

Melvins on the Move in the Lowlands of Lesotho

Then the One seated on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new." He also said, "Write, because these words are faithful and true." (Revelation 21:5)

Newsletter of Tom and Cindi Melvin ~ Serving Christ in the lowlands of Lesotho ~ January 2009

Dear Family and Friends,

As we begin 2009, we are grateful to God for His faithfulness to us since arriving in Lesotho January 5, 2007. We are humbled that He would call us to bring the saving message of His Son to the people of Lesotho, and we're trusting Him to bring about "new things" in the lowlands in 2009.

A man who wants to start a church in his house, some national youth who want to learn the True Love Waits program, a young Philippine believer who wants to help reach Chinese factory workers for Christ, and an additional Bible study on Wednesday. All of this is new. The Peppers transferring from Uganda join the Basotho team in February, and a family, the Floras, from Missouri arrive April 1. Zachary graduates in May and volunteers from VA, OK, and TX come in June. All of this is new.

The next 6 months surely promise to be very busy with new and exciting possibilities of reaching the people of Lesotho with the gospel. Thank you for your prayers as we seek God's will in every area of our lives and ministry in this New Year.

Prayers of praise:

- *Blessed Christmas in Maseru.
- *Safe travel to MK camp, Pretoria, and back to Lesotho.
- *Much needed rain in Maseru.
- *Interpreter for helping us with village Bible studies.
- *New Bible study started in Ha Khitione, a church branch.
- *New contacts for presenting True Love Waits.
- *Free workbooks made available for helping to teach ESL to Chinese factory workers.

Prayer requests:

- *Safety and health
- *True Love Waits presentation on Jan. 24 in new area.
- *Direction in helping to start a new house church.
- *Continued rain during the rainy season
- *Open doors and interest of Chinese factory workers to take ESL classes.
- *Committed translators/ Language learning
- *Zachary as he studies for trial exams to be taken in Feb.



We teach a Bible study in little Tsepiso's home.



Christmas lunch included turkey and real sweet potatoes this year!



Zachary and Eli on Christmas morning



A 6 hour border wait greets these Basotho returning to South African jobs on January 4.



Tom and Cindi enjoyed visiting IMB missionaries the Vicks, who serve in Pretoria, South Africa.



The boys' final hurrah in South Africa before their 2nd school term. Look at the size of those burgers!



A Christmas visit to the home of our friend Mahau. He received Christ after building a 2yr relationship.