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Why are we missionaries?

The answer is: A.M.D. Always Making Disciples, that's why we do what we do. Recently we asked the parents of the boys in our dorm the same question. What we found was ultimately, why WE are missionaries is also why THEY are missionaries. Here is one such story: This is a family who we have gotten to know and love this year as we care for their son:

Why are we missionaries? Ultimately it is about changing lives. God has called us to bring his transforming Life to a very desperate world. We have been working in Lesotho for 16 years now and it has been amazing to see what can happen in people's lives. Fifteen years ago a drunk man walked into our church during a night con-

cert. An argument broke out and he pulled out a knife was willing to come to my agriculture training. He met



and killed a man. He spent some time in jail. This was not his first experience in jail. He had been in jail twice before, because of smuggling marijuana (dagga, cannabis). When he returned home after the murder nobody trusted him in the village. He would not put his foot in church, but he

God under Farming God's Way training and became a great farmer and a believer in Jesus. Today Molahlehi is my trusted friend and farm manager. Many days I would leave my family in his care. God really touched this man. God is in the business of changing lives and he wants to use us in this process. Thanks to a place like RVA and dorm parents like Jeff and Joyellen we are able to continue with our work in a rural village in Lesotho.

- August and Anita Basson



Did you know?

In Swahili, 7 a.m. means the first hour of the day and is considered one o'clock in the morning.



Family Update

We enjoyed our summer vacation! We had the pleasure of hosting two sets of visitors during the summer months. It is always fun to have family come.

Megan is 7 and is in grade 2. She enjoyed horseback riding and a horse cake for her July 31 birthday. She loves soccer and collecting outdoor treasures.

Lyndsey turned 5 this month and is in preschool. She loves crafts, having friends over and time with Mom! She just started ballet lessons and loves it.

Ian is 2-1/2 and hangs out with Mom at home each day. He loves the little field trips to work on the car or “piki” (motorcycle) with Dad.



Prayer Requests

- **Praise** for the family who visited us this past break!
- **Praise** for the graduating class of 2009 last July!
- **Pray** for our current school year with shortage of staff again. Many are delayed due to lack of support.
- **Pray** for us as we are in our second year with our dorm boys. Pray for strengthened relationships, wisdom and love for the boys.
- **Pray** for our mission family as we grieve the loss of two missionary pilots, killed in a plane crash, on Aug. 1. Each man leaves behind a wife and four children.



Another Milestone

We have the boys in our dorm for two years—ninth and tenth grades. This past July we said good-bye to another group of seniors and these were boys who were in our dorm two years ago. We have enjoyed keeping in touch with them this past year as they finished their last year of high school and it was mixed emotions as we said good bye to them on graduation day on July 18. This is our third group to bid farewell. Many go on to college, some to work and with the technology of facebook, we keep in touch! Two of our boys are getting married now. (Boy, do we feel old!). We feel privileged to have known them and invested just a bit into their lives.

