182  | 4/23/2019   | \$3,800.00    |                         |
| Wittenburg U. Lesotho Projects via Scott R. - ck184  | 5/23/2019   | \$700.00      |                         |
| PCPP - 2 projects: Combined School Classroom, Botha Bothe Water - ACH  | 5/29/2019   | \$2,000.00    |                         |
| PCPP - 11 projects: TAP - ACH  | 6/10/2019   | \$7,816.57    |                         |
| PCPP - 8 projects: TAP - ACH   | 6/13/2019   | \$5,514.37    |                         |
| PCPP - 2 projects: TAP - ACH   | 6/20/2019   | \$1,925.93    |                         |
| PCPP - 2 projects: TAP - ACH   | 6/27/2019   | \$675.00      |                         |
| PCPP - 1 project: TAP - ACH  | 7/21/2019   | \$875.00      |                         |
| Laptops to Lesotho - ck 186  | 8/21/2019   | \$4,500.00    |                         |
| Morija Museum - wire   | 10/10/2019  | \$3,157.00    |                         |
| Pulane HS Project - wire   | 10/22/2019  | \$3,500.00    |                         |
| Auray Catholic Church Chicken Project - wire   | 10/25/2019  | \$3,642.00    |                         |
| 2019 Operating Expense Status:   |             |               |                         |
| Current Cash in Accounts (as above, excluding Paypal pending):   |             | \$21,500.81   |                         |
| Subtract out: Project Fund (per above)   |             | -\$12,735.65  |                         |
| Available Operating Reserve =  |             | \$8,765.16    |                         |
| Unused Expenses in 2019 Budget -   |             | \$4,553.85    |                         |
| Current Cash Reserve (after budget) =  |             | \$4,211.31    | excludes unspent budget |
| (Total operating cash expenses):   |             | \$921.15      |                         |
| (Total operating in-kind expenses to date):  |             | \$15.45       | operating expenses only |





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