

# lesotho letters

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## Prayer and Praise:

- **Praise** the Lord! Hope Christian Academy is open in Ladybrand, South Africa!
- **Pray** for all of the children and youth in HIM's churches in Lesotho. There are many temptations that easily draw them away into sin.
- Please **pray earnestly** for the national pastors. In spite of some exciting victories, Satan is fighting very hard!
- Also **pray** for the HIM Africa missionary team. We have sensed that Satan is hard at work in our lives. We have experienced several physical, emotional, and spiritual attacks recently.
- **Praise** the Lord for several new converts at Matukeng. One young man came to the pastor on New Year's Day specifically to get saved. Though his friends mocked him and said he wouldn't last more than 2 weeks, he is still doing well. **Pray** for him!
- Elections are to be held on the 17th of February in Lesotho. Please **pray** that they will be peaceful.

## January-February 2007

### Children's Day at Roma



Each nervous-looking youth had to say a Psalm from memory in order to graduate from the children's Sunday School class to the youth department.

Rev. Matšaba, pastor of the Roma church, has been noticing that the older children in his church's Sunday School classes have been dropping out instead of getting involved in the youth department. This year he decided to do something about the problem. His church planned a special service to celebrate the importance of children



Each "graduate" got a certificate.

to the church. A part of this service was a graduation ceremony to welcome the five oldest children into the youth department. All the children received a gift, and the graduates got a certificate plus a special gift. The children prepared several special songs, and Glenn preached about young Samuel and how important he was in the history of Israel. After the service a meal was served for everyone.



Rev. Matšaba also dedicated two babies.

### Hope Christian Academy

A few years ago a concerned mother from one of HIM's churches in Ladybrand came to Philip Geise and said, "I'm losing my children because of the public schools they go to." That day a vision was born in Philip's heart to start a Christian day school for the church children and as a tool to evangelize others in the community. On the 15th of January, that vision became a reality. Hope Christian Academy opened with 13 students. It seemed that Satan fought the school from every side, but, as always, God gave the victory in His time.

One of the biggest challenges was that the city council refused to change the zoning of the prop-



Welding burglar bars.



Philip, Stephen, and Isaac Geise building the partition



erty HIM intended to use for the school. To make matters worse, they only gave us the decision ten days before the first day of school. The whole missionary team worked from early till late to convert one of HIM's churches in Ladybrand to a multi-purpose building that houses both the church and the school now. A partition had to be built. Burglar bars and security doors had to be welded. A Sunday school room was turned into an administra-

## Life in Lesotho

Several months ago a minister in the government of Lesotho resigned his post in the cabinet and started his own political party. Now the party that has been in power in Lesotho for a long time no longer has a majority. This requires an election on the 17th of February.

We often complain about the “mud slinging” in America, but African politics have a reputation of being more violent than just “mud slinging.” So far things have gone peacefully, but please pray that there will be no bloodshed during this election. Also pray for God’s will to be done!



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tor’s office, and the whole building got a thorough cleaning. There was no question in our minds that we had seen a miracle when the students filed into the class room for their first day at a Christian school!

Thank you so much for praying! These are the thirteen students along with Administrator Philip Geise, Teachers Carol Witter and Michelle Asbell, and Assistant Teacher Mangaka Ntsuku.

### Thank You For Praying!

Four of the girls in the Matukeng youth choir (pictured below) got saved in Stephanie’s Sunday school class 2½ years ago. They are still serving the Lord today. This is a clear answer to your prayers!



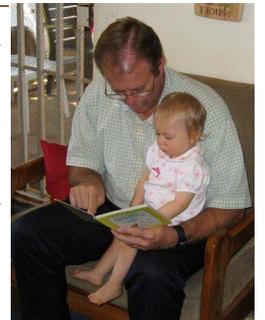
Please continue to pray for these girls. Several of them are not able to attend most of the church services because they are away at a boarding school.

### Kaitlyn’s Korner



Lithaka tsa ka (My age mates)  
Christmas Conference

All of us enjoyed a visit from Regional Director Mr. Howard. I especially enjoyed “Uncle Jim” because he read to me.



You are in our prayers. Thank you for praying for us!

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