

Shutts Log Entries



Serving at God's Love Center



A team from First Baptist Church, Perryton, Texas, came the end of June to work in a local orphanage and do some work with kids out in the mountains of Lesotho. It was great to have them here. They spent a few days here in Maseru doing a Vacation Bible School program for God's Love Center, an orphanage outside Maseru with about 30 kids. We had a great time ministering to those kids, playing games, telling Bible stories, and showing the kids that God loves them.

Many of our ministry opportunities with MAF involve helping children. We fly them when they are ill; transport doctors to remote clinics to help with their medical needs; transport food supplies to those who are orphaned; and help facilitate teams, like FBC Perryton, who want to be personally involved in these kids' lives. We look forward to seeing more teams come to share their lives with folks here in Lesotho. We, also, thank all of you who help keep us here to minister to the Basotho people.



2009 MAF Southern Africa Family Conference

Once a year we get together with other MAF families from across Southern Africa. Families from Lesotho, South Africa, Mozambique, and Kenya met in South Africa. A team from Highlands Baptist Church in Waco, Texas led our conference. Pastor Joe Loughlin from Rekindle Ministries led the adults in a time of spiritual renewal. They had some great musicians, and our worship time was awesome. Our children and teenagers were blessed with great teaching and activities (turn over to see photo).

PRAYER & PRAISES

- *Pray for a piece of land, to build a new hangar*
- *Pray for the work of MAF in Lesotho, that it will reach many for the Kingdom of Christ*
- *Pray for Joanna as she decides on college and career choices*
- *Pray for Joel as he completes his 2nd year at college and searches for a job*
- *Praise that Joshua has a job with a company in New York; pray that his security clearance will come through quickly*
- *Pray for wisdom as Mike maintains the MAF planes and as he teaches the junior high Sunday school class*
- *Pray for Sharol as she leads church music and uses her bookkeeping skills to bless others*

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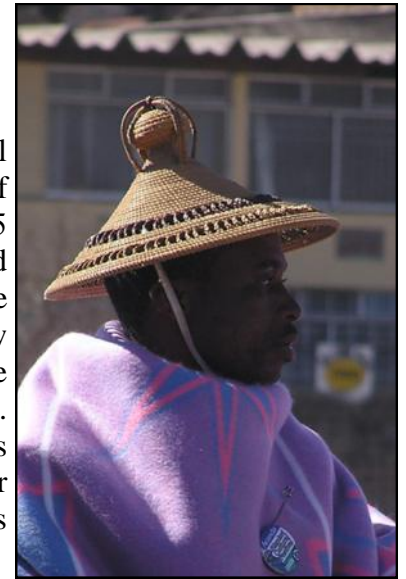
Mike & Sharol

Basotho Blanket Festival



What do you use a blanket for? Maybe you put it on your bed to stay warm, or on your couch to wrap up in while watching a movie. How about using it like a coat? That is how it is used in Lesotho. The Basotho are known for their blankets. It is part of their traditional dress. The Sesotho name for it is 'Kobo.' There is a proper etiquette to wearing the 'Kobo' that is different for men and women. Men wear it pinned on the side and women wear it pinned in the front.

Recently we went to a Blanket Cultural Festival held in honor of the King of Lesotho's birthday, where they showcased 5 new blanket designs. We experienced traditional music and dancing, men on horse back, and of course, the blankets. The new designs were very nice. Our favorite was the one with buffalo heads and Basotho hats. Mike bought one a long time ago that has airplanes on it. It is no longer available for sale so he treats it very well and only wears it on special occasions.



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