

# Melvins on the Move in the Lowlands of Lesotho

*1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. NAS95*

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Dear Prayer Partners,

An important part of each village worship service, is the time of witness or testimony. Without fail, most Basotho who testify begin with, "I thank God for life." It is not trite or redundant. Their lives are fragile and can change drastically from one week to the next. On Sundays and in village Bible studies, Basotho are learning about the One true God that loved them enough to give His only Son so that they could have eternal life. The truth of God's Word is slowly cracking the barriers of traditional practices, false teaching, and general apathy towards the things of God. We pray to soon hear new testimonies that will proclaim, "I thank God for life in Jesus."

There is much to be thankful for this month. **Pray with us as we thank God for:** the start of a new outreach group, safety and health, training of a national in the True Love Waits program, continued interest in village Bible study, Zachary's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Flora family, a newly appointed IMB missionaries to serve in the mountains of Lesotho, leadership training in the newest church and one existing Baptist church, music ministry opportunities for Zachary and Eli, the many friends, family members, and partners who faithfully stand with us in prayer. **Pray with us also as we seek God for:** wisdom and direction in teaching ESL to Chinese factory workers in Maseru, direction and cooperation in teaching and training in an existing Baptist church, help in finding committed interpreters, help in language learning, Basotho who are passionate to share Christ with other Basotho, open doors to work alongside other Great Commission organizations.

**For our Southern Baptist supporters,** we want you to know how grateful we are for your faithful giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Your gifts make our ministry - and the ministries of more than 5,600 IMB missionaries serving around the world - possible. Countless souls will one day worship around His throne because you chose to sacrifice for the sake of the Gospel. May God's richest blessings be yours as you partner with us to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all nations. To give you a "picture" of how your giving was used in the lowlands of Lesotho this past year, visit our website at [www.basotho.org](http://www.basotho.org) to view the Lottie Moon emphasis PowerPoint. We hope that many of you will be able to share this presentation within your church during the upcoming Christmas season.



Final meeting of the 2008 school year for the True Love Waits Club at Ants High School.



Girls with white powder and animal skins still practice traditional rite of passage into adulthood; a gospel barrier.



Blue tent represents mobile units which offer free HIV/AIDS testing in the villages.



Surprise pool party for Zachary in Ladybrand, SA.



Proud parents of an eighteen year old son.



International school friends celebrate in our home.