



The M.O.S.A. Project



Mohale Orphan Support Association

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M.O.S.A. YEAR-END REPORT

Background

Mohale Orphan Support Association was founded in 2008 by Belinda Collias, Dr. Bettina Laidley, and Tankie Sekese in response to the HIV/AIDS crisis and poverty affecting the Mohale/Likalaneng region of Lesotho which was preventing many capable children from attending high school. Belinda was then working as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the village of Mohale, Tankie was her colleague, a teacher at Mohale High school, and Dr. Laidley, working in Vermont, provided the financial support and structure on the American side of the organization. When M.O.S.A. began its activities in Mohale in January 2009, they enlisted the help of Mrs. Ntseliseng Selia, principal of Mohale High School, and members of the medical staff at Mohale Clinic, an HIV/AIDS treatment center located in the village.

In Lesotho, where 50% of the population is infected with HIV, the virus has had a devastating impact on every aspect of life—from childbirth through old age. It has extended its roots into every region, every village, and every home, leaving behind orphaned and sick children, devastating the economy and much of the social structure—not a single Mosotho citizen is unaffected by this disease, whether they themselves are affected, a family member, or the general prevalence of it has simply altered their way of life. HIV prevention is now being incorporated into every sector of the society as the people of Lesotho are becoming more aware and trying to combat it from every angle possible.

M.O.S.A.'s role in this process is to provide basic needs—education, food, shelter, and clothing—to children in the Mohale community who are affected by HIV/AIDS or poverty. Our mission is to give a “hand up” through scholarships to determined, hard-working children who are pursuing education and a better life, while also working to strengthen an entire community through resources that will benefit all who live there. The Mohale community includes about 30 smaller villages throughout the mountains which are served by Mohale High School.

In 2009, The M.O.S.A. Project was adopted by Aid For Kids, a 501(c)3 charity licensed in Maine which runs and sponsors humanitarian programs in many countries.

M.O.S.A.'s Work in 2009

The Flying Eagles Scholarship Program—Fifteen children were selected in 2008 to receive a full scholarship to Mohale High School, which included tuition, books, school supplies, uniform, boarding costs and living expenses. High School in Lesotho is a five year program, so M.O.S.A. committed to paying these expenses for the Flying Eagles Scholars until they all graduated, provided they passed all of their subjects and conducted themselves appropriately. Eleven out of the original fifteen have passed the year and will move on to the next grade through M.O.S.A. sponsorship, however unfortunately four of the students were unable to continue due to illness, academic failure, or other circumstances. These four spots are now open to other applicants who will be selected at the beginning of the 2010 school year in January.

Library and Computer Lab at Mohale High School—M.O.S.A. worked with African Library Project and SchoolNet Lesotho (NGOs that work in Lesotho), and various American sponsors to construct a library (1000 novels and reference books) and computer lab (20 used/refurbished donated computers) at Mohale High School, both which the students use frequently and have greatly improved their English skills.

Community Garden—Mohale Youth Group, an organization of volunteer teen peer-educators in the Mohale Community, planted a garden in 2007 to provide fresh vegetables to orphans living alone and other disadvantaged families affected by HIV/AIDS. The plot of land was donated to the youth group by the chief of Ha Mohale, and M.O.S.A. has provided seeds (donated by High Mowing Seeds of Wolcott, Vermont, and other local sources) and gardening equipment to the kids each year. Members of the youth group volunteer weekly to maintain the garden and distribute the vegetables to the families who need them.

Pediatric HIV/AIDS Corner—Mohale Clinic currently has twenty HIV-positive children who are receiving antiretroviral treatment, but hundreds of others in the community are still be identified each day as they come to the clinic or to the mobile outreach locations. M.O.S.A. provides assistance to some of these kids through family-to-family sponsorships. They are given supplements and food each month, and other needs that arise, such as school fees for children, clothing, funeral preparations, and transportation to the clinic. M.O.S.A. also sponsored a Christmas party for the kids in 2009 at which they all received food and gifts, and parents/guardians received a workshop on the health issues involved in raising a child with HIV.

Preschool Project—Pre-schools have recently been introduced all over Lesotho and are extremely important to children's development at a young age and gives them a great advantage when they begin school. M.O.S.A. has adopted several pre-schools which we provided with educational materials such as paper, art-supplies and toys. We have also paid school fees for several small children living with HIV to attend pre-school.

Financial Report for 2009

M.O.S.A.'s spending can be organized into the following 8 categories:

- A. School Tuition
- B. Books and School Supplies
- C. Uniforms and Clothing
- D. School Activities
- E. Toiletries
- F. Rent/Boarding Costs
- G. Children's HIV/AIDS Fund
- H. Other Expenses

M.O.S.A. Expenses: 2nd Semester August-December 2009
(based on \$1=7 Maloti Exchange Rate)

Item No.	Date	Category	Description	Amount (Maloti)	Amount (Dollars)
1	08-15-09	E	August & September Toiletries	M1473.73	\$210.50
2	08-15-09	G	Groceries for HIV+ Students	M145.79	\$20.00
3	08-15-09	H	Expenses for MOSA Worker	M150.00	\$21.50
4	08-15-09	D	Educational Trip to Maseru	M340.00	\$48.60
5	08-28-09	D	Debate Competition in Maseru	M115.00	\$16.50
6	08-31-09	F	Students' Rent for July and August	M540.00	\$77.00
7	09-04-09	D	History Fair in Maseru	M490.00	\$70.00
8	09-18-09	D	Sports Activities	M910.00	\$130.00
9	09-29-09	F	Students' Rent for September	M270.00	\$38.60
10	10-06-09	G	Groceries for HIV+ Students	M140.00	\$20.00
11	10-06-09	G	Birthday presents for students	M202.51	\$29.00
12	10-10-09	E	October Toiletries for Students	M1171.82	\$167.50
13	10-13-09	E	Candles for Students	M220.00	\$31.00
14	11-02-09	F	Students' Rent for October	M270.00	\$38.60
15	11-08-09	E	Nov/Dec Toiletries	M826.00	\$118.00
16	11-12-09	F	Groceries for HIV+ Students	M243.48	\$35.00
17	11-15-09	F	Students' Rent for Nov. and Dec.	M540.00	\$77.00
18	11-15-09	E	Candles for Students	M55.96	\$8.00

Total Spent for Second Semester: \$1,156.80

(see attached receipts/ written records on the following pages numbered according to item no. above)

Financial Summary for 2nd Semester 2009:

-M.O.S.A. received \$1,360.00 in donations via Aid For Kids

-\$1,156.80 was spent in 2009

-\$203.20 has been put aside for 2010 expenses

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 Taxable Amt 1292.74 Vat 180.88

Pct. Amount Tax
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Educational tour to Maseru for Puroso,
 Nkololeka, Telang and Ntsaki R250.00
 (R70.00 each) and R40.00 pocket money
 Total expenditure R209.50

#4

28/08/2009
 English debate competition in Maseru
 Contribution for all students (15 flying Eagle
 R100 and R10.00 for Ntsaki Makoae in
 pocket money. Total R115.00
 Form A1 R7.00 each Form C R7.50
 Ntsaki Makoae Nkololeka Semakha
 Mamakha Nkhalle
 Form A2 R6.00 each Form D R9.10
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2 @ 59.99 T 5.99	119.98*
12017 STAYFRET WINGS SCENTED	6X100
2 @ 55.99 T 3.34	111.98
30519 DAWN LOTION APOCADE	8X400ML
1 @ 55.99 T 11.40	55.99*
10473 DAWN LOTION TR/CREAM	8X400ML
1 @ 55.99 T 11.40	55.99*
11357 SHIELD R/ON ORIGINAL	8X50ML
1 @ 59.99 T 10.00	59.99*
12506 SHIELD R/ON CLASSIC NON SASONL	
1 @ 72.99 T 12.18	72.99
1190 KINT S/POLISH BLACK	34X50ML
1 @ 129.99 T 5.44	129.99*
4069 JAMA SOFT MUSH P/JELLY	12X250ML
1 @ 98.99 T 9.38	98.99
4270 LION MATCHES	10X110
1 @ 29.99 T 0.30	29.99*
12099 SUNLIGHT W/POWDER	6X500G
3 @ 78.99 T 13.17	236.97
10377 PROTEX FRESH SOAP	12X100G
2 @ 45.99 T 3.69	91.98*
1251 PROTEX 3 ULTRA SOAP	12X100G
1 @ 45.99 T 3.69	45.99*
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4070 JAMA SOFT MUSH P/JELLY	12X250ML
12 @ 8.99 T 7.99	99.00
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CASH 220.00
 CHANGE 16.24

Non Taxable Amt. 0.00
 Taxable Amt. 178.74 Vat 25.02

Tax Pct.	Amount	Tax
14.00	178.74	25.02

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02.11.2009

RENT FOR OCTOBER

1. Mphaheng Pothepheng	R25.00 mphaheng
2. Matseliso Lelimo	R25.00 Matseliso
3. Ntsosani Makore	R25.00 Ntsosani
4. Lisebo Motiki	R25.00 Lisebo
5. Makenya Makhalane	R25.00 Makenya
6. Mpho Moahloli	R30.00 Mpho
7. Mamakha Ntshale	R30.00 Mamakha
8. Relebohile Mabole	R25.00 Relebohile Mabole
9. Tseang Likoti	R30.00 Tseang
10. Paballo Nkabi	R30.00 Paballo Nkabi
Total	R270.00

PLEASE.

#14

Handwritten list of names and amounts, possibly a continuation of the rent list, with some numbers circled and lines drawn through the text.

#15

Goals for 2010

1. M.O.S.A. intends to continue the Flying Eagles Scholarship program over the next four years until all of our current students have completed their high school education, and hopefully as funds allow, we will form a permanent partnership with Mohale High School to provide several scholarships each year to new, incoming students.

As described previously, M.O.S.A. will continue to cover for students who have been selected for scholarships: school fees, books, uniforms, supplies, school trips, and monthly rent for those living in student-hostels. Children who are especially needy or HIV-positive will also receive monthly food assistance and toiletries.

2. M.O.S.A. intends to continue assistance to Mohale Youth Group's community garden by providing more seeds, and to build a fence around the garden to prevent animals from disturbing their crops. Mohale Youth Group, an outstanding organization of young volunteers, also needs some equipment and funds to allow them to travel throughout the region and educate younger children about HIV/AIDS through drama and music, so M.O.S.A. would like to assist them in their ongoing community work.
3. M.O.S.A. has drafted a proposal for the building of several classrooms at Monts'i Primary School, located in a remote mountainous village where many of our sponsored students used to attend. Our goal is to improve the conditions of the school for better learning, and equip them with more educational tools and also a library.
4. M.O.S.A. would like to further develop the family-to-family sponsorship program of children living with HIV, in order to supply them more constantly with vitamins, nutritional supplements, food, and clothing throughout the year.
5. M.O.S.A. will adopt five new pre-schools in the Mohale region to provide with supplies, teaching aids, and toys.

Recognition of our Partners and Sponsors

The M.O.S.A. Project's work this year in Lesotho would never have been possible without the continued support of Aid For Kids/Degenhardt Foundation, Peace Corps Lesotho, Mohale Clinic, African Library Project, SchoolNet Lesotho, and the community groups of Georgia, Vermont who donated their time and services, including Georgia Elementary School, Georgia Historical Society, and Ascension Church; the monthly and yearly contributions from the sponsors of the Flying Eagles Scholars, and individual donors who have made a huge difference; companies and local businesses who made financial contributions or donated their goods/services, such as High Mowing Seeds and Fed Ex Burlington; community members who have donated their talents and services to support M.O.S.A., such as web-design and benefit concerts.

Thank You!