



Melvins on the Move...

(Isaiah 55:5) "Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which knows you not will run to you, Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you." (NAS95)

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The leaves are falling and the night temperatures have dropped to freezing. Yes, it's April, but because of the extended rainy season, winter has come early to Lesotho. **Praise: The continued rains have allowed the Basotho to plant cold weather gardens that help sustain them through the upcoming cold months.** The quick seasonal changes have just about ended the hoeing season. **Praise: More Basotho will have time to attend the Wednesday village Bible studies.** **Request: Pray for Basotho to make the choice to attend the studies.** Lesotho schools have completed their first grading period of the new year and are ready to take on new programs. **Request: Pray the schools will be anxious for True Love Waits teaching and willing to start support groups.** The existing Baptist churches are making plans to work with two Baptist Collegiate Ministries teams coming in May from Universities of Louisiana/Lafayette and Miami. **Request: Pray for traveling mercies and good health for the two teams.** Zachary and Eli are in their last term of the school year and Zachary will take his SAT's on May 2. **Request: Pray for us to make the right schooling decisions for next year and that Zachary will do well on his SAT's.** Members of the new church plant in Vukazensela/Motsekuoa are learning about prayer walking and will prayer walk new villages in preparation for the Ironbridge Baptist Church volunteer team coming in June. **Request: Pray for a pastor in Vukazensela/Motsekuoa and Tom as he has preached every Sunday since October 07.** **Praise: New Basotho believers are learning to pray for the lostness of their own people.** **Request: Pray for the team from Ironbridge Baptist Church as they seek God's direction in ministry in Lowlands of Lesotho.** We depend on your prayers as we seek to follow Christ in Lesotho. **Praise the Lord: For all those faithful who pray for the Melvins and the Basotho.**



This Basotho boy is happy his family has a donkey to transport a heavy bag of corn meal.



You know you're in Africa when... a baby pigeon found on the roof of our house becomes a bag lunch.



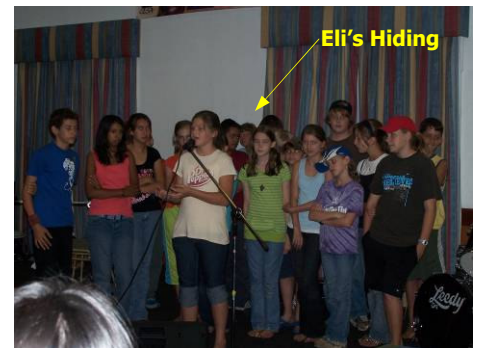
Pumping water from the village tap is a daily task for most Basotho girls.



"To The Edge 08" Annual Missionary Training Johannesburg, South Africa, March 24-28.



Zachary and his MK friends form a praise band and play in the annual talent show.



Middle schoolers report what they learned and experienced while working with a volunteer team.