

lesotha letters

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Prayer and Praise

- 2023 was a very full year, but looking back, it was also a very fulfilling year of ministry. **Praise** the Lord for all the victories won!
- Please **pray** for us as we travel on deputation.
- **Praise** God for new converts in Lesotho and South Africa. **Pray** for pastors and lay leaders as they disciple them.
- **Pray** for Kaitlyn as she starts classes at Hobe Sound Bible College in January.
- **Pray** for good health for the HIM Africa missionaries.

December 2023

A Ministry Update

The months of May to July were busy with VBSs in Lesotho. Reaching more than 600 children from at least two dozen villages with the gospel was a major highlight in 2023. For Stephanie, however, who has invested much of her ministry efforts over the last few years in training children's workers, an even more fulfilling part of these VBSs was watching the people she's been training teach these five-day children's services. These children's workers have helped with the VBSs in the past, but this was the first year some felt confident enough to teach the Bible stories themselves.



VBSs lead by local children's workers

Training pastors has been another important part of our ministry this year. Glenn regularly helps teach at the Lesotho Theological Education by Extension Bible school where several of HIM's pastors and lay leaders are studying. He also traveled to Ghana, Cameroon, and Zambia to help teach with the Africa 85 training initiative. The trip to Ghana was special because Jim Howard, HIM's first missionary to Africa, helped start a Bible school near Accra in the early '90s. He went along and reconnected with his former students there. The highlight of the trip to Cameroon was the "graduation" of students from the first year to the second year of Shepherds Global Classroom courses. We are especially excited about the Bible school Pastor Allegri Parmigren has started in a refugee camp in Zambia. Refugees from this camp will gradually be resettled around the world, and we want to see them go out as well-trained pastors, missionaries, and lay leaders.

Approximately
85%
of pastors & Christian
leaders in Africa are
undertrained for their
place of ministry.



The Africa 85 ministry initiative in partnership with Bible Methodist Missions

Would you like to bless someone this Christmas? You can send a special gift of support to **Hester Marais** through HIM. Checks can be made out to HIM with "Marais" in the memo.

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Together with the Petersons and Angela Thornton, we helped to host four ministry teams from the US this year. These teams aided us with a variety of ministries including evangelism and children's ministry, but we also appreciate all the hard work they put into helping Wes Peterson finish up the conference tabernacle building at Matukeng.



The new tabernacle at Matukeng, Lesotho



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We have been so encouraged by the way God is working to build His kingdom in Lesotho in 2023. Hardly a Sunday has passed that there were not visitors or newly-saved people at the Matukeng church. Attendance is averaging over one hundred. God is also working in a wonderful way in other churches in Lesotho and the townships around Ladybrand, South Africa. A major victory for Rev. Tankiso Klaas was reopening the church at Mauersnek, South Africa, which had been closed for several years for a lack of a pastor and people attending. As people have gotten saved, the pastors have been putting a strong emphasis on discipleship. The Reach4Life youth discipleship group Stephanie started several years ago has grown a lot. In 2023 three more branches were started at other congregations. We are encouraged to see more young people consistently serving the Lord through their teen years and also discipling their peers.



The Reach 4 Life discipleship group and Rev. Tankiso

Thank You!



The aging Hilux (left) and the new-to-us van (right)

We want to say a BIG thank you to everyone who gave so generously to help us replace our stolen van. After car shopping, test driving, and talking to mechanics, we eventually decided the most practical vehicle for our needs is an older van like the one that was stolen. A Pakistani businessman helped us import a low-mileage one from Japan. The balance of the money that was given for this need will be put towards replacing our aging 4x4 pickup truck. Thank you for making this happen!

Home Assignment

We are on home assignment from mid-November until mid-April. After family time at Christmas, we will be traveling for deputation around the US. Lord willing, we will fly back to Africa on the 10th of April. If you would like to see our schedule, check our blog or email us. (addresses above). We are looking forward to seeing you!



Caleb and Kristell telling people about Lesotho

Off to College

Kaitlyn graduated from high school in May this year. The intervening months have been full—online college classes, volunteering at the Beautiful Gate orphanage, music, and ministry in Lesotho. She is enrolled at Hobe Sound Bible College for the second semester and plans to study education and missions. Please pray for all of us during this transition!



Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you so much for praying and giving!

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