

Education

Much of our initial work in Lesotho has been geared towards education.

For the children of Rachel's House, indeed for all children to thrive, they must have a good education. Education is the impetus behind the expansion of the school at Rachel's House.

Graduates from Rachel's House school are going beyond the primary school levels offered.



Libuseng is one of the first children raised at Rachel's Home and the first to attend university. The 2009/10 school year marked her third year of nursing at the National University of Lesotho.

Central's Session has been there from the start, sponsoring Libuseng's education.

Libuseng is a wonderful role model for the children of Rachel's Home and an example of what can be accomplished.

Rachel's Home

Lesotho is one of the poorest nations on earth. It has been ravaged by the AIDS pandemic. Thousands of children have been orphaned. It is here that a missionary couple, Hilda and Godwill chose to start their ministry.

One day they found a two week old infant abandoned at their door. They took this young girl in and named her Joy. Over time, it became known in the community that they were willing to take in and care for abandoned children.

That is where the story of how Rachel's Children Home (Rachel's Home) began.



Today, Rachel's Home, a small three bedroom bungalow, is home to Godwill and Hilda and 43 orphaned and vulnerable children.

In addition to providing a safe home, Rachel's Home also provides these children and the children of the local community with that most crucial of elements, a good education.



Sharing God's Love



***Will you help
these children?***

**TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



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The Penny Project

June of 2006 (winter in Lesotho) was a difficult time. At Rachel's Home funds were scarce. Hilda and Godwill were having a tough time taking care of the children.

The children of Central Church, in Cambridge, Ontario stepped in and began collecting pennies to support Rachel's Home.

"Worthless little pennies" what could they possibly accomplish?

Those little pennies helped Rachel's Home survive. Those little pennies were the foundation of Central's mission to Lesotho.

As Luke 9:48 says "Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me

welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all—he is the greatest."

The Penny Project is an outreach mission of Central Presbyterian Church,

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The Janice Aikin Memorial Bursary

Janice was diagnosed with cancer in the summer of 2008, not long after she volunteered to join the Lesotho mission. It was a very long hard struggle.



Janice never allowed herself the indulgence of doubt. She fought valiantly and in the end, was able to participate in the mission in Lesotho.

Her determination to join the team in Lesotho was an inspiration to all; but, the price she paid was dear. Janice died less than a month after our return.



In memory of our friend Janice, a bursary was established to help fund post-secondary education for the children.



Central's Mission in Lesotho

As part of its ongoing commitment to Rachel's Home, Central sent a team of 27 volunteers to Lesotho in March of 2009.

This team did many things to make life better for the children and staff of Rachel's Home. It's quite a list

- Built three new classrooms
- Installed blackboards for all the classrooms
- Set up a school library
- Set up a resource centre
- Installed electricity in all the class rooms
- Teacher mentoring
- Installed flush toilets and showers
- Installed and improved security
- Sewing, from uniforms to curtains
- Built storage system for clothes
- and much more...

But more than this, the team showed the children that they were not alone, God's love brought strangers from a faraway land to give the children a chance to believe in their future.

With your help, we can continue.

The On-Going Mission

Your generosity is appreciated. There is much to be done to keep the children of Rachel's House healthy and give them hope for a future.

Your donation will provide basic nutrition:

- Bread
- Peanut butter
- Milk
- Multi-vitamins

Your donation will provide an education:

- Teacher salaries
- School supplies

Your donation will provide:

- Clothing

Your donation will fund:

- A vegetable garden
- An assistant's wages

Show the children of Rachel's House that they don't have to fight alone. Through your generosity, they will have a fighting chance for a healthy and happy future.

