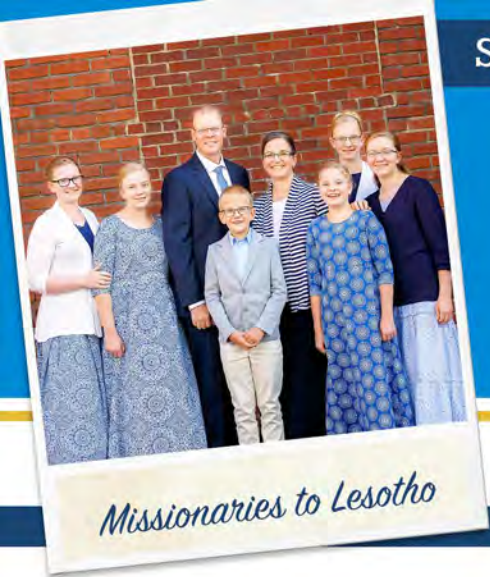


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PETERSON'S NEWSLETTER

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

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Missionaries to Lesotho

Dear Friends,

From Lesotho, Africa, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering prayers and support over the past few months. You have been instrumental in our journey, and we thank God for giving us strength during this busy season of our lives.

Wes took an unplanned trip back to the States for one week in May to spend time with his sister Tanya and his family. Please continue to pray for her physical and spiritual needs. She deals with serious medical problems, but Tanya has slowly improved over the last few months. We want to thank those who have prayed for her.

In June the Rob Kennedy family became our second *GO! Impact* team for the Eternal Foundations Project work this year. Having them here was a highlight for our family. The Kennedys put in a good week of work to help complete the second rental home. We installed all the doors on the house and made significant progress on painting and various small jobs that needed to be finished. We are so grateful God allowed the Kennedys to come and work as a family in Lesotho. They were a big blessing to us and the ministries here.



Over the past few months we have seen significant progress on the second home. With the Lord's help we plan to complete it in 2025. While we have made great strides, a few significant things remain. Will you pray with us about the items left to finish and the funds needed to make that happen?



- Tile - \$2,000
- Electric, lights, fans - \$1,000
- Kitchen cabinets, bathroom vanities - \$5,000
- Security bars for doors and windows - \$1,000
- Gamazine (colored plaster for outside) - \$1,500

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As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another,
as good steward of the manifold grace of God. ~ 1 Peter 4:10

Completing this second rental home will not only be a significant milestone for the project, it will add a source of local income for the mission work. The first rental has already made a substantial impact on the church's finances. Once rented, we anticipate the completion of the second home will help even more.



A church dedication was held in the small village of Ha Ratau the first Sunday of July. This was a special and exciting day. About a hundred and fifty people, including the visiting *Touching Lives for Christ* team, gathered to worship and dedicate this new church building. For years they had been praying that God would provide a building, and they were excited and thanking God for answering their prayers. Please continue to pray that the light of the gospel message will penetrate deep into this village and make an eternal difference among the people of Ha Ratau.



Ha Ratau Church Dedication Sunday



And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ~ Galatians 6:9

During the last week of July, we went to South Africa for a few days and had a Member Care Retreat with Daryl and Laura Hausman, our Director of Member Care and his wife, and the Africa missionary team. It was relaxing and beneficial to unwind and spiritually feed in a quiet environment with our coworkers. We made great memories and are thankful the trip happened before we return to America.



Member
Care
Retreat
2024



We want to PRAISE THE LORD for His work in the Orphan and Vulnerable Children's Ministry. In our last newsletter we asked for sponsorships to wrap up those needing a sponsor for 2024. Now all of our kids in the program are sponsored for this year. Seeing how God has provided for the forty-six kids is exciting.

June and July is winter break for the schools in Lesotho, and so many kids were at home. The youth used this time to have daily Bible studies and gather together for prayer. We recently received a wonderful testimony from one of our new girls and wanted to share it.

Sister Keneuoe's Testimony

Keneuoe was plagued with nightmares from a young age. Her family took her to the witch doctors, but the terrors continued to grow. Nothing helped. Last year she was invited to a tent meeting in her village. She was curious about what was so special about a tent, so she went. She says, "I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit for the first time in my life that night." A few days later on her fifteenth birthday, she was gloriously saved. A short time later, through prayer, she was delivered from the demon attacks in her life.

She applied for a sponsorship through the OVC Ministry. In January she was able to return to school, and she is excelling in her studies. As she started sharing her testimony at school and church, she felt the presence of God grow in her life. She could not believe she was no longer having spiritual attacks and bad dreams. She gives God all the glory for her deliverance. Keneuoe said, "I always thought Christians didn't get challenges, but I was wrong. They get challenges to be stronger than before and for God to honor His name."



Keneuoe is actively involved in the church youth group and choir. She helps lead a Bible study in her school. She shares her testimony with everyone! Her face shines with the joy of Jesus. She says, "God showed mercy on me. He showed His love to me. If I had died before, where would I be? My sins are now forgiven. I am newly born. I no longer live a worldly life." It has been a blessing to watch this young lady grow in her Christian walk.

Kaylee and Karissa left Africa at the end of July after being home for two months on summer break. They both enjoyed being home, and we were all happy to have them back in Lesotho. We praise the Lord for safety after one of their return flights had to make an emergency landing because of an engine failure. They will never forget the day they spent on the plane at a tiny little airport called Happy Valley-Goose Bay Airport in Canada while they waited for a second plane to carry them on to the US. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.



As we wrap up this newsletter, we also wrap up one of the most significant chapters of our lives. Living in Africa for six years as missionaries has been the most fulfilling ministry of which God has allowed us to be a part. On September 23 if everything goes according to plan, we will fly out of Johannesburg and return to the States. We are grateful for all the many blessings, friends, and memories and thank God for the souls He has allowed us to serve. As we say our goodbyes and close this chapter, we are humbled and grateful that God spoke to our hearts, and we answered. A part of our hearts will remain in Africa.

After a couple weeks in Kansas to be with our family and go through the earthly treasures we have stored there, we plan to load a moving truck and begin the last leg of moving from Africa to Hobe Sound, Florida. We will be working in the home office of FEA Ministries to become more familiar with the new responsibilities he will take over in January 2025 as Director of Public Relations. We will continue to work from the States with the OVC Ministry in Lesotho to give guidance and work with sponsorship needs.

Please continue to pray for our family during this transition from the mission field to ministry at Hobe Sound. While we realize this chapter has closed, we are excited about what God has for us in this new phase. We hope to see many of you over the next year as we serve at the home office for FEA Ministries.

In His Service,

Wesley & Misty Peterson

Praises!

- Phase 1 of the project nearing completion
- Protection for Kaylee & Karissa's flights
- Clayton hearing implant is working well
- All OVC students sponsored for 2024

Prayer Requests:

- Finances needed to finish the second rental home
- Grace and strength as we leave Africa
- Traveling mercy and protection in the coming weeks
- Ministry team we will be leaving in Africa

KIDZ CORNER



CLAYTON, AGE 13

We thank the Lord for everyone who gave and prayed for Clayton's surgery and the new hearing device. He is happy to hear out of his right ear with the external processor and implant. The device allows sound to travel through bone conduction. We are grateful for the technology that has made this possible.



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