



THE KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE

Matt & Brooke
SMITH

SERVING IN LESOTHO, AFRICA



MAY 2026



Traditional Sotho meal
specially prepared
for the team



Added insulation in ceiling



Matt Hunter trimming
branches above the
Mission House

Lumelang from Lesotho!

pronunciation: doo-meh-lang

meaning: Sesotho for “hello” to a group of people

As we were thinking on what to call our newsletter, *The Kingdom Perspective* seemed the best heading for two reasons: #1 because we hope to be sharing snippets of our ministry and lives through God's kingdom lenses, and #2 because Lesotho is known as the “Kingdom in the Sky.” We hope as you read each of our newsletters, you will see not what we, Matthew and Brooke Smith, have done but what God has done through us for the furtherance of His kingdom in Lesotho.

This morning at 5:45 our sixteen-hour international flight from Cape Town, South Africa, to Newark, New Jersey, ended—bringing our almost two-week work trip to a close. While we did not have MUCH time to get work done on our soon-to-be new home, we are so blessed for the people on our team who sacrificed their own time and money to help us still get A LOT done! On April 13 we flew out of Newark International Airport with Kevin Peck, Dominick Budy, and Matthew and Andrea Hunter (all Kansas dwellers) on a flight straight to Johannesburg, South Africa. On the road trip from the airport to the village of Matukeng, where we stayed for our trip, the van hauling the team and luggage broke down. Negative side: we lost a half day we could have spent working on the house. Positive side: we had ample time to get to know each other and deplete almost our whole bag of snacks. Thankfully, after several hours of tinkering in the engine bay, the van started off towards “home” again.

Perhaps the knowledge that we had lost so much working time made us work even faster and harder, because with God's help we were able to get a lot accomplished! Fueled by Stephanie Gault's cooking and hostessing and assisted by Glenn Gault's expertise and trips into town for yet MORE supplies, the team repainted walls and ceilings of about 60-70 percent of our house, plumbed in a shower, insulated the ceilings for more efficient heating, installed a new water tank, trimmed branches overhanging the house, installed ceiling fans and lights, replaced broken windows, and prepped the bathroom walls for tile.

We truly mean it when we say that this project would not have been possible without the generous financial support of all who contributed; the team who stepped up and gave extra hands to the work; Glenn and Stephanie Gault and their family who hosted, fed, and worked alongside the team; and God, who kept us safe and gave us the wisdom and energy to complete everything needed to prepare our home for our move to Lesotho in July. The knowledge that we are not alone in this transition is both encouraging and uplifting. We thank you all!



Stephanie & Glenn Gault, Matthew & Brooke Smith,
Matt & Andrea Hunter, Kevin Peck, Dominick Budy

Praises and Prayer Requests

PRAISE

- The work trip went smoothly and all the team members (and their luggage) made it there and back safely!
- The remaining funds have come in to purchase our vehicle in Lesotho!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our remaining deputation services
- Strength for saying goodbye to friends and family Stateside
- A smooth application process for visas when we arrive in Lesotho
- Raising the final moving expenses

While we were in Lesotho, we had the opportunity to see and test drive the vehicle that we have been raising funds for during deputation. To say this vehicle is an answer to prayer is an understatement. We are more than pleased with it and so thankful the rest of the funding for the needed \$15,000 came in before we even test drove it! God has been so good to us, and the big and little ways He blesses us just re-establishes our conviction that THIS, moving to Lesotho, is in the center of His will.

The time for moving is looming closer, and while we are so excited for July 2 to arrive, we are also aware that saying goodbye to friends and family will not be easy, on our part and on theirs. We so appreciate all of you who have been praying for us as we pack our final belongings and plan on our one-way trip back into Lesotho. It will not be an easy road, but no matter the potholes, we are glad God is in the driver's seat!

Psalm 37: 23-24 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with HIS hand" (emphasis added).



Matt Smith and Kevin Peck spraying (painting) the dining room



Opened wall view of old plumbing



Toyota Corolla Cross made available for us to purchase

Matt & Brooke

"Guys, GUYS, you have GOT to help me! My name is Wesley, and I-I'm a spider, and I know I shouldn't have, but I was exploring the Smiths' suitcase and-and they closed it, and when they opened it up, I SOMEHOW ENDED UP IN AFRICA! I don't know how to get home, so I guess I'm stuck here in the Smiths' house in Lesotho for awhile. You may be hearing from me a lot in their newsletters from now on since it's my only way to write back home. It's not a bad place to be stranded in, I guess. The people are so nice here, and the scenery is fantastic! Still, if anyone has any spider-sized plane tickets they could give me, it would be much appreciated!"

-Wesley the Spider



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