

## 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 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 47 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.

## Education

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

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

All the children do their primary school at Rachel's Home. Graduates from the Rachel's Home school are going beyond the primary school levels offered.



Currently there are twelve children attending high school. This is an expensive proposition for Rachel's Home as this requires attendance at a boarding school.

Beyond this, there are three students studying at post secondary institutions in Lesotho.

These students are a wonderful role model for the rest of the children of Rachel's Home and an example of what can be accomplished.

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**Lesotho 2012**  
**Our Mission Continues ...**

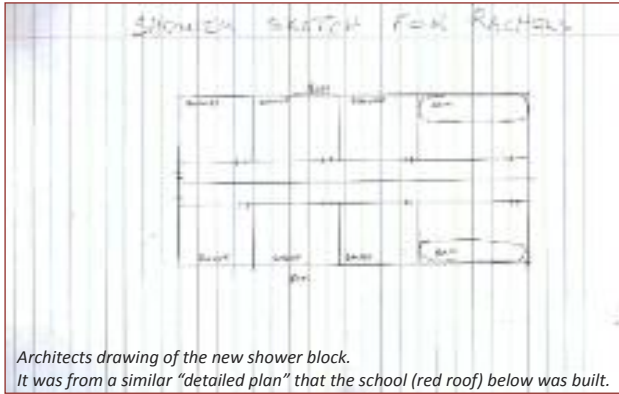


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**TOGETHER WE ARE  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

# Dig Out the Hammers and Trowels

**We are Returning in 2012**



Architects drawing of the new shower block. It was from a similar "detailed plan" that the school (red roof) below was built.

We are returning with a team of 30 volunteers March 7th. The 2012' project will include ...

- **Sanitation:** This needs improvement. We will construct two units, one for boys and one for girls. The facility will have 6 showers and 2 bathtubs.
- **Nursery:** Upgrade and equip the nursery.
- **Healthcare:** Our Medical Professionals will provide health-care
- **Health and Safety:** Training for the staff.
- **Teacher Training:** Our Educators will offer mentorship and skills development opportunities to the young teachers at Rachel's Home.
- **But most of all** we will remind our friends in Maputsoe that they haven't been forgotten.



## Why?

Each child at Rachel's Home is an orphan, many have lost their parents to AIDS; some to other causes. But whatever the reason, without Hilda and Godwill ... and us, they have no-one.



In 2009, 27 volunteers from Central spent 10 days with the children of Rachel's Home. For these 10 days they were the center of attention as we showed them God's love.

In their young lives, they've seen people come and people go. No one ever comes back. But these strangers from halfway around the world are coming back. We will laugh with them, play with them and we will work very hard to make their lives just a little bit easier. We will again show them God's love.



Try to imagine the impact this will have on their young lives. We can do this with your help.

**And this is why we are going.**

## Lesotho 2012

**Our Mission Continues ...**



**Lesotho 2012** is an outreach mission of Central Presbyterian Church. Its origins reach back to the 2006 Penny Project where the children of Central Church, Cambridge, Ontario stepped in and began collecting pennies to support Rachel's Home. Those little pennies helped Rachel's Home survive. Those little pennies are 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 ..."

**Donations can be made to**

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Memo: Lesotho Mission Cambridge, ON, N1S 1H4

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## Makalo

**A note from my new Canadian mother**

*Makalo has been adopted and lives in British Columbia with his new family*

"In the year we have had him, Makalo has grown almost 7 inches, put on 12 lbs (1/3 of his body weight), learned perfect English (to the same level as a Canadian 4-5 year-old) and astonishes everyone with his dribbling



skills with a soccer ball. He now fits on the bottom end of the 4 year-olds growth chart, but his intellect is firing on all cylinders, thanks to the socializing and stimulation he had before we met him (even if he didn't have enough to eat).

He colours with great enthusiasm, and is everybody's friend. He knows his numbers and his ABC's and has a huge sense of humour. He helps the little kids at day care with great

gentleness, at the same time as running around and playing rough with the big kids. He throws himself into everything with gusto, and LOVES playing in water.

It is hard to imagine a kid that is so like Breeshey and Dylan and yet so very much himself. He is adored by Dylan, has brought out the best in Breeshey, and even Phil has been captivated by his humour and capacity for love (although he has a hard time handling his tantrums). Makalo has a HUGE heart.

Although it can be exhausting to be the primary care giver of a tiny little man again, I have never for one moment questioned the decision to bring him home. He belongs with us, and captivates everyone he meets. People say he has Breeshey's smile, and Dylan's heart, and I guess when he is naughty (like all toddlers), he takes after me (or maybe it is when he sings at the top of his voice!). We all believe that he was waiting there for us all this time, and that our family was meant for him and will be enriched by him, for many years to come.

Makalo is capable of joy in all its different hues, and brings it everywhere he goes. I believe he has great things ahead of him"