

# lesotho letters

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## Prayer and Praise:

- Please **pray** for finances to continue translating and publishing TEE books.
- **Pray** for the Bible School.
- Join us in **praying** for the salvation of two nurses at the clinic.
- **Praise** God for the safe return of Philip Geise and the arrival of his brother Stephen and family. (New HIM missionaries to South Africa.)
- We **praise** God for His presence in the Easter Conference this year. Many people were helped in the services.

## Life in Lesotho

When I answered the door one day, the clinic watchman simply said, "Tlo! Re ja khotla." (Come! We're eating at the court.) The words didn't make sense at first, but I soon learned what it meant.

The "court" is a place in the village where men (no women or children allowed) meet to discuss problems. To "eat at the court" means the men are getting together to eat what they have cooked for themselves.

Sitting in a circle, we ate a chicken (still tough even after being boiled for hours) and papa (cornmeal mush) out of common bowls with our hands. Then we passed a pot of chicken broth, everyone taking a drink until that also was gone.

As we were eating, one of the men asked, "Have you ever eaten pig's head?" I

## Training Leaders for Ministry

"I am an orphan. Both my parents died a few years ago. So I could live, I sneaked across the border of Lesotho and stole from the farmers in South Africa. I sold the corn and wheat I stole to buy things I needed. One night I was carrying a big bag of stolen wheat on my shoulder across the river that forms the border of Lesotho and South Africa. I had a chicken in my other hand. I was so tired I was sure I was going to fall in the river or drop the wheat and ruin it. I wanted to cry out to God for help, but I knew He would never hear me as long as there was stolen wheat on my shoulder.

"I smoked marijuana almost every night with my friends. I knew this was wrong, and I had an intense desire to know God. Many times I wanted to cry out to God and ask Him to save me, but I knew He wouldn't hear me as long as there was a haze of marijuana smoke in my house.

"My grandmother is saved, and her life convicted me. I wanted to go to church with her, but I was embarrassed because of my ragged clothes. Then her pastor held a tent meeting in my village. After dark I slipped into the back of the tent to listen. I was so convicted that after a few services, I went forward when the pastor gave an invitation, and God forgave all my sins. My life has been changed!"

*This is Bro. Sebati Moneti's testimony. His life has truly been changed! Now he is studying in Hope International Missions' weekend Bible School in Lesotho. He is also helping his pastor with a weekly outreach in a neighboring village. It is becoming clear to him and to us that God has called him to preach.*

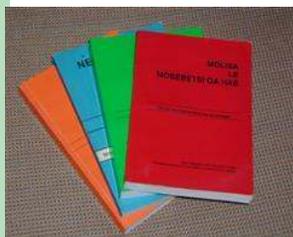
*He no longer steals to make a living. Because of the good rains this summer, his fields produced well. He won't go hungry, but he doesn't have any money to pay for books or school fees at the Bible School. When you give to the **Africa Pastors' Training** fund, you help Bro. Moneti and others like him prepare for ministry. Your sacrifice is making a difference in Lesotho!*



Bro. Moneti (wearing the blue and orange blanket) is doing group work at the Bible School.

## Theological Education by Extension

Probably the greatest challenge HIM's Bible School faces is a lack of teaching material. There are almost no books in Sesotho to help evangelical pastors. Since we came to Lesotho, Rev. Pheko and Glenn have been members of a non-denominational committee that is translating and printing Theological Education by Extension (TEE) books. We are using this series of 35 books as textbooks for the Bible School.



Unfortunately, this ministry is coming to a halt because of a lack of finances. Each book costs about \$3,000 to translate and print. Before the end of this year, there will be nine more books ready to go to the publisher. This means we need \$27,000!

These books are vital to the growth of God's kingdom and the future of HIM's Bible School. Please join with us in prayer that God will supply this urgent need!



The TEE Committee

Can you help?

Donations should be marked **Africa Pastors Training** and sent to HIM.

tried to hide my surprise and nonchalantly answered, “No, I’ve never tried it.”

Without noticing my lack of enthusiasm, he went on to tell how delicious it was. Everyone else agreed, and they promised that next time they would cook a pig’s head for me.

Sure enough, a few weeks ago there was another knock at the door—“Tlo, re ja khotla.” With great misgivings, I made my way to the “court” where the pig’s head was in an orange basin. It really wasn’t that bad. The ear I ate was very chewy, but it tasted like pork. I will spare you the rest of the details, but nothing was wasted!



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## Meet the Bible School Teachers



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Old Testament Books of  
History and Poetry



Rev. Mokhitli  
Matšaba  
Following Jesus



Miss Thuroana  
Ramakhula  
Advanced English



Rev. Tilo Namane  
Beginners’  
English

## Kaitlyn's Korner



Yes, it's cold  
in Africa!



Kaitlyn was dedicated at the  
Easter Conference.



God bless each one of you for your interest in His work!

*Glenn, Stephanie + Kaitlyn Gault*