

Melvins on the Move in the Lowlands of Lesotho...

Isaiah 45:22 "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other. NASB

Overlooking Ha Fosa Baptist Church

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

Dear Prayer Partners,

Give me a **B**; give me a **C**; give me a **M**...Put it together and what do ya get? **Baptist Collegiate Ministry!** We were blessed to host a volunteer team made up of BCM from Universities of Miami and Louisiana/Lafayette, May 20 – June 4. The team worked tirelessly encouraging, discipling, and building community relations with the four existing Baptist churches and two outreach areas. They also helped to make Baptist presence known in areas of Maseru by playing a softball game with the orphans Zachary has been teaching this school year, presenting a program of music, skits, and testimonies at a high school and juvenile correctional facility, and working at a local youth center. God used them mightily to further His kingdom during their 14 day mission. We enjoyed getting to know them and were sad to see them go. We are now busy preparing for a second team being led by our home church, Ironbridge Baptist, June 21 – July 5. They will be involved in sowing seeds of the gospel through door to door evangelism, VBS, and showing the Jesus Film in new work areas.

As for family news, Tom celebrated his birthday on May 25th, Zachary and Eli survived their first set of British style final exams and will finish the school year on the 27th of June, we finally started our coal burning heater to offset the cold winter nights and mornings, Zachary spent four days in East London, South Africa, on a class trip with his French class, we have yet another temporary pet as we cat sit for one of the MAF pilots until October, and we can now get mozzarella cheese in Lesotho! Excitement comes in small packages!

Thank you for continuing to pray for the Basotho and the work He has called us to do in the lowlands of Lesotho. We depend on your prayers and the work of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. We are also very thankful for all who gave the \$150.4 to the 2007 Lottie Moon Christmas offering so that His story can continue to be told in Lesotho and to the nations.

Praises: Safety and health; commitment of volunteers on mission; nationals participating in prayerwalking for their first time to prepare for volunteer team; one day conference held at Maputsoe BC for Pastor Jacob Lebusa who is not able to travel due to a stroke, Pastor Lebusa and his members were very happy for this day, new True Love Waits opportunity

Prayer requests: Traveling mercies and health of Ironbridge team; Ha Fosa BC as their church roof and one wall was blown away during a night storm; open hearts and homes of Basotho to hear the gospel; language learning; committed interpreters and church leaders; cultural barriers to come down; True Love Waits ministry and opportunities



Tom celebrated his 53rd birthday on May 25th



Baptist Collegiate Ministries Team serving in Lesotho



Music and testimonies at a youth rally.



Sunday service in a house church



You know you're in Africa... when a head is used for something other than a hat rack.



Zachary and Cindi, BCM Team, and the orphans had a great time of fellowship and softball.