



Salesian Sisters, Fathers and volunteers gathered at Bosco Randvaal, to celebrate family day. Recognise anybody?

MAPUTSOE, LESOTHO REPORT BY 2 VOLUNTEERS FROM EUROPE

“Lumelang Banabesu from South Africa. Greetings from our kingdom and from all Basotho in St Luke’s, Maputsoe! What do we do in oratory? What a question?

In the beginning we just came to see what happens in the oratory and said: MammmmMMMMMMma mia. Let’s do something new and simple but essential to the Basotho



heart. So we decided to enjoy some table and outdoor games, soccer, netball, prison ball and basketball with the children. We also painted the wall with the children in the table soccer area and tananana surprise, we made a revolution of love and joy, like Don Bosco.

We also decided to clean the dirty staff room upstairs, which had been useless and unoccupied. There we organized a library. We painted the walls with the scenes from the book by A. De Saint Exupery. The Little Prince, a bit upgraded, he has black rasta hair, and the skin tanned in the sun, he is so black, so beautiful. The children helped in all the work done, and they really enjoyed being artists. Their signatures are on the wall, on the Little Prince’s planet, waiting to be seen by their grandchildren one day.

Brother Vincent came up with an idea of issuing membership cards. The children were so happy having their own photo on the card. With these cards they can participate in any activity and any event that is organised in Maputsoe oratory.

One of the highlights of the Oratory was a leadership course for the senior youth. An outstanding event with 25 guys and gals. The Leadership course took four weekends in the month of love, May. The role of a leader and responsibility were discussed, and now some of them are starting to understand what leadership is all about. *Eliana Rossi and Eva Sobkova*

Out of the mouths of babes... Definitions:

- Equator:** A menagerie lion running around the Earth through Africa.
- Germinate:** To become a naturalised German.
- Liter:** A nest of young puppies.
- Magnet:** Something you find crawling all over a dead cat.
- Momentum:** What you give a person when they are going away.
- Planet:** A body of Earth surrounded by sky.
- Vacuum:** A large, empty space where the Pope lives.

Dear Friends

Have you ever looked at the beauty of the leaves which change colour in the winter season. Propelled by the wind they rush into bundles in corners, in a gorgeous array of reds and browns. The seasons change, the leaves change – change is inevitable, and yet generally speaking, it is said, we are afraid of change. It is supposed to create insecurity. But I think that we ourselves ultimately decide about change – we can accept or reject it.



One thing though, that we are assured of, is God’s Love for us, no matter who we are. June is the month of the Sacred Heart and if we look back over the centuries, there is no change in that. Love, the symbol of the Sacred Heart, is so important in our lives. Somebody once said,

“Once you have loved you will always love, for what is in your mind may escape, but what is in your heart will remain forever.”

Just last week I had the opportunity of returning to the Cape and I marvelled at the love and acceptance of the people there. Amidst all the pain and suffering that people are experiencing, there was the smile, the joke and the time to be courteous.

Looking back I realise it is not just people in the Cape, but people the world over who are loving and accepting. If we take time in our stress filled lives, we can smile, joke and be kind and courteous.

And so I leave you with the following by an anonymous writer:

“Learn to make the most of life, lose no happy day
Time can never bring thee back, chances swept away.
Leave no tender word unsaid, love while life shall last
The mill will never turn again, with water that has passed.”

During these freezing, wet, winter months, many children are cold and hungry. Hunger has no morals - and so I **BEG** you to **PLEASE** give us your **donation**. Children deserve to be loved and to have something to eat, and only those of you who are hungry will be spared this request.

My sincere **THANKS** to all of you who so generously continue to assist us. Keep warm, don’t get ‘flu and may God bless and reward you all.

Denise Hards

