



Dear friends, I could not resist including this amazing picture taken by a visiting team from the US of Mohale dam, the second largest here in Lesotho. You can tell from the topography that we have had an incredibly warm and rainy season this first quarter of 2010. Pictures I have included in this newsletter are also testimony of the wonderful

rains we have received at Beautiful Gate. The center is looking amazing and visitors continually comment on how beautiful it is. The joy though is that the beauty goes beyond the physical as children's lives are being enriched under our care. We thank God for that.

Judging from reports from our Northern Hemisphere friends,

who have experienced opposite climatic conditions, with record snowfalls and plummeting temperatures.

As we all transition now to the next season, we will all experience the changes that come with it. We trust your seasonal changes would bring joy, a new spring in your step and abundance in every area.

Volunteers, volunteers everywhere...

After some months of not having short term volunteers at Beautiful Gate, we started this year with a bang! We currently have 7 volunteers with us. 3 Dutch girls are serving as support care staff in the baby houses, 2 Dutch girls are helping with a research project and 1 American is helping as a substitute pre-school teacher. The one lucky American guy amongst them is actually planning to be here for 9 months, serving in an administrative role.

It is a joy to have the volunteers serve with us as they bring a different dynamic to our center and also learn about a culture different to their own. They all love the babies and enjoy being involved in their

lives. We hope to maintain a continual flow of volunteers through the year as our staff adjusts to a new system of running our center. Below is a picture of the volunteers on the King's birthday when informal fun was organised.



Beautiful Gate Lesotho shares 5 intrinsic values with the other associates within Beautiful Gate Ministry International. These are

1. Christ Centred
2. Respect
3. Team work
4. Accountability
5. Excellence

“God’s Way” playground continues to develop.

In an earlier newsletter we shared about our plans to add to our playground area so providing increased development opportunities for the children at Beautiful Gate.

Funders have generously responded to this need and we are busy working on this. Allan our building manager and his team are digging, sawing, hammering and landscaping to get ready for the equipment and structures that will be added.

Much of the playground equipment is being made from scratch and will take a couple of months, but already the sandpits have brought a very fun-filled area of play for the children.



Until we get the other equipment and facilities in place it seems this is the most popular gathering area for our toddlers. It certainly gives more work for the housemothers and support staff when it comes to bath time at the end of the day, but the children sure have fun.

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Little Feet preschool children enjoying class with the teachers and Tanya.

Our Little Feet Preschool receives 50 children, the majority of whom are from economically challenged families. Tanya Snelgrove who helped set up the preschool, introduced the curriculum and trained the teachers in August 2007, is currently consulting in the school to ensure good standards and creativity. A new fun walkway and bridge to the Pre-school not only ensures a dry arrival but also has the children’s footprints imbedded into the concrete whilst it was still wet.

All in all, Little Feet is a fun place to be any time of the day.

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Key position continued....

In our December newsletter I shared about our need to find someone to take on the role of Operations Manager to release the Operations Director (Ray) to be more involved in the overall vision and governance of the ministry as well as developing the PR and fundraising areas of Beautiful Gate.

As I mentioned, this is a vital position calling for a person/couple with a heart for this ministry as well as skills to continue the high standards of care and organisation needed to continue the ministry. Thankfully there is a couple seriously considering this possibility so we would appreciate your continued prayers that this very important position would be filled by the right person.

The children count...

Once again the numbers of children coming through our gates continues to increase showing the need for our center. Since we opened in June 2001 we have cared for 235 babies, over 100 have now gone to adoptive homes, 52 to families, 29 passed away and we currently have 47 in residence. We have also seen 34 children from Little Feet pre-school for vulnerable children graduate since 2007.

We have sadly lost 3 more children to illness this year. All 3 were frail from when they first came to our centre and have struggled since. We are glad that we can provide them with a dignified burial and honour them by placing their names on our wall of remembrance on our property.

This beautiful photo taken from an MAF plane by our friends from Oklahoma literally gives a bird's eye view of our care centre that was only a dream just over 5 years ago. We thank God and all of those who have given to this amazing project so far.



Please Note:
Very Important

Overseas direct electronic donations may no longer be sent to our South African account with immediate effect.

These donations should be sent to our Lesotho Nedbank account listed below:

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Vision for 2010.

As expected 2010 has started off as busy as last year, despite continued financial challenges. We already have great stories of children going to loving adoptive homes and had visitors come alongside us to provide assistance with our skills training project and some media material. We will continue to seek best practices at our care centre and serve children and families through our programs.

Letseho La Tsepo (Hand of Hope) Project:

In March we employed a Project Manager (KB) to oversee our skills training project. 2 business ladies from Victory Church in Oklahoma trained a few of our ladies to make bead bracelets for sale at the "Beautiful" conference in Oklahoma later this year. This heralds the start of a program we have called 'Letseho La Tsepo' (Hand of Hope) which we will use to provide skills to caregivers, orphans and vulnerable children in our community, enabling them to earn an income for their families.



We are still seeking funding to fully launch this program and are excited about its possibilities in bringing hope to the community.

Building project:

We still have 3 buildings we need to erect on our present property that will complete all required buildings. These 3 buildings are 2 houses, one to use as an indoor play centre for our play Group and the other as a 'hospitality house'. The third building will be used for accommodation and training for children and adults.

Beautiful Gardens:

We have a 4 acre site 5kms further out from our current property. We are researching and planning before deciding what project we should go ahead with to help with income to sustain our current care centre. We are busy erecting a fence around the property as well as having water connected.

Praise items:

- Increase in adoptions
- Settling of staff to new structure
- Start of Skills training program
- Continued growth of funding base
- Committed partners worldwide.
- The opportunity to provide a high standard of care to the children in our centre.

Prayer requests:

- Court case in labour dispute.
- Continued operational finances.
- Unity and sense of vision amongst staff
- Continued adoption and returning of children to families

In closing, we want to again thank all those who are significantly partnering with us in this vital work. We also continue to give Glory to God for His leading and provision.

[Ray and Sue Haakonsen and staff and children at Beautiful Gate Lesotho](#)