



lesotha letters

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Prayer and Praise:

- **Praise** the Lord for a man who got saved in prison through HIM's radio broadcast. He was released because his life was so changed and has been making restitutions in villages around us.
- **Pray** for Pieter Marias. His health has declined a lot.
- **Praise** the Lord that the Petersons were able to move into the new house before the lock down.
- Please **pray** that the staff at Matukeng Health Centre and the nation of Lesotho as a whole will be protected from the Coronavirus.
- We are planning to come to America for home assignment but do not know when. **Pray** that God will direct us and give us peace in uncertainty.

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Pre-COVID 2020

One of HIM's goals for 2020 was to re-open the church at Mauersnek, South Africa. Missionaries, pastors, and lay people worked towards this goal through children's work, calling, and intercessory prayer, but January came and went with one major challenge unsolved. No licensed driver was available to take a pastor there on Sundays. Jeff, one of the lay pastors from the Hobhouse congregation, took on this challenge and is trying to get his license. Busy schedules at his work, corruption at the motor vehicle department, and the coronavirus worked together to keep this from happening. We are trusting God that the Mauersnek church will still open this year! Keep praying!



Mauersnek church building



In February I (Glenn) traveled to Hobe Sound for the annual camp meeting, mission meetings, new missionary orientation, and the FEA Board Meeting. I was refreshed by the camp services and encouraged by the interaction with other missionaries from around the world. At the last minute, God opened a door for Kaitlyn to

join me on this trip! She enjoyed attending the youth services, connecting with her cousin from PA (left), and making new friends.

The big push in March this year was to get the first Firm Foundations house finished to the point that the Peterson family could move in. Toilets had to be set, hot and cold water supplies hooked up, doors hung, and MANY other things. We are grateful for the team that came from Parkway Church of God Holiness (above) to help out! They helped get a kitchen counter and sink set, built a front porch, and lots of other smaller projects. The Petersons moved in on March 26, just before the lock down began.



COVID-19 and Lesotho

The memories of the pre-COVID-19 world that I've just written about seem so very long ago! Now our minds are preoccupied with lock downs, face masks, and hand sanitizer! Fear swept through the nation of Lesotho as dozens became sick just on the other side of the border in South Africa. One morning as I went into a Chinese-owned supermarket, the panic was tangible. A lady near the door recognized me and greeted me as a pastor. Two other ladies overheard and stopped me, asking if I would pray for them. As we bowed our heads in the corner of the store, one of the cashiers stopped us and motioned for me to come to the PA system and pray with everyone. Shocked, I introduced myself to the shoppers and prayed for God's peace and protection over each one. The presence of God came down in the grocery store, and the tension lifted.



Nurse Nthomane ready to screen patients at the clinic



Patients waiting to be screened at the clinic

The government of South Africa reacted to the new threat on March 26 by implementing one of the strictest lock down policies in the world. People were not even allowed to go out of their

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houses to exercise. Lesotho followed suit a few days later even though there were still no confirmed cases. The restrictions were enforced by the police and heavy-handed soldiers, so people pretty much stayed home for the first few weeks.

Our main ministry focus during this season has been at the clinic where we live. Before the lockdown began, we scrambled to find protective equipment for the staff. Nothing was available to our clinic as everything was being redirected to government hospitals, so I eventually bought industrial equipment including masks that are normally used for spraying pesticides. HIM was also able to buy a hospital-grade non-contact thermometer so all patients can be screened for fever before entering the clinic buildings. The staff were grateful to have at least some measure of protection. Each morning Pastor Kali and I take turns holding an opening prayer and short message before the nurses begin seeing patients (above). People have been more responsive than normal, and we are believing that God's Word will bear fruit in their hearts.



May 5 was the end of the lockdown here, for which people are thankful. There are still regulations—church services with only fifty people or less, wearing masks in public, and only certain schools and grades will have classes. We praise God that there is only one case of COVID-19 in the country, and there are some doubts about it. In the overall picture, it may be best for people to get back to work; otherwise death by starvation may be an even greater problem. We have been helping needy church people with staple foods to get them through this difficult time. Please continue to pray that God will spare Lesotho and the rest of Africa from this disease!

Deputation and Ministry Updates

We had flights scheduled to leave Africa for our home assignment on May 14. Last week these flights were canceled, and we have no idea when flights will become available again. We still hope to keep our schedule of services, but we do not know if that will be possible. We will keep you updated through email and the Facebook link below.

If you would like to receive more frequent updates, please send your email address to gault@feaministries.org, and we will add you to the list. We send out updates at least monthly. You can also follow along at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/himafrica>.

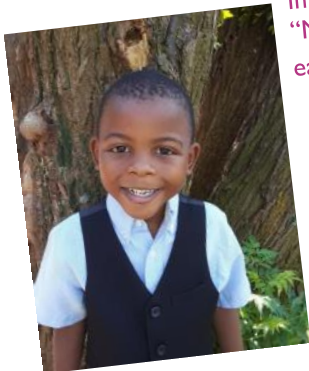
The Kids' Korner



In Sesotho the month of April is called "Mesa"—to roast. It's the month we roast and eat maize!



I'm taller than Mommy!



I like to dress up even when we can't go to church!



Daddy took me for a picnic on his motorcycle.

Mr. Howard took me flying when we were in Florida



Your prayers and support make it possible for us to obey God's call! Thank you!

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