

"Hope for the Helpless"



Completely surrounded by South Africa the mountain kingdom Lesotho is among the poorest nations of the world.

The country has a population of about 2.2 million, an extremely high unemployment rate, and the average salary of those who do find work amounts to just 10 pounds. Around 30% of the Basotho live with H.I.V./Aids, and there are more than 170.000 orphans. In order to meet the needs of these children affected by the consequences of the Aids epidemic, "Hope for the Helpless" was founded in 2007.

Pastor Molemo Seutloali is the leader of the project in Leribe. Our friendship with him goes back to the 80s, when Günter did pioneer mission work in Lesotho.



Our first priority is to meet the most basic needs of children and young people, first through food, medicine, clothing or a warm blanket. A team of church volunteers ascertains the level of need, as help will go to those who do not receive assistance from another agency or their wider family. We want to make sure that help reaches those who are really destitute. At present 30 children in need are being fed through regular donations. Where appropriate school fees may also be covered.

Plans for the future take a holistic approach to meeting the needs of the poor. Donations made it possible for Pastor Molemo to purchase a property near the capital Maseru

which now needs to be developed. As a first step he will build a hut for a watchman, creating an address so that electricity can be connected. Drilling a well is the second step before the building project can start.

Pastor Molemo hopes that the project can become self-sufficient in the future. Young people living there for a time will be trained in skills that help them stand on their own feet. They will learn to plant crops and run a chicken farm. As far as possible they will produce their own food and sell the surplus to fund things they need to buy. However, Crops are often poor due to difficult weather conditions, and according to a UN evaluation several years ago, Lesotho will always need outside help.

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