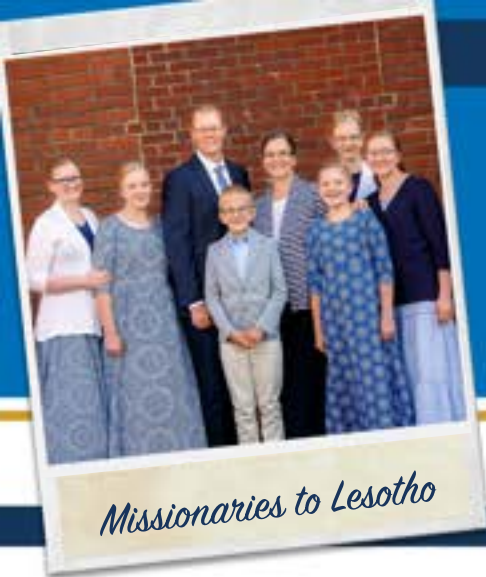


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# PETERSON'S NEWSLETTER

Wesley ~ Misty ~ Kaylee ~ Karissa  
Kathryn ~ Kara ~ Clayton ~ Courtney

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*Missionaries to Lesotho*

Dear Friends,

Greetings from wintery Lesotho! It is hard to believe our second term is coming to a close, and 2024 is halfway over. God has been so faithful; we praise Him for His guidance in our lives and ministries. He has been so good to us! Thank you for the support and prayers that have sheltered our family and ministries. Many seeds have been planted and watered for God's kingdom, and eternity will reveal a harvest of souls for the Lord.

Kaylee and Karissa flew home from school in the last week of May. The drastic change from Florida heat to Lesotho winter is a shock for them, but they are adjusting well. We thank God for helping them as they completed another year at Hobe Sound Bible College.

This week Clayton had surgery to implant a Bone Bridge hearing device that will allow him to hear in his right ear using an external processor. After two ear surgeries to remove a cholesteatoma and repair damaged bone, his hearing had not been restored. His surgeon recommended the Bone Bridge hearing device, and a one-week trial test showed he was a good candidate for this system. He is scheduled to have this fitted for him on July 1. Please continue to pray for Clayton as he heals from surgery and transitions to using his new hearing processor.



As we have prayed for God's direction for our family's future, we felt the need to transition off the field at the end of this term in order to support our children as they grow into adulthood. Kathryn is a senior in high school, and Kara is a junior. The twins are now thirteen and in eighth grade. Kaylee and Karissa will start their senior year at Hobe Sound Bible College this fall. Our kids are becoming adults, and we wonder where on earth the time has gone.

We have trusted God to reveal the next chapter, and He has. By faith we walked through the open doors to work in Africa, and by faith we enter this new transition in ministry. There is great peace in God's guiding hand. We accepted a full-time position as Director of Public Relations for FEA Ministries and Hope International Missions. While this will be a significant change for our family, we are excited about the opportunity to continue working with missions when we move to Hobe Sound, Florida, in October.

### *Reach4Life* training

Sister Itumeleng has been a huge blessing in the administrative position for the OVC ministry, and she has been a strong leader in the local church. We plan to continue to support the OVC ministry after we return to the States, but many local duties we currently fulfill will be placed in other people's hands. We believe the OVC committee and leadership will be able to carry on the work that has been developed. With this knowledge our focus has been to finish well. An OVC vehicle was purchased for the ministry's needs, and it has become a tremendous blessing. Sister Itumeleng has used it to drive to discipleship classes, visit children in more remote areas, and purchase OVC supplies as needed.

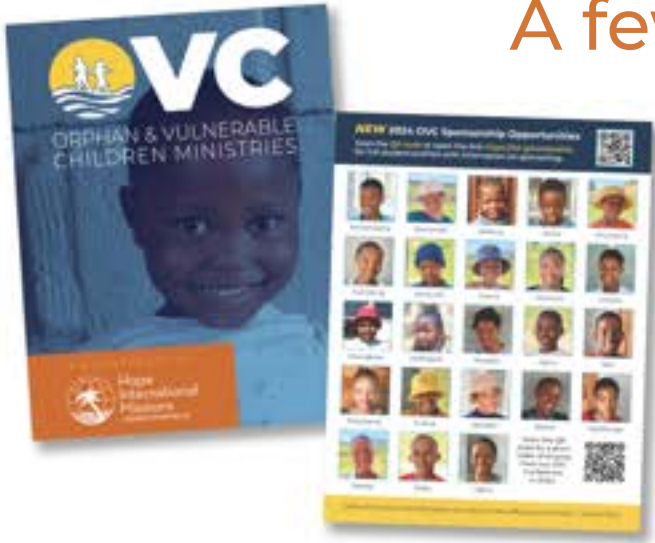


Sister Itumeleng learning how to change a tire on the OVC vehicle.



Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. ~ Matthew 25:40

## A few sponsorships are still available for the 2024 school year.



If you are interested in sponsoring one of these students, please scan the QR code or open this link to view a full PDF of the students left to be sponsored. You can email us directly at [peterson@feaministries.org](mailto:peterson@feaministries.org) for more information.



Phase 1 of the Eternal Foundations Project is nearly complete. The new tabernacle building is finished, and the second rental home is halfway through the building process. In May our first *GO! Impact* team arrived and helped build the trusses, put the roof on, and set up the frames for the interior walls. They were a huge blessing to our family, and God helped us in the five and a half days they worked on the project. Currently, the house is in the drywall stage for the interior walls, and there are plans to host a second work team in June.





## Approximately \$15,000 is still needed to complete the second rental home.

If you are interested in supporting this project for its completion, you can scan the QR code and give online or send a check to Hope International Missions and mark it in the memo as “Eternal Foundations Project.” We aim to have this second rental finished and ready to rent by the first of next year.



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Mail checks to:  
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Memo: Eternal Foundations Project

Courtney recently had a short writing assignment for school on “Home”. We asked if she would be willing to share her thoughts with you. We hope you enjoy reading about “home” from the perspective of a missionary child.

### Home

“Home is where the heart is.” I have seen that in my life many times. Home is where the heart is, but I’ve wondered, “Where is my heart?” Since we are going back to America, I have thought, “Where is home for me?” I will always love Lesotho: the mountains, the people, and especially the life I have lived here. Lesotho will always be special, but is America home too? Yes, it is. My heart is in America with my friends and family. But if my heart is in both countries, does that mean I have to love one place more than the other? Is my heart not big enough for another place?

The answer to that question is: No matter where home is, it doesn’t mean you lose part of your heart. It will grow bigger every day with each new place that is home. I am just beginning to love and call many places home, but I hope one day my heart can be spread across Africa, America, Asia, Europe, and all the other places. I want my haven to be with people connected through Christ. Christ is my home, and we are His children, the Church. If we are one with Christ, then that will be my home.

So wherever I am in the world, wherever Christ is, that is my home too. Wherever God wants me, that place becomes mine. It’s where He has led me throughout my life. It becomes home because Christ is my haven. Karissa once wrote that “Home Is Christ”, and I have begun to see how true that really is.

### Home Is Christ



Courtney (13)

Thank you for all the prayers for our family and the ministries in Lesotho. Please pray for God’s help during this transition to a new position and returning to life in the United States. We look forward to seeing many of you in 2025.

In His Service,

*Wesley & Misty Peterson*

### Praises!

- Phase 1 of the project nearing completion
- Kaylee & Karissa’s safe return from school
- Peace and direction for our future
- Funding received for Clayton’s surgery

### Prayer Requests:

- Finances needed to finish the second rental home
- OVC committee and leadership
- Transitioning for our family to Hobe Sound, FL
- God’s wisdom with a new phase of ministry

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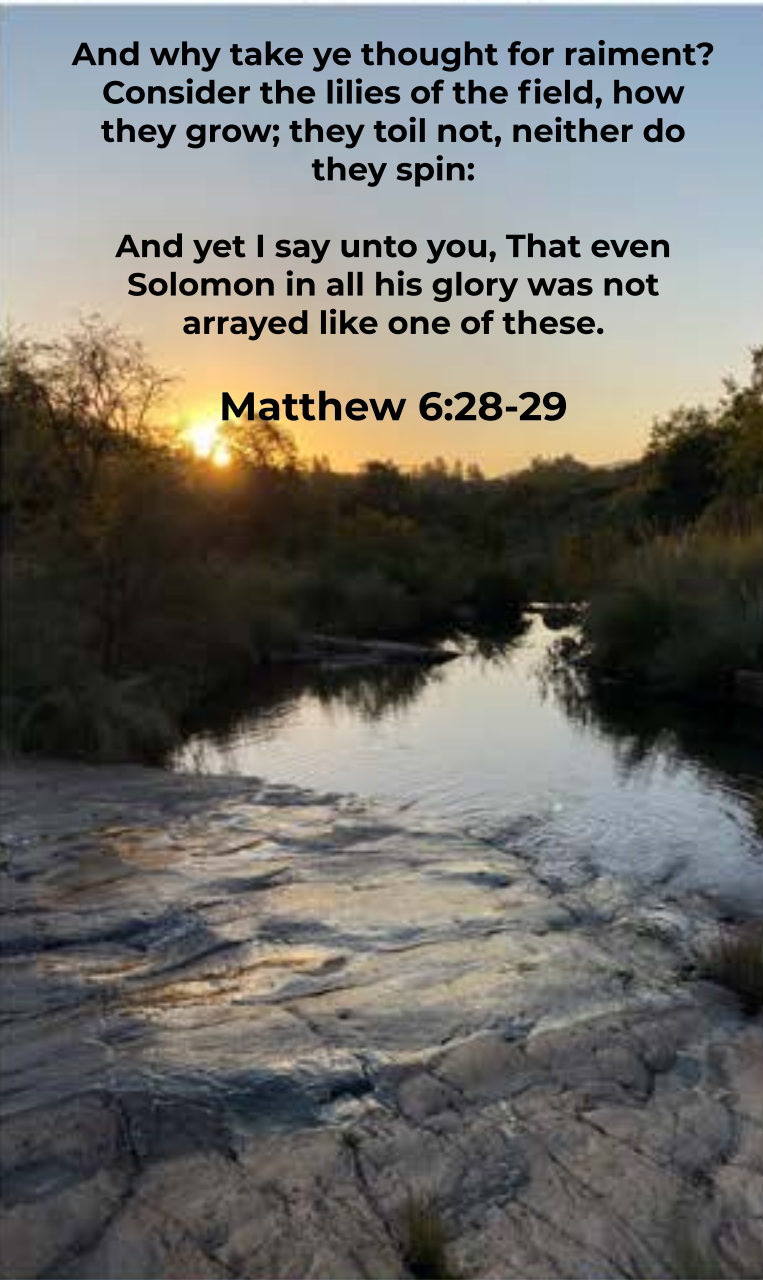
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And why take ye thought for raiment?  
Consider the lilies of the field, how  
they grow; they toil not, neither do  
they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even  
Solomon in all his glory was not  
arrayed like one of these.

**Matthew 6:28-29**