



# Lesotho

## BUILDING CONNECTIONS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S GLOBAL VILLAGE PROGRAM

### DID YOU KNOW?

Lesotho has close to an 80% literacy rate.

Lesotho is completely landlocked by South Africa.

68% of Lesotho's population lives in substandard housing.

### HABITAT FACTS IN LESOTHO

**Families Served to Date**  
462 families

**Construction types**  
Houses are made of concrete blocks or rough stones. Roofs are made of corrugated iron with wood beams. Most are 1, 2, and 3 roomed houses with ventilated pit latrines.

**Number of Affiliates**  
Rothe, Morija, Nazareth

**Host Months**  
August– May

**Team Size**  
10-20 members

### Building Together For a Better Future

Given the HIV/AIDS crisis in Lesotho and the ever-increasing number of orphans, HFHL shifted its focus starting in 2005. Currently, HFHL builds homes with a emphasis on families which include orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). HFHL also advocates on behalf of vulnerable groups such as OVC and widows, by disseminating information about inheritance and property rights as well as providing assistance in writing wills. Through these activities, HFHL helps vulnerable families in Lesotho improve their lives through construction of safe and decent housing and by informing them of their property rights.



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### The Global Village Program

Join a Global Village team and you can make a difference in the lives of Lesotho families in need of simple, decent places to live. You might just find your own life changed as well!

#### Why join a Global Village team?

Global Village offers international volunteers the opportunity to take part in "hands-on" construction or renovation of homes in more than 14 countries in Africa and the Middle East. Participating in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable chance to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience personal growth through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their homes transformed.



### What do the volunteers say?

"Our experience in Lesotho with Habitat for Humanity was an amazing trip of a lifetime! The opportunity to work side by side by Lesotho's who are working to improve their country and their lives was life changing. The Global Village program is a great way to make a difference and see the world."  
Emily Wellz, November 2008





## Logistics

### HOW TO GET THERE

Most project locations can be reached by international flights to Moshoeshoe International Airport.

### TRANSPORTATION

Both long-distance and daily transport to and from the work site is typically in the form of a private van with a hired driver. The budgeted transport cost includes the airport pick-up and drop-off, transport to and from the host project and daily transport to the work site.

### LODGING

Volunteer accommodation consists of a lodge with two people per room sharing. Hot water and en-suite bathrooms are included. TV and air-conditioning are also provided.

### FOOD AND WATER

Includes three meals per day (lunch on site) and bottled water at all times. Participants buy all other drinks on their own. Please notify GV coordinator with any special dietary needs prior to arrival.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

**Day 1: Arrival Day**  
Airport pickup by a HFHL representative; guesthouse transfer with welcome orientation; overnight at the guesthouse

**Days 2-5: Work Days**  
Onsite from 8:30am to 5:00pm; activities through the week to include community activities; feedback group with host coordinator; dinners at guest lodge

**Day 6: Half Day Build & Farewell**  
on site from 8:30am to 12:00pm; farewell lunch; house dedication with HFH families; free time at lodge; overnight

**Day 7: Departure Day**  
Free time for morning excursions; depart mid-afternoon

**Join us** in a journey of adventure — discovering joy, purpose, community, hope and life.

**Start making a difference now.**

