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PETERSON'S NEWSLETTER

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Missionaries to Lesotho

Greetings from Lesotho, Africa! God has been good this past year as we have been in the United States on home assignment and deputation travels. It was a joy to see many family and friends and connect again. Our travels took us from coast to coast sharing what God is doing in Lesotho. We were encouraged and blessed along the way as many people shared that they pray for us on a daily basis. Over the last year God has not only helped us through our services and travels, but also helped us lay a foundation for Kaylee and Karissa as they transitioned to college. We were there to help them get their driver's licenses, adjust back to the American way of life and culture, and complete their first semester at Hobe Sound Bible College. While it has not always been easy, God has helped them in school, in making some solid Christian friends, and in growing spiritually.



As we returned to Lesotho for our second term with HIM, it came with excitement and, yes, mixed emotions. We left Kansas City on June 8, and our whole family was excited to be going home. After traveling over 40,000 miles over the last year we were ready to stay in one place for a while.

Departure: **Wed 08 JUNE**
United Airlines **UA 1806**
MCI International Airport



“The mark of a great church is not it’s seating capacity but it’s sending capacity.” ~ Mike Stachura



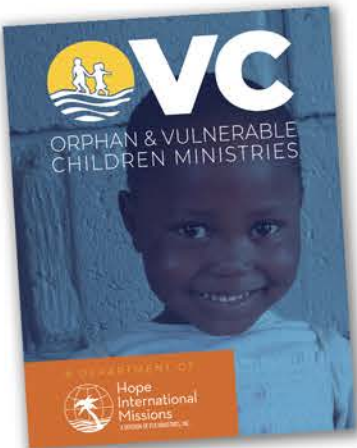
Without your prayers and support we could not do what God has called us to, so we invite you to come along with us over the next few years as we continue to work with orphans and vulnerable children in Africa and also work with the project development part of our ministry here in Lesotho.

Orphan and Vulnerable Children’s Ministry - OVCM

Seeing how this ministry has thrived while we were in the States is encouraging. Our goal has been to empower the local church leadership as they work in their own culture. This ministry—under the leadership of our national director, Pastor Ntate Kali, and administrative assistant, Sister Itumeleng—has continued to grow and develop over the last year. We are now working with over forty orphans and vulnerable children through the OVC program. We praise God especially for the spiritual growth in these young people.



In 2021 a sponsorship model was launched that allows us to help more young people in need and strengthen the financial part of this ministry. As we stepped out in faith, God began to speak to different ones to help support and sponsor a child. These sponsorships have made a huge impact on the lives of these young people. Our main focus on deputation was to get sponsors. Many responded, and all of our kids were sponsored in 2022. PRAISE THE LORD!



Scan the QR code for the complete 24 page OVCM book in a PDF format for 2022.



Computer Link

<https://l.lead.me/himovc>

We will let them tell you in their own words what it has meant to them to have someone praying for them every day and helping them with school fees, uniforms, shoes, and supplies so they can continue their education.

“I used to feel lonely, feeling like my existence on earth is useless. I was always comparing myself against other students at school, for my family could not afford things needed at school. However, all those are the past because your help made me to be strengthened. You greatly helped me to change and reach my future, and now my mind of dropping out of school is no longer crossing my mind.”

~ Letlotlo



“I have really seen that God is everywhere and He could use a person who is far away from our country just like you. I really thank you to appreciating me, to take care of my future. Lastly, I want to quote the Word of God from the book of Jeremiah 29:11, It talks about God’s plan for our life.”

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,” saith the LORD, “thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end” (Jeremiah 29:11).”

~ Relebohile

“Till now you have done so much for me, that I can’t even count. Although I wish to thank you about a very great thing that is sponsorship. All those years ago I wasn’t aware about who God is, but now he has done so much for me. It’s my wish and my plea to you all that you may do this best to others just like me.”

~ Thato



“I would like to thank you for everything you are doing for me, because there are some kids outside there, who want to go to school like me but their parents does not have enough money to send them to school, so that they will also have a brighter future, but you chose to help my mother so that I will go to school.”

~ Maipato

Please pray for us and the OVC committee as we continue to work with the orphans and vulnerable children. Wisdom and guidance is needed for all of us. Pray that these young people will put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, and God will continue to heal the hurt many have experienced in their lives.

Firm Foundations Building Project

It was exciting to return to Lesotho and start on the tabernacle project again. Just this past week we poured the foundation footer for the short block walls that will go up between the beams. The metal structure was erected in November 2020, and we are looking forward to having the rest of the building completed.

Over \$20,000 has come in during the past year for Phase 1 of the development project. This has been an encouragement to the church ministries here in Lesotho as we begin to lay a foundation financially that will continue to help the ministries for generations to come. Lord willing, over the next few years our goal is to:

- 1. Finish the tabernacle building
- 2. Build a three-bedroom rental home
- 3. Build a new church building in one of our remote villages in the mountains
- 4. Construct erosion control measures below the church property in Matukeng

As you can see, the project side of the ministry will keep us very busy. We praise the Lord for so many who have given to help make our ministries in Africa possible. THANK YOU! Being a part of something greater than anything we could ever accomplish on our own is exciting, and we give God all the praise and the glory!



It is our 5th Anniversary!



On August 11, 2017, we officially became HIM missionaries. It is hard to believe this much time has gone under the bridge. At times it seems like we moved to Africa yesterday, and at other moments it feels like a lifetime. We want to thank God for calling us to missions full time. We took a leap of faith into the unknown—it was either sink or swim! We can say without hesitation that God has guided us all the way, and we are encouraged that the same God who has brought us through these five years will continue to lead us into the future.

2017 — 2022



We knew when we left Lesotho we needed to replace the Hyundai H-1 van we were using. It was not made for the rough roads we travel, and the suspension had been replaced multiple times with continuing issues. In July we were able to trade in the van and purchase a Ford Everest 4x4, which handles the roads much better. We are praying it will be a good vehicle with many years of service.

Looking at this next term in Africa, we are encouraged. We are humbled that God would allow us to serve among the beautiful Basotho people of Lesotho. The most important thing we need is your prayers. When the load gets heavy, it is the prayers of God's saints that lift us up so we can accomplish what God has for us. We also covet your prayers for Kaylee and Karissa as they start back to school in August at Hobe Sound Bible College.

In God's Service,

The Peterson Family

Wesley & Misty Peterson

Praise!

- A good year in the US for deputation
- OVC sponsors for the ministry
- Traveling mercies for the last year
- Traveling protection back to Africa

Prayer:

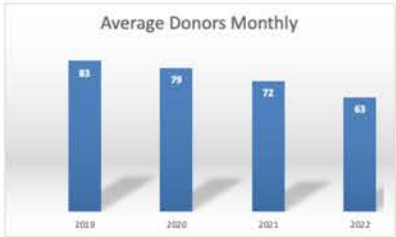
- OVC ministry in Lesotho
- Firm Foundations building project
- Continued safety and financial support
- Kaylee & Karissa as they return to HSBC

INVESTORS REPORT

Over the five years we have been serving with HIM, God has been faithful to provide our financial needs. We are humbled by those who have given sacrificially month after month. We ask God to multiply those efforts for His kingdom. These donations have not gone unnoticed, and we want to say THANK YOU!

Over the last year several people asked us how our financial support was doing. God has always supplied our needs, many of our wants, and our financial responsibilities have always been paid on time. For that, we are humbled. Since 2017 when we started raising shares for monthly support, we have not needed to ask for an increase in support as God has always placed it on hearts to give, and we have been grateful. Some months our budget goes in the red. Then other months we have a surplus, so it has always balanced out over time.

So how does it LOOK?



While the number of our monthly donors have decreased by 25 percent, others have given more. The donation amount from 2019 to 2022 has only decreased about \$300 per month. We are blessed by each gift. God has been faithful and provided for all our needs.

Lesotho is definitely facing inflation. Gas prices have increased 40 percent in the past year and we are now paying around \$6.50 a gallon. We have trusted God in the past and know He will provide where needed. Thank you for being a prayer and financial supporter of our ministry in Lesotho.

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LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

LESOTHO, AFRICA

(Looking for a team of 4-6 strong skilled men)

GIVE - OF YOUR TIME. TWO WEEKS NEEDED. WE ARE NEEDING A TEAM AROUND THE FIRST PART OF NOVEMBER 2022.

WORK - LOOKING FOR A TEAM OF 4-6 GUYS THAT CAN BUILD TRUSSES AND PUT ON THE METAL ROOF OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH TABERNACLE.

A two-week trip to Africa would allow for a total of 3-4 days of flying/traveling, a week of work, and at least a day of PLAY! Learn about the Basotho people, culture, some delicious local foods, and African church worship. Before your return trip home, we will take a day to visit an African safari park.

Time Needed: 10-14 days

Requirements: 18 years old or older; passport

No vaccines required

Cost: \$1500 - \$2,000 per person



TRAVEL

If this sounds like an adventure of a lifetime, then maybe God is calling you to become a blessing to other Christian brothers and sisters in Africa.



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