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# Greetings from the Mountain Kingdom!

*A Newsletter from Brenda Kay Hafer*

*Lumelang Bomme le Bontate!* Greetings from the Mountain Kingdom! As I write, I am sitting here in a winter hat wrapped in a blanket picturing you all trying to keep cool in the North Carolina heat. It's the middle of the winter here in Lesotho, and, while I haven't seen much snow, I have been told it's coming. So, while you are attempting to escape the heat, I am daydreaming of North Carolina summers.

Aside from the heat, I hope this finds you well. I am fine! Lesotho is still beautiful, and the people remain warm and welcoming regardless of the chill in the air.

The schools are currently closed for winter break and will reopen at the start of August. Over the school break, I continue to remain busy. At the end of June, I attended a training about working with adolescents living with HIV/AIDS. I had the opportunity to bring a Basotho counterpart to the training in which we built capacity and learned ways we can partner together in the fight against HIV. The work we are doing is both daunting and exciting.

Since the first of July, I have been pleased to host my seminary friend, Mattea Williams (many of you know her). We began her visit by touring Cape Town in South Africa for some much-needed vacation time and warmth, and now she is enjoying village life at my site. Sharing my life here with a friend from the States has been so much fun!

I continue to be encouraged by your support through prayer, social media, snail mail, and sweet care packages as well as financially. While Lesotho is lovely and I am grateful for the experience, life here can be hard, and in the hard times, thinking of you and your continued love and support strengthens me. Thank you.

I am thinking of you all often and praying for you and your ministry together. It is a beautiful work we are doing, and I am proud to call you all partners in the work of the kingdom.

Blessings,  
Brenda Kay

