



Melvins on the Move...

1 Timothy 4:16 NAS95 *16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.*

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

Dear Friends and Family,

We hope you are all well and looking forward to the warm days of summer. We are still having trouble getting used to the calendar and the difference of seasons here. Winter has arrived and there has been snow in the mountains a couple of times. May has already been an exciting month. We hosted a South African who worked with us in the villages to complete a seminary requirement, Zachary took his SATs, and we celebrated Mother's Day and Eli's birthday on the 11th. We look forward to Tom's birthday on the 25th and the boys will begin taking exams at the end of May to complete their first year at the International school. We are also preparing for a volunteer team of Baptist Collegiate Ministry students from Louisiana and Florida who will be on mission in Lesotho from May 20- June 3. Pray for the students as they work with the four existing Baptist churches in church and community development. They will be ministering in the church preschools, leading after school programs for children and youth, teaching women's Bible studies, leading a one day mini conference, sharing the gospel message door to door in villages surrounding the churches, helping construct an outhouse at one of the church sites, and leading Sunday services in each church. Pray that this team will receive a great blessing from their obedience and commitment to reach the nations for Christ.

We thank you for your continued faithfulness to remember us and the Basotho in prayer. After spending seven months in a new area, we are beginning to hear testimonies of how the Lord is changing lives. Stand with us in prayer as we trust the Lord to continue to move among these Basotho.

Praises: *Safety on the road and at home; new youth group in Ladybrand SA for the boys to attend; Basotho attending weekly Bible study and the decisions for Christ that were made; God's Word; Eli's 14th birthday; volunteer teams coming in May and June.*

Requests: *Safety on the road and at home; health; strong commitment of Basotho believers, especially males; safety and health of university team; Ironbridge Baptist Team coming in June; committed interpreters while we continue to learn Sesotho; boys final exams which in the British system become the final grade for the year; South African, Craig Rankin's call to pastor; international disasters in Burma and China.*



Cindi has a favorite tree in Virginia. She has claimed this one here in Lesotho.



Tom, also known as Ntate Mosa, rides in the mountains like the Basotho.



"Lord of The Harvest" This family gives God the praise for a bountiful harvest.



The mother with all the children testified recently that she no longer participates in ancestor worship now that she attends the "salvation church."



Eli celebrated his 14th birthday on May 11. He was happy to receive his favorite gift, \$\$\$.



Craig Rankin, a South African Baptist, worked with us for five days learning and experiencing rural church planting for a seminary class. Craig is following God's call to become a pastor.