



Melvins on the Move...

Ephesians 6:19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, (NASV)

Newsletter of Tom and Cindi Melvin ~ Serving Christ in Maseru, Lesotho (The Lowlands) ~ March 2008

Praises: Safety in travel; Two Bible studies started in new villages; good health; commitments of two summer volunteer teams

Prayer Requests: Language, language, language; Committed interpreters; Basotho laborers for the gospel (faithful men 2 Timothy 2:2); Desire for truth among Basotho; Safety/health; Planning details for volunteer teams; Zachary and Eli in school; Maputsoe Baptist church and Pastor Lebusa who is blind and now paralyzed due to a stroke.

To those who are faithful to pray,

This past month has been busy. Along with the unending task of language learning, we continue to teach and train the group we have been meeting with since October. We are now calling this group a church although they are still in need of a pastor. We have been warmly welcomed in a village near the new church and are teaching a Bible study there once a week. At the end of February, we visited yet another village in close proximity to the new church area and began a Bible study there on March 12. Our hope and prayer is that both of these groups will eventually become small churches and meet with the new church as one large group from time to time for teaching and worship. This month we also began pastor/leader training at Ha Foso Baptist and continued to travel to Maputsoe Baptist to encourage and train the few members who remain since the pastor suffered a stroke over a year ago.

We are looking forward to a big meeting of all IMB missionaries from the southern region of Africa coming up the week of Easter. It will be a time of training and worship as missionaries from South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland, Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Lesotho join together in Johannesburg for 5 days. The kids will have their own retreat at the same time led by a volunteer team from Texas. They are looking forward to seeing friends they have made in the mission community over this past year.

We are no longer the "new kids on the block" since we have celebrated another one of Cindi's birthdays, another Valentine's Day, and are quickly approaching another Easter in Lesotho. Days, weeks, months, years... time moves on quickly. Another reason the Basotho need your prayers. Many of the Basotho will attend Easter services or conferences this month fulfilling their religious duty and insuring they will have well attended funerals when they die. Please continue to pray along with us that the Basotho will listen to the truth of God's Word and desire an authentic relationship with our risen Savior and Lord.

Your prayers mean more to us than you may realize. Thank you for your continued support. There is a powerpoint of pictures from our first year in Lesotho now ready to download as a power point at www.Basotho.org. Check it out! Blessings to each and everyone as you celebrate another Resurrection Day!

Halleluiah, He is Risen Indeed!



Cindi celebrates her 2nd birthday in Africa.



You know you're in Africa when... the best cold remedy is picked from a plant.



We assist the local Baptist churches with Bible training. (Maputsoe Baptist Church)



Southern Africa is beautiful during February and March, sunflower season.



On Fridays we assist another local Baptist church with Bible training. (Ha Foso Baptist Church)



The unique Basotho hat get its design from the conical shape mountains in the Lowlands.