

Melvins on the Move in the Lowlands of Lesotho

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Background: Basotho Blankets

Newsletter of Tom and Cindi Melvin ~ Serving Christ in the Lowlands of Lesotho ~ May & June 2009

Dear Family and Friends,

Since you last heard from us, we have definitely been "on the move." Thank you for remembering us in prayer. Our first term in Lesotho is quickly coming to a close. These past few months have focused on bringing the lowlands ministry to a place where nationals can carry on and reproduce what they have learned. This has been our greatest desire and challenge. **Pray that pastors, leaders, and church members will trust the Holy Spirit to empower them to make disciples.**

"God is an awesome God that he can use just plain old people like our team to do wonderful things for Him." This is a quote from a team member who recently served in Lesotho. Volunteers from VA, OK, and TX arrived in June to help with evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training. They shared the love of Christ with the Basotho and have made a difference for eternity. **Pray that the teaching and training done by the volunteers will encourage and give confidence to nationals who will share what they learned with the faithful who will share with others. Pray that the love of Christ shown to men, women, and children will point many lives to the Hope of Glory.**

As we put the final touches on our stateside calendar, we look forward to seeing and meeting with many of you. Your prayer support throughout the past three years have encouraged and sustained our family and the ministry in the lowlands. Thank you for partnering with the Basotho team in such a powerful way. May God bless you as you continue to pray for the nations.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for us as we prepare, pack, and ponder our return to the U.S.
- Pray for Zachary as he prepares to enter college.
- Pray for us to balance the busyness of July with good family time as we come close to the end of our first term.
- Pray for God to use us every day as we prepare to leave Lesotho.

Family Feature:

Class of 2009

Announces the graduation of

Zachary Thomas Melvin

from

Machabeng International College of Lesotho

May 22, 2009

Maseru, Lesotho

Zachary will attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, leaning towards a major in Computers/Information Technology.

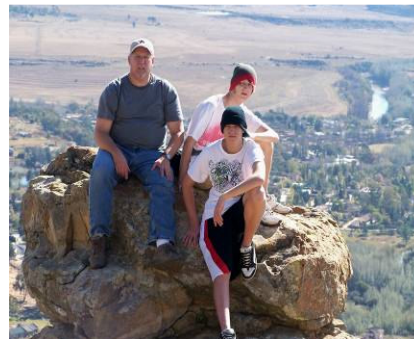
Eli completed 9th grade at Machabeng on July 3. He will attend Dinwiddie High School, his mom's alma mater, while we are in the U.S. Both boys have been forever changed by their international experience. Their world is much smaller as they now have personal friends from six continents. They have grown in their faith and served God through their participation in international and youth praise and worship groups. They are looking forward to reconnecting with family and friends at home and eating Mexican food. Tom and Cindi celebrated their 28th Anniversary on June 28. It is amazing how fast the years have gone. We are a blessed family.



MK graduates recognized at our annual training meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa.



Eli's 15th birthday
May 11



The guys climbed a mountain on Tom's birthday, May 25.



Class of 2009



Many orphans were totally blessed by the team VBS. Thanks to all who contributed to this project!



Lesotho volunteers assemble with village church before prayer walking



Men's Bible Conference led by volunteer team.