

Siebring

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Flesh Vs Spirit

John 6:22-70 Focus verse 63 NLT

These words spoken by Jesus were so hard to swallow that many turned away. The focus verse is the heart of the passage and conveys the idea I have been grappling with this month.

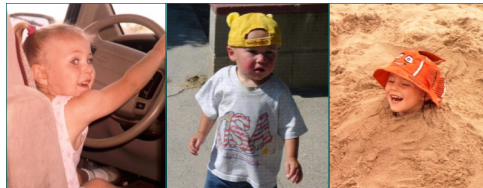
We are in a daily battle as fallen people. Flesh vs Spirit. We know that the two are opposed to each other. But the flesh has worked so well for us in this world. Flesh patterns are what some people call them. We all have them and use them because they have helped us get by until God calls us on them and says it's time to change and live a higher way. By the spirit.

After looking at this issue I really started to see how this world system rewards the flesh patterns such as a workaholic and success. Also how in God's kingdom you actually get the opposite results from your intended goal when operating in flesh patterns. Life operated in the spirit is the only thing that will accomplish the will of God in our lives and bring about his kingdom.

Jesus challenged the crowds he had just miraculously fed with loaves and fishes and many turned away because their system of belief was performance based. These words are hard they said.

After many had left Jesus turned and asked his disciples if they were leaving too. Their answer brings about an interesting point. They basically say, we have no where else to go and besides, even though your words are hard, they are truth. Those that left Jesus had somewhere else to go when they did not like what they heard but the disciples had committed to Jesus and left all behind.

This is the type of position I want my heart to be in. That when challenged by the spirit about my flesh pattern, that I can say, "Yes it may be a hard thing to do or change but what else do I have but you Lord". - Ray



SIEBRING SIBLING PRAYER TEAM

Elias, Gabriella & Josiah are looking for prayer partners who will join them and pray for them individually and maybe even become pen pals.

Each of our children are building their own prayer partner team so that they can directly communicate with you their individual needs and happenings.

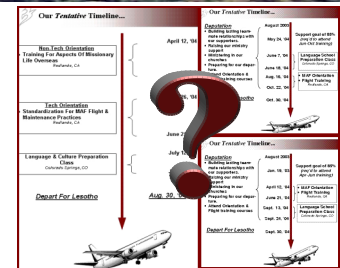
If you are interested then please email us at rsiebring@maf.org and indicate for which Siebring sibling you wish to join as their prayer partner.



King Letsie III

LESOTHO PROFILE

Lesotho was a constitutional monarchy with a bicameral legislature. After a coup in 1986, legislative and executive powers were vested in the king but actually exercised by a 6-member military council and a 20-member council of ministers. In 1993 Lesotho adopted a new constitution that redefined the role of the monarchy and altered the legislative branch of the government. The king, who is head of state, has no executive or legislative authority. Executive power is held by the prime minister. -MS Encarta



Puzzling

Have you ever put a puzzle together and at the end had a few pieces missing? Did you feel frustrated and give up or did you search for those last pieces you needed to make your picture complete?

Our family has completed most of our training and are almost ready to go but, there are still some pieces missing to our puzzle.

These pieces are people that would commit to supporting this ministry through their prayers and financial support. Our monthly ministry support level is still under the required minimum amount.

If you are already one of our ministry partners we want to thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support. For those who have not joined us in this ministry, would you prayerfully consider partnering to complete our team.

-Julie



Happy Birthday Julie

To a wonderful wife & mother! We wish you a Happy Birthday this July 4th. How old are you? You look at least 25.

Change In Plans

Our family has received a schedule change. There are several factors affecting this decision and I will explain hoping that you will join in prayer for us and these situations.

Ministry Support - Regularly we have kept you up to date on our ministry support situation. Currently we are at 87% of the required minimum monthly ministry support amount or need an additional \$700/mo. To reach 100%. We feel this amount is attainable if 14 people give \$50 or 35 people gave \$20. We invite you to partner with us and complete the goal. Phil 4:19.

Flight - Flight orientation was completed in June and it was decided that I needed a little more time for training with the MAF instructors. This will be accomplished at a future date after we have finished raising our ministry support.

Non-Technical - The final issue is that our family needs additional development in the life skills which will better equip us for living overseas and for a long lasting career of service. The MTI language course we were to attend will be re-scheduled before our departure. As you can see we have a few hurdles to jump but none of this was any surprise to the Lord. We ask you to join us in prayer during the coming months and we will keep you informed of our progress. Thank you for standing with us.

Our Tentative Timeline...

Deputation in Canada	Aug , '04
Non-technical training in CA	Sept. , '04
Flight Orientation in CA	Oct. , '04
MTI language training in Colorado Springs, CO	Jan. , '05
<u>Depart for Lesotho</u>	<u>Unknown</u>



Praise & Prayer

Praise:

- Increased ministry support is coming in

Prayer

- Patience & flexibility during this time of change for our family.
- Remainder of our required ministry support to come in.

Monthly Ministry Support: June

Minimum Support Needed	5400.00
Committed	4808.00
Actual Received	4708.00

Giving Option: May we suggest the use of EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). This is the most cost effective way to support our ministry. For more information contact us or MAF.



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