

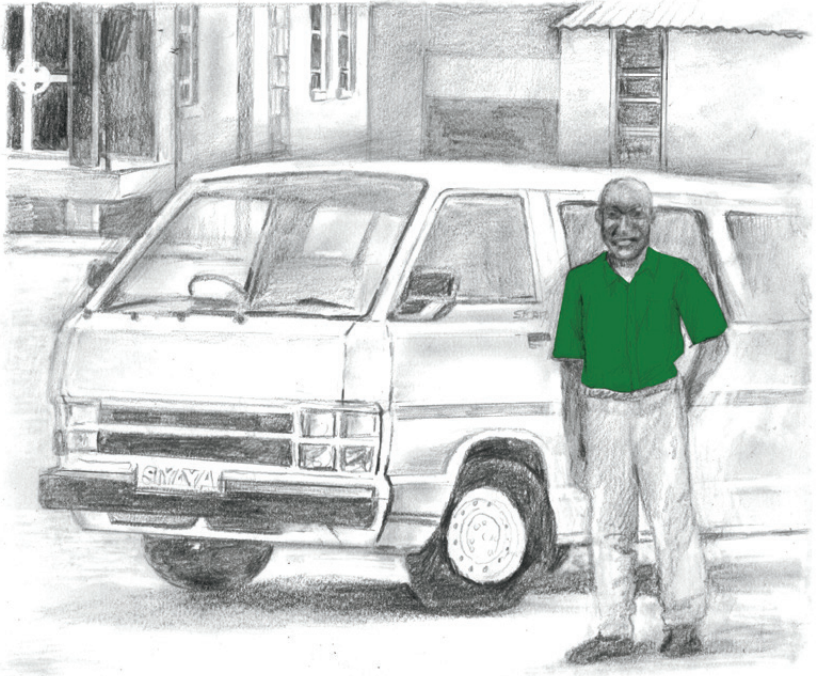
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**BUILDING
GOD'S KINGDOM**



PASTOR NTHABI



Hello, everyone! Louie reporting from Matukeng, Lesotho, once again. I have a new friend I would like you to meet.

Rev. Kali: *Dumela!* Hello! My name is Reverend Kali Nthabe (*Kah-dee N-tah-bay*) or, as some call me, Ntate Kali (*N-tah-tay Kah-dee*).

Louie: It is nice to have this chance to visit with you. Since you are known as Reverend Kali, does that mean you are a preacher?

Rev. Kali: Yes, I am. I pastor the mission church here in Matukeng, Lesotho.

Louie: That is the church the Gaults, Petersons, and Angela Thornton attend, correct?

Rev. Kali: That is correct.

Louie: But that is not your only job, is it?

Rev. Kali: No, it is not. I oversee the mission's other churches in Lesotho as well.

Louie: I don't think either of those jobs pays much, so what do you do to help take care of your bills?

Rev. Kali: I do not do those jobs to earn money, but you are right. I do need some way to pay for food, clothes, education, and housing for my family. So I drive a taxi bus.

Louie: A taxi "bus" sounds fun! Does it hold a lot of people?

Rev. Kali: It holds around fourteen people and is often full. But that is the Lord's doing, not mine.

Louie: Do I hear a story there?

Rev. Kali: Yes! You see, as a Christian and a pastor, I hold Sunday as a special day of worship. So I choose to honor God by not running my taxi on Sundays. I am sure at first the other drivers thought I was crazy. Why would a driver miss out on the income from Sundays?

Louie: They don't think you are crazy now, though, right?

Rev. Kali: No, they do not. They see how God has blessed my decision to honor Him. Even in times when other taxis are running half full, mine is often overflowing. I thank the Lord for the special way He has chosen to provide for me and my family!

Louie: What a special story, Ntate Kali. Thank you for sharing it with us! May the Lord continue to pour out blessings on your work for Him.



YOUR FOUNDATION MATTERS

Do you like to build things? Have you ever built a block tower as tall as yourself? Our success in building houses or towers is different depending on our materials, isn't it? Where we build also matters. Let's do some experimenting.

First collect your building materials. Then choose two or three different building surfaces. Build the sturdiest house you can build on each of your chosen surfaces. Now decide which "foundation" best supports your building. Send a photo of your winning creation to engagekids@feaministries.org.

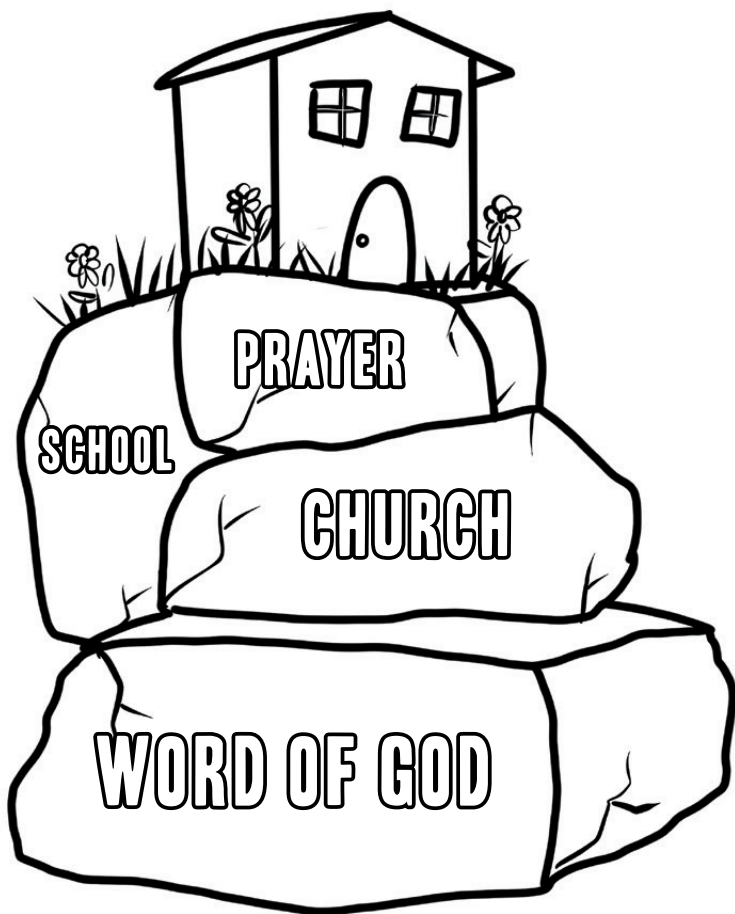
PARENTS: Use this opportunity to discuss the importance of building our lives on the foundational truths of God's Word.

SUGGESTED BUILDING MATERIALS

- Small boxes
- Canned goods
- Plastic cups
- Plastic blocks
- Wooden blocks

SUGGESTED FOUNDATIONS

- Pillow
- Couch or chair
- Table
- Carpeted floor
- Hardwood or tile floor



MEMORY VERSE

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God, my strength, in whom I will trust.

Psalm 18:2



FIRM FOUNDATIONS

“Hey, Louie! Vashon! Come and help!” Wes Peterson called to us, motioning with the hammer in his hand. Curious, we followed him to a work site. “So what do you think?” Wes asked.

“Um, about what?” Vashon asked. “There’s not much here....”

“YET. There isn’t much here yet, but soon there will be!”

While we helped carry some boards, Wes told us this would be a house.

“This foundation is solid,” I said, stomping around to see if anything moved. It didn’t.

Wes laughed. “I sure hope so! That’s how we build things around here...the right way. We started the building projects with the house my family rents. My children helped a lot and learned some useful skills. One of the girls helped me build the kitchen cabinets.”

Vashon had a question. “Since the missionaries have places to live and the beautiful new tabernacle is finished, what is the purpose of this house?”

“That’s a good question, Vashon. When finished, this house will help the mission.”

“How can a house help the mission?”

“A family will rent it. That rent money will support the work of the mission. Many people from the United States donate money to help pay salaries for the missionaries, but this project means the mission can bring in money for things like maintaining vehicles, helping the churches, and paying pastors. Then maybe Pastor Nthabe could focus on ministry instead of having to drive his taxi so much.

“Not only will this house have a firm literal foundation that will help it last for years, but the project is built on an idea that will last too. Maybe someone should preach a sermon about what it means for us all to build our lives on firm foundations. What do you think?”

“I like it!” I handed Wes some nails. “I want to build my life on things like honesty, hard work, and faith. To learn how, I read my Bible and listen to my parents.”

“That’s great, Louie! You will never regret building on a foundation of honoring and obeying God. Thanks for visiting the work site today. Could you two help me a bit more before supper?”

We did, and we enjoyed every minute.

Weary but happy,
Louie



Louie's Treehouse Lain



OVCM Spotlight: Malelingoana

Malelingoana's smile is contagious! One look shows that her joy comes from deep inside. She has faced hard things and been shifted from home to home, relative to relative, but her testimony is vibrant and her faith strong. She helps with the youth class at her church and wants to start a Bible study at her school. If she does, maybe they can study Malelingoana's favorite verse, Romans 10:9!



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