

Melvins on the Move in the Lowlands of Lesotho

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

Newsletter of Tom and Cindi Melvin ~ Serving Christ in the lowlands of Lesotho ~ September 2008

To our Prayer Partners,

The Melvins are well in Lesotho. Zachary and Eli have returned to school while Tom and Cindi continue working in the villages and a new school. The church in the village of Vukazensela is growing and we will begin a leadership training class there this Sunday. The village Bible studies continue and the people are asking good questions about sin, salvation, and the worship of ancestors. A follow up trip was made to a village where the Ironbridge Baptist Church volunteer team did broad seed sowing back in July. Our hope is to start a Bible study there whenever God opens the door for a place. We are having weekly follow up sessions and helping to form a True Love Waits Club at Ants Basic High School in Ha Foso and we continue to study Sesotho with a language helper a few hours a week.

There is an opportunity for **you** to be on mission with God and help us reach more Basotho with the message of Christ in 2009. Team leaders from Ironbridge Baptist in Chester, VA, are in the early stages of organizing a volunteer trip to Lesotho next June. The trip will most likely include a combination of discipleship training, leadership training, women and youth ministries, and evangelism. **Pray** about how God might be able to use your **availability** to share His Son with a people who are blinded from the truth by traditions, religiosity, and false teaching. You can contact us for more information.

Thank you for your faithfulness to remain part of the Basotho lowlands team by either praying, giving to Lottie Moon or the Cooperative Program, being part of a volunteer team, or staying in touch. Remember, we're only an email away!

Prayers of praise and concern:

***Praise God for the commitments of pure living made by high schoolers. Pray they will grow strong in the Lord through the follow up teaching *Praise God for raising up a leader, Tsepo, for the growing Vukazensela church. Pray God will bless his commitment and provide for his needs in order to serve the church. *Praise God for providing a new interpreter for weekday Bible studies. Pray for more interpreters who are able and willing to help with ministry and for our language learning. *Praise for warmer temperatures so that we can encounter more Basotho out and about. Pray for rain so that the Basotho can plant and not face hunger. *Praise for health and safety for the Melvin family. Pray for us to draw closer than ever to the Lord and each other as we enjoy Zachary's senior year together.**



Zachary and Eli enjoyed reuniting with MK buds at our cluster's annual prayer retreat.



Twenty-nine students from ANTS Basic High School signed True Love Waits commitment cards.



Tom assisted Pastor Molemo of Ha Foso Baptist when high winds destroyed the church's roof.



High attendance of 34 at the new church after almost a year of working in surrounding villages.



Pray for Tsepo as he been received with joy and will preach his first sermon on 9/21 at the new church.



Zachary and some drama classmates enjoyed a French play at school.