

Melvins on the Move in the Lowlands of Lesotho

1 Timothy 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service

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

Greetings from Lesotho... where spring is just around the corner!

This past month has taken us around the world and back. Or so it seemed. On July 26, the Melvins, who are always on the move, took a two week whirlwind trip to Virginia to check on family and college shop with Zachary. We were also blessed at this time to attend our home church when the 2008 Summer Mission Team to Lesotho gave its report during both Sunday morning services. We praise God for how He used these volunteer missionaries to touch the hearts of many Basotho and for a wonderful presentation that brought our two "homes" close together.

As we return to serve Basotho, we are thankful for the opportunities the International Mission Board allows for our own continued spiritual growth and renewal. The Southeast Africa Cluster consisting of ten IMB missionary teams from South Africa, Swaziland, and Lesotho, will join together for an annual spiritual/prayer retreat August 22-25. The youth and children will be led by a volunteer team from the U.S. while the adults are fed through worship, Bible study, and special times of prayer. We look forward to this time of refreshment.

Following the retreat, we will move into a full schedule as the boys begin a new school year, village Bible studies resume, Sunday worship continues, new church leadership training begins, True Love Waits teaching begins, and more. Pray with us and for us as we seek to reach and teach Basotho with the truth of God's Word. Visit www.basotho.org to see more about how God is working among the Basotho in the lowlands and the Maluti Mountains of Lesotho.

Praises:

1. *Safe travel for the Melvins to and from the U.S.*
2. *Blessed vacation time spent with family and friends.*
3. *Good health and safety in Lesotho*
4. *New team members, Larry and Sally Pepper to arrive in Lesotho in 2009 to minister in mountain clinics.*

Prayer requests:

1. *Pray for a young man named Tsepo who feels God may be calling him to be a church leader in a new church*
2. *Continued language learning*
3. *Provision of new interpreters available for mid week teaching*
4. *Effective village Bible studies*
5. *A good school year for Zachary who will be a senior and Eli a freshman*
6. *Safety and health*



Philippine neighbor invited us to his 38th birthday party. He loved the UVA hat as his gift.



BBQ pig Lesotho style



Pray for Tsepo who feels God calling him to do ministry with the Basotho Lowlands Team



On most Sundays while Mom and Dad are in the village, Zachary and Eli serve in the English church in Maseru.



Eli is now part of a praise and worship team.



True Love Waits ministry... thanks to your prayers God has opened a new door of opportunity.