



The Answer Is In

The Siebrings have been assigned to Lesotho, Africa! Lesotho? The question that has been most asked is, "Lesotho, where in the world is that?" Lesotho is a small, mountainous country, land- locked by South Africa. It has an arid climate, and winter snow in the higher mountains. We are very excited to take this assignment knowing it is the Lord's path for our family.

Eighty percent of my flying will be done for the Lesotho Flying Doctor Service. Over 200,000 Basotho people solely rely on this service for all their medical and emergency needs. The remaining part of my flying will consist of famine relief, missionary travel, and bringing the JESUS film to unreached peoples. Up until now, I have dreamed of doing all these things! Lord willing, it will soon be a reality.

September 2003

<u>Candidacy & Deputation</u> <u>Training Is Finished</u>

Our classes are now over, and we were taught well. Our classes included cross-cultural training as well as MAF history, policy, and procedures. The deputation training is something for which we are very thankful. The purpose of the training was to prepare us for going out to raise our ministry support through several means such as speaking at churches, meeting pastors, sharing at "coffees", etc. I guess vou will see how well we learned when we come and visit in your area!



Our Candidate Class, Summer 2003

This term's class was the largest in six years. God is raising up people to go out and serve, and it is exciting to see so many answering the call!



On The Road Again

Our family will be following this tentative schedule:

- Aug 9 Sept 15 Maine
- Sept 15 Oct 15 Ontario, Canada
- Oct 15 Oct 27 Missouri
- Oct 27 Nov 17 Texas
- Nov 17 Nov 21 Washington
- Nov 21 Dec 4 British Columbia, Canada
- Dec. 4 January Maine

We have an aggressive schedule, but we want to spend as much time with you as possible. Please contact us by email or phone, so we can catch up with you while we are in your area (see details below).



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A Little "R and R" for Us

Our family now has a web page with pictures and updates monthly. Log on to <u>www.maffamily.org</u>, look on the left under the country of Lesotho, and you will find the latest about the family of Ray and Julie Siebring.

Kiddo News

We covet your prayers for our little ones as we are on this path of deputation. Elias has asked on more than one occasion, "Where is my house?" He also wants his bed. We explain that he now has many houses, but some things are hard to grasp, especially the 'why' aspect of it all. We know that our Lord has provided each place we stay at as we travel and we are so very thankful. Pray for our children, Julie, and me as we seek ways to make this next season as easy and enjoyable as possible for our whole family.



Not your Typical "Preflight"





Lesotho Mountain Airstrip

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One could call Lesotho "the kingdom in the sky." The lowest spot in this rugged country is found at 3,280 feet above sea level, and our base is located in Maseru, the capital, elevation 5,240 ft.

Mission Aviation Fellowship flight and communications services provide access to the Gospel and life-sustaining resources to the people of Lesotho.



Our heart-felt thanks go out to you who have supported and believed in us from the beginning. We would like you to join us on this journey, reaping the rewards as well as living the adventure through us.

Our goal is to raise our monthly ministry support of \$5400, as well as our outgoing expenses of \$31,550 by Jan. 1, 2004. The sooner we raise our monthly support, the sooner we leave to serve.

We have already seen so many come along side. Would you prayerfully consider what your part might be in helping send us to Lesotho, to bring the love of Christ to needy people in Africa? Blessings in Christ our Lord!

Ray + Julie Siebring. Clias, Gabriella + Josiah