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WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." -Romans 12:1

~ Frequently Asked Questions ~

Where will you live in Lesotho?

We will live in the capital city, Maseru (pictured to the left). It is a fairly modern city with many of the conveniences we are used to: electricity, running water, even the internet! MAF will provide a house for us with plenty of room for hosting visitors. And no, we will not be eating bugs!

Jason is going to be flying doctors and missionaries into the rugged mountains, but what will Joselyn be doing?

Initially, I will be busy with the demands of our first child, as well as adjusting to life in Africa; something as simple as grocery shopping can be quite a challenge in a foreign culture. Once we get settled, I'm looking forward to volunteering with the local church and orphanages.

How long will you be there?

As MAF career missionaries Jason and I will serve overseas for 3½ years before returning home on furlough. Furlough is 6 months at home with family and friends, visiting supporters, and recurrent training. We then return to Lesotho for another term. It is a huge sacrifice, not only for us, but for our friends and family willing to let us go for the sake of the Gospel. We hope as many of you as are able will come visit us in Lesotho and see God's work there firsthand!



Praise!

- *Joselyn is safely into her third trimester; only 10 weeks until we meet Baby Thiemann*
- *For new partners who helped us reach 83% of our ministry support goal*

Pray!

- *That pregnant women in Lesotho would get the help they need*
- *That God will provide the rest of our ministry support by April 1st*

Impressions from the field:

"UNICEF UK diary from Lesotho - Day Two"

It was another early start today. We had to be at the MAF airstrip [at] 6:30 am to catch our flight to the mountainous area of Mokhotlong, which is known as 'the loneliest place in Africa.' We could see why this label was appropriate as we flew over rural Lesotho in our [MAF] plane. We could see for miles and the pilot pointed out... the Basotho villages perched on the top of mountains, many with no road access at all.

95% of pregnant women in Lesotho don't have access to the [hospital] services they need to prevent their babies from being born with HIV. One of the reasons is that the geography of areas like Mokhotlong makes it challenging for the women to reach the hospital or clinic. There is only one hospital for the whole of the Mokhotlong district. At the Lerato clinic, which is attached to the hospital, we met one woman who told us she had walked with her baby for eight hours to get to the hospital for her prenatal check-up. Another woman told us she had started walking at four in the morning that day and had reached the clinic at 11am!

We were encouraged to see that the women who do make it to the hospital are given good advice by the health workers. Mamoresi was keen to tell us about how her daughter had been born free from HIV because of the help and support she had received from the clinic. She was pregnant again and going through [the program], so was hopeful that her newborn would also be born free from HIV.

The success stories are often due to the relentless work of women like Lerato Mohasi. Lerato is a volunteer 'expert patient' at the clinic who is HIV positive and goes out into the community encouraging women to test for HIV and get

the treatment they need. Her enthusiasm and dedication to her role was self-evident: "Living with HIV doesn't mean the end of life. I found out in 2005 I was positive and accepted my status immediately. Being [an] expert patient means I can help other women like myself to get the support they need. The best thing about my job is that you get to see people grow in confidence, despite their status. The hardest thing is realising that there is still so much stigma about HIV. I want to continue in this role as I know I am making a difference."

Anna France-Williams

http://www.unicef.org.uk/campaigns/news/news_detail_full_story.asp?news_id=960

The services MAF provides in Lesotho make a difference and allow others, even with HIV, to do the same. Like Lerato, you are making a difference as well.



Monthly - 83%



Outgoing - 84%

Joselyn and I want to thank you for your faithful, generous, and sacrificial support. There is no doubt God is steadily providing for our ministry needs. While we are extremely thankful for that, we still have a bit to go. Like us, all MAF career missionaries have a minimum monthly support target. Each of us raises support for a pooled fund that covers salary, benefits, personal care, and ministry expenses. At the end of the fiscal year, MAF made the tough decision to increase the monthly minimum support level to \$6000, the first increase in 4 years. Joselyn and I desire to be at the same level of support as all MAF career missionaries, which for us, translates to a goal of 105 % of our monthly ministry support.

To reach 105% requires \$1290 in monthly commitments.
Would you pray about filling one of these needed roles as a ministry partner?

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- ✂✂✂✂✂ @ \$50/month
- ✂✂✂✂ @ \$100/month
- ✂✂ @ \$200/month

23 people = \$1290/month



"The nursery is all ready for me. Help us reach our goal before I'm born in April!"

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