



Newsletter by Email

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2014 Annual Report

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As I write, there is political uncertainty in Lesotho following disagreements within the government. However, things seem to have taken a peaceful turn and we must pray that matters get sorted out quickly so that Lesotho has the just and righteous government it deserves.

Term started for our students back in July and this year we have 33 students being sponsored by BET. Some will finish in December and further students will be taken on in January. Our committee in Lesotho continues to work hard and we are grateful for all that they do.

Developments continue apace on our website. It is now possible to donate to BET by credit card using a direct and secure link. This will make it easier for supporters to make one off donations to the Trust. We also hope that it will encourage new people to support the Trust by providing an easy, immediate way of giving. Please encourage friends, family and church attenders to look at our website www.basothoeducationaltrust.org and to consider supporting our work. Trustee Wendy Edwards gives more fund-raising ideas inside for use as Christmas approaches.

With many thanks for your support during 2014

Best wishes

Philippa Bird
Chair of Trustees

Basotho Educational Trust

News From Lesotho

Donations

We are very grateful for donations from our supporters especially in a tough economic climate. Standing orders give us a regular income which enables us to plan ahead in our financial support of students. If you donate by standing order perhaps you could think about increasing the amount you pay. If you are a UK taxpayer you can increase the value of your donation by 25% through 'Gift Aid'.

Of course, one off amounts are equally important. You can now donate at the BET website www.basothoeducationaltrust.org, as well as by standing order or cheque. Donation forms are available from the trust's address.

Raising awareness of the work of BET is important to us and this can be done by telling your friends about us. You might like to do this through fundraising events. Coffee mornings and sponsored activities are ways to do both. You might think about de-cluttering and selling your unwanted possessions at a car boot sale or on e-bay. It costs about £160 for tuition fees for one student and over 95% of donations go directly to supporting the students, so small amounts can go a long way.



A new way to donate!

Trust supporters and their friends can now donate to BET using a credit card. A safe and secure facility has been added to our website by one of the main card providers, ready to take donations to the Trust. Never mind about finding that cheque book and an envelope and stamp just open the website (www.basothoeducationaltrust.org) and follow the links. Why not try it for Christmas and recommend it to a friend.

Students

At the moment BET is sponsoring 33 students:

School / College	Number of Students
St Rose Computer College	7
St Mary's Home Economic School	11
Loici	6
TSL	3
Makhaliso dressmaking	6
	33

