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Basotho Shepherds attend weekly literacy classes taught entirely by volunteers in this building provided by the village chief.

## Lesotho Projects - Ministry Update

By Rod Dixon

Nearly every Basotho family living in Lesotho has strong ties to their flocks and their fields. Herdsmen and farmers are at the core of Basotho culture as well as Lesotho's economy.

In November, a team from *Daylight Media Ministries* joined a team from Africa Inland Mission to shoot two new documentary videos about missionary outreach efforts within these important sectors of Lesotho culture.

### Growing Nations

In a country that was once the breadbasket of southern Africa, traditional farming methods produced crop yields sufficient to feed the Basotho people with enough left over to sell and trade with their neighbors in South Africa. The introduction of so-called modern farming techniques involving deep plowing has changed all that. The first project will tell the story of missionaries involved in no-till agricultural training to reverse the effects of deep plowing.

### Shepherds of Men

Any student of scripture will recognize that God must have a special place in His heart for shepherds. Central characters in the Old and New Testaments led solitary lives herding their animals to good pastures and protecting them from predators. Today, there is a new effort to reach Lesotho's shepherds with literacy and discipleship programs. Plans are underway to establish an orate Bible school where shepherds will be trained to use their traditional story-telling skills to evangelize their own fellow shepherds and one day, the rest of their tribe.

The filming is now completed and editing is underway with hopes of finishing these two projects by early February 2010.



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Basotho ladies apply fertilizer to increase their crop yields.



Basotho Shepherds graze their flocks high in the mountains and live lives separated from village life. Their lack of traditional literacy skills is a big obstacle the spread of the Gospel among these nomadic people.

## Website Published

The official *Daylight Media Ministries* website was launched on November 1, 2009 at the following URL:

<http://www.daylightmedia.org>

We will continue to make improvements to the site over the next several months so visit it often. All projects will be listed and updated there.

Efforts are still underway to secure non-profit status for *Daylight Media Ministries*. Please pray about that so we can issue tax receipts to our donors. In the mean time, we will continue to partner with Faithful Friend Ministries till we can secure tax-exempt status of our own. Faithful Friend will issue receipts for any donations for these initial projects.

## Guest Speaker Services

Are you looking for a speaker for your church, small group or adult Sunday School? Is your group looking for unique projects to sponsor that require small, 1-time donations, but will live on to reach hundreds or thousands of people? We are seeking speaking opportunities to share about *Daylight Media Ministries* in general and individual projects in particular. Please keep us in mind as plan your calendars.

## Prayer Requests

Read Matthew 14:22-33

That God would remove barriers.

The wind and waves made the going tough for Peter. Ask God to calm the storm for us.

That we would faithfully discern God's leading.

Peter first asked Jesus to "command me to come". Ask God to make the way clear.

That God would provide us with work in the interim.

Jesus didn't calm the storm till they were both safely back in the boat. For the unseasoned, this may seem like a bad time to get out of the boat to start a ministry, but we will trust and obey the Lord in these uncertain times.

That my gifts and talents would be fully dedicated to God's work.

Even the most gifted among us can accomplish more when depending on God.

## You Can Help

We want to accomplish things that require God's help and when successful, only He will get the credit. Partner with *Daylight Media Ministries* and have a part in telling these amazing stories. Pray for us and if you want to help sponsor our work, make your tax deductible check payable to:

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\*Until we form our own non-profit, we will be partnering with Faithful Friend so we can issue tax receipts for your donations.



Filming on location in Lesotho village