

## Phukalla facility officially opened



**Action Lesotho's Phukalla Facility** (above) was officially opened in May. The event was celebrated in grand style with a ceremony attended by dignitaries, local community members & school groups. To reach the day when Phukalla was ready for public display, with its enterprise centre, farm buildings, mill & garden, was a proud moment for everyone involved, but particularly so for General Manager, **Ntate Mankoe** & **Paul Hanrahan**, Action Lesotho's Chairman, both of whom have been with the charity since its inception in 2005.



*Gerry Gervin, Ireland's Ambassador to Lesotho, unveils a plaque at the Phukalla farm buildings. The project is dedicated to the memory of Conor O'Malley, son of IMPACT President Kevin O'Malley.*

As for emotion, a **Malimpo Feeding Programme** client related her story from the podium, telling how Action Lesotho was the reason her 11-year old daughter still had a mother. **Pippa Kearon** (left, centre) gave an excellent and passionate speech, in which she made sure everybody who has contributed to the development & growth of our NGO was acknowledged & thanked.

All of the local and national dignitaries made speeches. Although the ceremony lasted more than five hours, I savoured every moment of it. As the opening ceremony ended the Irish contingent made an attempt at singing our own National Anthem, admittedly much to the bemusement of all Basotho present. We proceeded to the Phukalla site for the grand tour. The whole site looked just wonderful. Every inch of it was planted, swept or polished. The official cutting of the ribbon took place and photos were taken at the plaques.

Finally I have to say to you that I am so proud of ALL the Action Lesotho team. What they achieved on the day was just amazing and it even made national TV in Lesotho. Well done to each and every one of you', said Paul.



**Paul Hanrahan** travelled to Lesotho for the opening & gave this report: 'Mass was said by the Bishop of Leribe & choirs from local schools including St Monica's Primary School & Morate English Medium School added to the magic of the occasion. Due to the presence of high level politicians and the **Chief**

**District Principal Chief 'M'e Pontso Mathealira** (above, left), soldiers fanned out around the site along with a significant number of police to provide security.'

The speeches were something to behold. While I could not understand most of what was said, the body language spoke volumes. I was seated beside the Principal Chief & she translated the important points, such as the MP for the area promising a road to our site.

**Ntate Mankoe**, Action Lesotho's General Manager (below), gave an impassioned & fiery speech. **M'e**

**Mannete Ramaili** (above right) relayed the story of her visit to Ireland's mountain kingdom i.e. Kerry and how she returned with a twin for her own beloved mountain kingdom. Looking around at the crowd & savouring the growth, the friendships & ties that had developed since that first fateful encounter, it was quite an emotional moment.





## Project News: Summary



The official opening of Action Lesotho's Phukalla facility took place earlier this year. Below are extracts from Pippa Kearon's (Action Lesotho's Management Consultant) speech, which gives a good summary of the work Action Lesotho is undertaking

'In 2010 His Majesty, King Letsie III, was asked by a member of our Board how he would like to see

Action Lesotho work in his country. He said "Please pass on management skills and teach people to run the projects without you". That is the challenge we have responded to. We now act as a facilitator of change and try not to act as a direct donor wherever possible.

We work with the poorest of the poor, the sickest of the sick and those in greatest need in the community. A great deal of our work involves training community workers and leaders to assist [people] to find ways to help themselves. We believe that education and empowerment at a community level is where we can break the cycle of poverty and give strength to the youth of the community to [move] away from poverty and the ravages of HIV/aids towards financially comfortable and long lives.

Our **Community Development Centre** in Ha Maqele is the heart of our community development work. Limakatso Rantao is our manager for both the centres' activities and our humanitarian projects. We provide training in computers, literacy, English language and life skills development. We provide information to the community on how to access the Government services that provide for their needs.

We have only two donor led projects aiming to meet humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable in the community. Our **Malimpho Feeding Programme**, which is supported by our farm's maize production, provides basic food & health care to people in the community who have HIV/Aids. Many of these patients recover enough to come off the programme and return to work. We also have programmes at Ha Maqele and Lepoqong to provide food and development programmes at the weekends for over 160 children assessed to be in the greatest need in the communities.

Our response to income generation support has been two fold. Firstly we are working with the Ministry of Gender Youth, Sport and Recreation to provide **Start and Improve Your Own Business** trainings at a community level to encourage entrepreneurship and help people to effectively start businesses. Secondly, in May last year, following a consultancy visit by International Textile Marketing consultant, Anne Ritchie, we formed **Lesotho Mountain Crafts**. LMC is an umbrella organisation acting on behalf of twelve craft companies from Leribe through to Maseru. We teach the skills involved in designing original, unique and high quality craft products for the local and overseas markets. We undertake learning journeys into South Africa and provide exposure to global

markets. We teach pricing, business skills and business sense. We will be setting up a showcase gallery and shop later on this year where beautifully crafted and high quality jewellery, leather work, weaving, knitting, sewn and felted items can be purchased.

We also have a **farm, mill, cow and homestead gardening project**. The farm produces maize on 20 hectares of land leased from local landowners who would otherwise leave their fields fallow. Molemo Lethea is our Farm Manager under the guidance of our General Manager, Nt Mankoe. They were extremely proud last year when we achieved 2.5 tonnes per hectare from our fields where many of our neighbours suffered under the drought and achieved only 0.5 – 1 tonne per hectare. Our maize yield provides food for our Malimpho Feeding Programme as well as 20 sick and needy beneficiaries from St Luke's Parish.

Our cow was donated last year by a family in Co. Meath and is producing enough milk to provide for our Malimpho Feeding Programme patients and we also sell our excess to the local community to pay for the food and upkeep of the cow. Salang, our farm assistant, has done a great job developing a vegetable garden at our site in Phukalla where we are able to provide fresh seasonal vegetables to our sick patients.

Malefetsane is our miller and he runs the hammer mill [at Phukalla]. We crush both maize and sorghum. The mill runs as an independent business and we aim to use the profits to support our humanitarian efforts.

More recent developments include the **Ferrando Resource Centre** for the differently abled, run and managed by the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians with support from 3 Basotho volunteers. Action Lesotho found many disabled children in the community who were at home unable to avail of their free and compulsory primary education. We worked for the past two years to encourage support of the development of a resource centre for these children where they can avail of speech, physiotherapy and occupational therapies and also gain academic skills with the hope that they might one day enter mainstream education. The centre opened its doors in March this year with start up funding provided by Dermot Walsh and his family.

The eight members of staff that you have met here are responsible for all these achievements with the backing of the Board of Directors. They are truly wonderful and great credit is due to each one of them'.



*Pupils from Morate English Medium High School performing at the Phukalla opening ceremony.*

## Lesotho Mountain Crafts

**Lesotho Mountains Crafts** has had a busy winter working on all aspects of developing members' skills and creating market outlets for the group. LMC also has an exciting range of plans for the next 12 months..

### International sales



Crafts from Lesotho are already beginning to reach overseas markets & the huge potential of Lesotho Mountain Crafts is becoming evident. A range of the group's new products (including these birds, left) are now available in Alaska & also sold well at a recent event in London.

### Showcase gallery

**Lesotho Mountain Crafts** has been developing plans for a showcase gallery at Hatooa Mose Mosali in Teyateyaneng. It will be a dedicated venue for the crafts from the various groups, where their products can be displayed and sold. Construction began at the beginning of September and it is hoped to open the doors to the general public at the end of October 2013. The gallery will also offer a wide range of teas, coffees & snacks so that visitors can enjoy the beautiful mountain views & peaceful environment. 'This is a wonderful turning point for us & will make an immediate and financially tangible difference to the LMC members', said Pippa. The development of the gallery has been very generously funded by **Citywire** who have previously provided financial support for the group.

### Consultants to visit



Following on from the visit of International Textile Consultant, **Anne Ritchie** (pictured left with a member of LMC), two additional experts will be joining Anne to spend time with LMC. Anne, along with **Morag Tweedie** & **Anne Ferguson** plan to work with the twelve individual companies that make up LMC during two separate visits Oct/Nov 2013 & early 2014 (the latter is dependent on additional funding). Morag &

Anne both have very relevant skills & expertise, having been lecturers in Scottish art colleges in art & textile design. Both women have also run their own craft businesses. Their input to LMC will focus on assisting the LMC companies to develop design skills in preparation for participation at the Design Indaba Expo 2014. The aim is for the group to achieve a level of skill that will enable them to create products which will sell to the niche market lifestyle shops in South Africa & beyond. The skills that these consultants will be able to impart will be of great value for the companies' futures, enabling them to have a deep understanding of the design, marketing & business skills needed for them to become increasingly self sufficient.

*Many thanks are due to the Hick Family Trust for funding the consultants' visits & reports for the LMC project.*

## Radio broadcast



*Peter Geoghegan (seated right) recording at Phukalla with Ntate Mankoe.*

A very positive broadcast about **Lesotho Mountain Crafts** was aired on **RTE Radio One** during August. Made by Irish journalist **Peter Geoghegan**, it featured women from some of the craft groups involved in the LMC project along with Action Lesotho's Management Consultant, **Pippa Kearon**.

You can listen back to it via this link:

<http://www.rte.ie/news/morningireland/player.html?20130805%2C20416257%2C20416257%2Cflash%2C232>

### LMC Open Day

LMC held an open day conjunction with the official opening of the Phukalla facility, which includes the Enterprise Centre where LMC member **Nyenye Crafts** is based. The groups created a display with a range of their products. Nyenye Craft members were on hand to give people guided tours of the enterprise centre at Phukalla.



### Dedication plaque

The plaque unveiled at the Enterprise Centre during the official opening, outlines that the centre is dedicated to **Eileen O'Leary** and the Action Lesotho volunteers. The plaque also gives thanks to the two groups who mainly funded the building: **Waterville Friends of Lesotho** & **One World Group Oxted**.

*Contact: to find out more details or to order products from any of the groups please contact Pippa Kearon of Action Lesotho at [actionlesothopippa@gmail.com](mailto:actionlesothopippa@gmail.com)*



## Project News: agriculture

### Farm visit (Photos: Brian Flaherty)



In late June/early July, **Brian Flaherty** (Action Lesotho's agricultural advisor on the Board of Directors) along with **Johnny Harlin** (above centre), a farmer from Kilmessan in Co. Meath and **Brendan Allen** (above left) from the Innovation Academy in UCD visited Lesotho. Brian's visit was part of his ongoing commitment as mentor to the farming project which is managed in Lesotho by Action Lesotho's Farm Manager, **Molemo Letheha** (above right).

**Brian** experienced first hand the harvesting of the maize which was operating smoothly. Harvesting was by hand with a team of labourers (pictured left). The cobs were then removed from the maize stalks & bagged. The bags were then transported by tractor & trailer (below left) to the yard in Phukalla for decobbing in the Slattery (the thresher) (below). The resultant graded bags of maize were then put into storage in the grain store.



*Photos: Harvesting maize cobs by hand; transporting bags of cobs by tractor & trailer; decobbing using the thresher (the Slattery).*



We achieved an average of 2.3 tonnes per hectare which was substantial in a year where drought & African Army Worm seriously threatened crops throughout Lesotho. Our neighbour's yields did not exceed 0.8 tonnes/ha.

After harvest, dead material in the fields – mostly perennial grass – will be burned after the installation of ploughed fire breaks around the perimeters. The ground will then be ploughed and when the creeping grass (scutch grass) emerges in the spring, provided it has not been eaten by other farmers' cattle, will be sprayed with glyphosate.



Whilst in Lesotho, Brian met with **Gerry Gervin** (Irish Ambassador to Lesotho) & **Paramente Phamotse** (Lesotho Ambassador to Ireland) at the site in Phukalla. They also visited the standing crops in the fields to demonstrate the difference the project is making (pictured above).

Knowledge transfer - Brian, Johnny & Brendan also visited Lesotho Agriculture College & had meetings with the staff there. The Ambassadors also attended these meetings. The purpose of these meetings was to explore the idea of knowledge transfer between Ireland & Lesotho.

Since this visit Brian and Brendan, in conjunction with the Board and the team in Lesotho, are developing a strategy for the knowledge transfer aspect of the project, initially focussing on agriculture and its related activities.

### New farm advisor

Action Lesotho is excited to announce that **Carl Von Maltitz** has recently been appointed as Action Lesotho's new farm advisor. Carl is an experienced cereal & livestock farmer from South Africa who speaks fluent Sesotho. He is coming to Ireland in late September for briefing and will attend the UCD Innovation



*At a farm discussion forum: Nt Lekomola (Temo 'Moho), Molemo, Nt Mankoe, Carl & Nt Matsebe (Temo 'Moho).*

Academy. His appointment has been part-funded by **Country Crest**, a successful Irish agri-business which has developed its own farm project, Temo 'Moho, in Lesotho under their Corporate Social Responsibility programme. The Country Crest & Action Lesotho farms are situated relatively near to each other in Leribe district and Carl will be advising both projects. This collaboration between Action Lesotho & Country Crest provides an excellent opportunity for a synergistic relationship that will enhance the benefits of both projects.



## Project News: Education Initiatives

### School links



**Zoe Dennis** (Pippa's sister) is a teacher at **Hambridge Primary School** in the UK. In August she visited Lesotho with her daughter and while there established links with **Maboee Primary School**, which is the closest school to Action Lesotho's Community Development Centre in Ha Mabele. There are over 1700 pupils at the school, 43 teaching staff and very limited resources.

Zoe initially visited the school as an observer and later worked with the teachers in relation to methods of introducing creative language skills for English acquisition (pictured above). Zoe has now forged a link between Class 5 at Maboee and her own school in England. She will be working via Skype on a monthly basis with teaching staff to promote English language development and help them to find more creative and fun ways to present the curriculum with limited resources. The teachers at Maboee are thrilled with this initiative and the two schools are looking forward to working with each other. Pippa said, 'There is definitely room to link other classes to other schools in Ireland and Britain and this is something Action Lesotho will aim to develop'.



*Children from Class Five, Maboee PS with their welcome sign for Zoe and her daughter.*

As a means of supporting the school, Action Lesotho is encouraging Maboee Primary to use the Ha Mabele centre as a resource e.g. for computers, Internet access, library, TV/DVD, presentations, trainings etc. Education is obviously vital in development terms and this link between the school and the community centre should be very beneficial in relation to Action Lesotho's community development aims & objectives.

### Skype link

In September, the Community Centre at Ha Mabele hosted the first Skype link (below) between Maboee Primary School and Hambridge Primary School. Lots of lively discussion ensued about everything from discipline to school meals and playtime. It is planned to make this a monthly event (*Photo: Mark Dennis*).



### English Classes

Following on from **Theresa Moriarty's** 'Train the Trainers Course', which she delivered as an Action Lesotho volunteer last year, some of her students have been ably putting their learning into practise. One of them is **Mahlape**, who is delivering English classes on Friday, Saturday & Sunday at the Ha Mabele and Lepoqong centres. The children attending these classes are very poor and some are orphans from extremely vulnerable situations.

Pippa was invited to visit one of her sessions (below). 'What I saw far exceeded my expectations. Mahlape was delivering the English programme with exemplary finesse and her students were proficiently able to tell me about themselves, facts about Lesotho (which apparently they did not know before), the solar system, days of the week, months of the year, their school, etc. They recited poems beautifully, did a short play for me and sang a couple of songs. Mahlape ably corrected pronunciation which also surprised me. The children (approx. 23 in total) absolutely adore their classes and said that if they could go to school with Mahlape everyday they would. It is so gratifying to see how well Mahlape is able to teach and how well the class has responded'.

Congratulations are also due to Theresa Moriarty for running such a successful course which is already having a measurable impact.





## Project News: Community centres

### Winter activities



Throughout the winter **Action Lesotho** has been running a series of activities for the orphans & vulnerable children that attend the centres at Ha Masele and Lepoqong. The activities have included a Goal-Setting & Peer Pressure workshop, English classes, games and computer training.

The Goal-Setting & Peer Pressure workshop was run by **'M'e Maseretse** of **Help Lesotho**. Action Lesotho's Community & Humanitarian Manager, **Limakatso Rantsoa** said, 'The purpose of the workshop was to educate the kids about the bad effects of peer pressure and how to prepare themselves for a better tomorrow. It was a very emotional workshop. Many of them seemed not to know how to choose right from wrong as some of them have no one to take care of them'. As an outcome of this workshop, Limakatso plans to run ongoing life-skills training alongside the weekend feeding programme.

Plans are also being considered to run a daytime crèche at the centre for pre-school children.

### Land registration



During July, the Ha Masele Community Centre was the focal point for villagers wishing to register their land. The main objective of this nationwide project, which is being financed by **Millennium Challenge Cooperation (MCC)**, is to strengthen the rights of the legitimate occupiers of the land by a process of formalizing those rights. It is hoped secure tenure of land will help reduce poverty in Lesotho and help stimulate economic growth. Action Lesotho's Community Centre was hired by consultants who were performing the registration task. This MCC project has been so popular that it took 4 weeks to register all the villagers of Ha Masele.

*Thanks to Limakatso and Mapule for the information and photographs on this page.*

### Child Protection training

As reported in our last newsletter, **Comhlámh** – the Irish umbrella group for development workers & volunteers - gave a Capacity Building Grant to enable Action Lesotho to provide child protection training for our staff, support groups & volunteers. The training, delivered by **'M'e Mathakane Ntlaloe**, was a very thought-provoking experience for the participants & it created an awareness of the needs of the very vulnerable children we are working with & how our projects could be developed to better meet their needs. As a result of the training, Action Lesotho is currently updating its general Child Protection Policy & is working on tailored policies for each of the projects involving children.



### New toilet

The Community Development Centre at Ha Masele has an indoor toilet and washing facilities, but many of the children prefer to use the traditional outdoor 'drop' toilet that they are used to. There was a ramshackle tin toilet close to the centre but this has been replaced with a new block toilet behind the centre, built by **Nt Mankoe** and his crew (pictured right).



### Measuring health

**Dr Diane Foorde**, Action Lesotho's health advisor on the Board of Directors in Ireland, is currently visiting Lesotho. She is working with Action Lesotho's nurse, **'M'e Futho** to assess the health status of all the clients involved in our humanitarian programmes.



*M'e Futho & Diane Foorde (back row on the left) with children at the Ha Masele Community Development Centre.*



## People & Places

### Changes on the Board of Directors

During the past year, three Board members have resigned. All three dedicated large amounts of their time to Action Lesotho and made hugely positive contributions towards improving lives in Lesotho. For this we are eternally grateful. We sincerely wish them all the very best for the future.

**Dr Rosarii Griffin** is taking a break from the Board due to personal commitments and work pressure, but we are hopeful she will return in the future if her circumstances permit! Rosarii brought her wide ranging teaching & academic experience to Action Lesotho, which greatly benefited the educational & community development projects. She was also an amazing fundraiser, running several marathons for Action Lesotho.



**Mossie Angland** has left to focus on a large restoration project for the McAuliffe Clan in Newmarket which has been taking up much of his time. Mossie's interest & experience was in the enterprise and farming areas to which he contributed with thoughtful insight & humour.

**Dermot Walsh** (below) had been on the Board for the longest of the three retirees. Over the years he was instrumental in the setting up of facilities for the differently abled in Lesotho. During 2012-2013 it was Dermot and his



family that provided the funding for the establishment of the Ferrando Resource Centre. This will be a lasting testament to the humanity and empathy that Dermot showed towards the least able in society.

*Dermot Walsh with Teboho at the Ferrando Resource*

### Radio broadcast

**Brian Flaherty**, Action Lesotho's agriculture adviser on the Board of Directors, featured on **RTÉ Radio One's CountryWide** on Saturday 31st August. Brian was interviewed by the programme's presenter, **Damien O'Reilly** (right). You can listen online via the RTÉ website:

<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/countrywide/programmes/2013/0831/471392-countrywide-saturday-31-august-2013/?clipid=1299867>



### Cultural exchange



Zoe Dennis' daughter spent a day experiencing life as a school girl in Lesotho and also hosted a day at Ha Masele Development Centre whereby she and the children of Class 5 had a cultural exchange and interviewed each other. She showed them a video of her life in UK (her house, her pets, her school, etc). It was extremely thought provoking for both the adults and students and everyone learned a great deal from each other.

### Pre-school & Special Education Volunteers

**Sister Teresa George**, who runs **The Ferrando Resource Centre** at St Luke's Mission, Maputsoe, is desperately looking for a volunteer who is qualified in pre-school education for the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians pre-school in Ha Chonapase. She also requires one or more volunteer/s who are trained in Special Education for the Ferrando Resource Centre. If the volunteers are coming from overseas and are female there is the possibility of staying with the Sisters at their convent in Ha Chonapase (Maputsoe).

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### Congratulations!

**Puseletso Raselimo**, Action Lesotho's former Humanitarian and Community Development Manager, left earlier this year to have her second baby and to move to be with her husband in Durban. We are delighted to announce that Puseletso had a fine, healthy baby boy on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. His name is Nsika Patrick. We send our deepest congratulations and best wishes to Puseletso & her family.



### Financing Action Lesotho

Action Lesotho spends about €150,000 every year. The vast majority of this is spent in Lesotho, with only about €3,000 spent on administration here in Ireland – mostly insurance and accountancy costs.

Our expenditure in Lesotho is broken down roughly as follows:

Humanitarian Relief	27%
Agricultural Development	13%
Enterprise Development	20%
Community Development	13%
Staff, Transport, Administration	20%
Capital Expenditure	7%

Our funding comes from several sources, and this year we expect to receive the following amounts:

Irish Aid	€60,000
IMPACT Trade Union	€17,500
Individual donations	€10,000
Corporate donations	€15,000
Tralee Bookshop	€15,000
Bantry Friends of Lesotho	€ 7,000
Miscellaneous	€ 5,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>€130,000</b>

This will leave us roughly €20,000 short of our expenditure budget for the year. Luckily, we have some reserves on which we can draw to bridge the gap. But once the reserves have gone, they have gone forever, & we will be short of funds next year, with no way of bridging the gap.

*Therefore, we are faced with reducing our programme of activities, either this year, or next year, or both, unless we can raise up to €20,000 over the next few months.*

There are some specific activities which can't go ahead unless we get extra funding:

❖ We are hiring an agricultural advisor to help guide our farm manager, but we need funding for a knowledge transfer project to disseminate good farming practices to other farmers (see P 4).

❖ We are providing training to 12 craft-producing groups to improve the quality and design of their products, so that they can be sold on export markets. We want to subsidise them to have a display stand at craft exhibitions in South Africa & bring further international design expertise to them (see P 3).

❖ Our Malimpho program provides food and nursing care for people suffering from HIV/AIDS who cannot look after themselves. A number of our patients have recovered sufficiently to come off the program. We wish to continue to support them during the transition from dependency to independence, through providing training in the skills necessary to earn an income or by supplying them with tools, inputs & stock to produce eggs or vegetables themselves.

If any of our readers are interested in sponsoring any of these activities, please phone our Treasurer, David Buttimer, at 087-2460516, or donate through our website at [www.actionlesotho.ie](http://www.actionlesotho.ie)

❖ **Country Crest:** The hiring of an agricultural advisor for the Action Lesotho farm was made possible by a contribution of €5000 from Country Crest. Carl will be the advisor to the Action Lesotho farm and a nearby Country Crest funded farm (see page 4).



❖ **Bantry Friends of Lesotho:** BFoL is committed to funding the weekend feeding & development programmes to the tune of €7000/annum. During the summer they raised nearly €5000 through a flag day, a two-week book sale & the generosity of Jack Collins, a young man who donated the spare change he'd collected in one year. Bantry Friends of Lesotho's next event is a big bric-a-brac sale 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Oct. Please contact Clare 087-6781613 if you have good quality items to donate.

❖ **Citywire:** This London-based finance company has supported Lesotho Mountains Crafts over the last year; most recently making a donation which will enable the group to set up an outlet & gallery for their products (see Page 3). The company also sold €650 worth of LMC crafts at a sale in London (pictured).



❖ **Paddy Power:** Action Lesotho is grateful to this company for making a donation to our work.

❖ **Increase the benefit of your donation:** don't forget that if you are a PAYE worker who donates €250 or more a year, then Action Lesotho can claim the tax back if you complete the relevant form (CHY2 or 'tax relief form'. It's a painless way to increase the benefit of your donation. To get a form contact Action Lesotho's Treasurer, David Buttimer [djbuttimer@eircom.net](mailto:djbuttimer@eircom.net)

❖ **Donors:** The organisations & people named above are just some of those who have helped us, but as always we send many thanks to ALL of our donors. Without your support we could not exist.