

Thoughts while at Food bank

I have the privilege of helping out at a Food Bank each week. They shouldn't be needed in our affluent country but they are a lifeline to those in challenging situations. I can assure you I've not met a scrounger yet!

But what is this to do with BET? Well, I often think of our Basotho students while at the Food Bank. They are young people who with just a little help can take the opportunities we can give them. They, as we have seen from former students, receive our grants but give back so much to themselves, to their families and to their country.

Last week a young person returned to our Food Bank not with another voucher but with food for the Bank. "I've got a job now so I want to share my good fortune."

Just like so many of our students in Lesotho.

Sister Monica Williams

Students

At the moment BET is sponsoring 35 students, although our hope is to sponsor 50 students annually. Our current sponsorship commitments are:

School / College	Number of Students
St Rose Computer College	7
St Mary's Home Economic School	7
Loici	4
TSL	1
Makhaliso dressmaking	6
Mafeteng BEDCO	3
Leribe BEDCO	7
	35

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2015 Annual Report

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... and greetings of peace to all our friends and supporters. I am pleased to introduce our 2015 Annual Report. Your continued support was vital in enabling us to offer that assistance to many younger people in the mountain kingdom of Lesotho.

In the past year our finances have been improved by our new Credit Card facility on our new website. To donate by credit card just go to www.basothoeducationaltrust.org

Despite everybody's efforts we had to dip into our reserves to make up a shortfall in our income in order to maintain our support for existing students. However we have still asked the Lesotho Committee to support 50 students in 2014/15. Supporters continue to fundraise for which we are very grateful. We now have a regular income from sales of paintings and painted cards by Lesotho veteran, Sr Marjorie Jean CHN. If you have a particular success, write and let us know and we'll feature you in the newsletter and website.

The need for political stability continues to cause concern here at home and in Lesotho following the recent Lesotho elections. Thank you so much for all your support over the previous year despite the pressing economic problems.

Philippa Bird TSSF
Chair of Trustees

Basotho Educational Trust

Financial Accounts

Policy on Reserves:

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold in reserves sufficient funds to support all sponsored students to the end of their course in the event that the Trust's annual income from donors ceased.

Restricted Funds:

All covenants and one off donations from individuals were received for the purpose of sponsoring selected students.

The figures represent the audited accounts of the Basotho Educational Trust for the year ending March 31st 2015.

Income

Fund Raising	900.00
Covenants	6316.69
Gift Aid	0.00
CAF	2010.00
Churches	1200.00
Donations	2789.86
Trusts	0.00
Interest	27.95
Inland Revenue	0.00
Bank Refunds	0.00
	13244.50

Expenditure

Bank Charges	183.54
Admin	138.38
Lesotho Costs	5102.61

5424.53

Out-Turn

7819.97

Balance Sheet

Previous Balance, year ending 31/3/2015	56410.26
Surplus on year ending 31/3/2015	7819.97
Balance	64230.23

Accounts

Current Account	26017.19
Capital Reserve	0.00
CAF Gold Account	38401.15
CAF Bond	0.00
Total	64418.34

News From Lesotho

Prince Harry Visits Lesotho, December 2014

Prince Harry made a private visit to Lesotho to see the progress of Sentebale's programmes that provide support to vulnerable children in Lesotho.

Lesotho has the world's third highest HIV infection rate and one in three children are orphans. Life expectancy is only 48 years.

Sentebale was founded by Prince Harry and his great friend Prince Seeiso, in memory of their mothers, the late Diana, Princess of Wales and Queen Mamohato. 'Sentebale' is Sesotho means 'forget-me-not'.



Chelsea Flower Show:

Sentebale created a show garden *Sentebale - Hope in Vulnerability* at the 2015 RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden gave visitors a taste of Lesotho and the vibrant atmosphere of the camp, and included a rock/waterscape feature, representative of the mountainous terrain in this part of southern Africa.



Other links

If you're interested in more information from Lesotho, you may wish to check out the following links:

www.Sentebale.org



www.waleslesotholink.org

