



Dear Friends,

I can hardly believe that almost a year has passed since I left Lesotho...I am officially an American again, but I can still feel the cold mountain air when I wake up, the sound of the river and jingling of cow-bells as the herd makes its way out to the field! Those memories, and my precious students and friends from Mohale Village will always be close to my heart.

Thankfully, the M.O.S.A. Project has flourished since my departure through constant help and support from all of you, and by weekly communications with Ausi Tankie and the team in Lesotho. We have some exciting new community project plans for 2010 and more scholarships to be awarded to the growing number of bright, promising youth that have joined the Flying Eagles program.

Here at home, I continue to be impressed by the compassion and desire to help others which I have found in my community in Vermont and across the country...it makes me truly proud to be an American and to have all of you, and God on my side, advocating for the struggling students and children affected by HIV/AIDS in rural Lesotho! My sincere thanks--Kea Lebohal

Belinda

New Events and Projects!

Belinda's Upcoming Trip to Lesotho

A month-long mission trip back to Mohale Village...read more on page 4!

Michigan Reading Association

Chooses M.O.S.A. as their International Project of the Year!

University of Michigan professors Pat Gallant and Dr. Adnan Salhi fundraised for us at their huge annual conference...more on page 2.

Family-to-Family Sponsorships

During her visit, Belinda will be setting up a program by which sponsors can help families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Tabitha's Light Outreach Ministry

An organization that sends supplies to African schools--founder Carla Bell has generously chosen to help Mohale Village receive these wonderful items.

Restoration of Mantsi Primary

Plans are still in the works to help this rural school with construction of new classrooms and library--more info soon!





Welcome! Our Newest 'Flying Eagles'

The M.O.S.A. Project was able to award full high school scholarships to two new students this year, a special boy and girl who each have outstanding scholastic ability and talents and have struggled to keep themselves in school up to this point.



Paballo, age 14, is a double orphan from one of the most rural villages of the Mohale region. She's fluent in English and a great writer!



Realeboha, age 16, would have had to drop out of school this year after the death of his father. His scholarship will help him continue towards his dream of becoming an engineer.

A Huge Thanks to Our New Sponsors!

I would like to recognize some special people who have made it possible for Paballo and Realeboha to attend school this year and for all of the other Flying Eagles Scholars to continue their studies again this year! The Georgia Historical Society, Reverend Bernard Bechard, Mrs. Micheline Bovat, Ms. Annemieke Spoelstra, Mr. and Mrs. David and Sarah Stromeyer, Mrs. Blanka Moore, Mrs. Ellen Rose, Mr. Fran Benoit, Mr. Neal Meyer and Dr. Gayle Myers, and Mrs. Jill Stevens...

Thanks for becoming *new* sponsors, and thanks to all of my loyal sponsors who have continued to support their students since we began in 2008!

New Connections with an Old Friend...



I recently had the opportunity to re-unite with my very first teacher in elementary school, Ms. Pat Gallant, who is now a professor at the University of Michigan and president of the Michigan Reading Association. She enlisted the help of her colleagues to run a fund raiser for The M.O.S.A. Project at the annual MRA Conference this March in Detroit! Thank you Pat and the MRA Board for choosing M.O.S.A. for your international project this year!



A Heartfelt Contribution From a Caring Community



Above: Belinda with Nancy Mildrum, who inspired and organized these events.



Katie and Bralen, Grade 6, (left) organized their own fund raiser with the help of their student-teacher, Annie McFarland.



The girls volunteered their time to hand-make over 100 friendship bracelets which they sold to their peers (middle).



Their project raised nearly \$150.00...way to go girls!



6th Grade students compete in final round of the Quiz bowl

A few months ago, I visited my old elementary school to engage in some "Third Goal Activities"--That is, the third goal of Peace Corps: To help promote a better understanding of other cultures on the part of Americans. I never expected, however, that my presentation about Lesotho to 6th grade students would trigger such a compassionate and magnanimous response from these youngsters.

Inspired by Nancy Mildrum, head of the enrichment department at the school and a long-time friend and mentor of mine, the kids grew and sold plants, volunteered their time to make and sell dozens of friendship bracelets, and organized a "Quiz-Bowl" Jeopardy-style game to generate donations for The M.O.S.A. Project.

After all of this selfless dedication of their time and effort, the 6th grade classes presented me with over \$300.00 PLUS boxes of toys and supplies they had collected for the children at the Mohale HIV/AIDS clinic. This isn't the first time that the Georgia School has stepped up to help for a good cause--in 2008, they ran book-drives that supplied Mohale High School with it's very own library.

Here is a huge THANKS to my home community of Georgia, Vermont for their constant support and hard work towards making the world a better place!



Lesotho, Here I Come!!

I'm sure you all knew I wouldn't be able to stay away from the Mountain Kingdom for long...this May, I will be spending four weeks in Lesotho checking on the progress of the Flying Eagles and initiating some new projects in the community, including our family-to-family sponsorship program for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, and the renovation proposal for Montsi Primary School.

My suitcases are packed to the brim with clothing, school supplies, toys, vitamins, and other presents for the children of Mohale Village. Although I regret that due to airline restrictions I can no longer fit any more of the wonderful items you all wish to send, I would greatly appreciate donations for the trip which I will use to buy items in country that the kids need and also put towards our sustainable community projects.

The M.O.S.A. Project is an all-volunteer, grass-roots organization which has committed itself to the education of the Flying Eagles students for the next five years of their high school attendance, therefore the project and its expenses will be ongoing.

We are effective only because of the support of volunteers and donors like you!

To contact us or to make a donation, please visit our website at www.mosalesotho.org, email belinda@aidforkids.org or use postal mail to the address below:

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