



**Sue's News – February 2008**  
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Dear Friends,

Greetings from a very hot Maseru. It is 32C as I write and I feel like a melting ice cube! Thanks to all who phoned, sent cards and messages when I became sick in November. The Lord has been so good in the way in which He provided me with the best doctors and medical care. It was discovered that I have an autoimmune problem with my liver and I've been on a large dose of prednisone but this has been reduced at intervals and I'm now down to 10mgs daily. I still have intermittent back pain but this is helped a lot by a TENS machine and a Pain Gone pen-like device which I heard about on the radio and seems to work.

Two days before Christmas I joined friends at their beach cottage and had a very relaxing week's holiday, walking, swimming and doing lots of reading.

As most of you know, I plan to hand over my team leader's responsibilities after 11 years to John Barry in July/August when he and Shan return. Some have the impression that I am planning to go to the UK on home assignment in July or September but this is not the case. I will try to go at the beginning of next year or in the spring. Meanwhile I am hoping to do some deputation and visit supporters in Cape Town for three weeks in June.

So what exciting things have been happening here? January saw Jayne Wilkins and me driving to Swaziland to take Lineo (lady of 27) and Bongata (man of 22) to Bible College there. Both had started at a local one here which closed due to lack of staff etc. It was only the second time that Bongata had been out of Lesotho! **Please pray for them as they continue to study and prepare for future ministry. We have a Lesotho Theological Education project for those of you who may want to contribute to their 3 year course.**

On February 6<sup>th</sup> Bekah Larson, a young lady from the USA arrived to join our team as an HIV/AIDS worker in the schools in the mountain district of Mokhotlong. She will work alongside Jayne Wilkins. At this point her rondavel (round African hut), is not finished as there is no grass to do the thatching but hopefully this will be available soon. **Pray for Bekah as she learns language, culture and pray that she will soon feel very much at home. She will also need a 4X4 vehicle in about 6 months and we are looking to the Lord to provide.**

Since so many of the keen, young people from my local church left for college or university in January, it has been difficult to get the few who remain really enthusiastic again. I go out to the church on a Saturday afternoon and only one or no one turns up. **Pray that we might be able to resume the youth Bible studies again soon.**

Bible Club has also taken a dive in numbers but this is partially due to children moving schools and arriving home much later or moving away. Another factor is that I have had to be away a lot over the past two months and continuity is very important in any ministry. **Pray that numbers might soon increase again.**

The process of regionalisation for the Southern Region of AIM is taking place at present. Last week I spent five days in Johannesburg with our internal accountant going over our accounts for 2007 and being taught about the new system of accounting which is now required. I admit to feeling rather overwhelmed, but have just finished the first month in the new form and seem to have done it correctly. Praise the Lord for His grace and enabling! **Pray that I would continue to understand and be able to work well with all the new ways of doing things.**

John Barry and I still have to sort out how he and I will divide the work as he and Shan are keen to live at Molumong, a village in the mountains, near Mokhotlong. The reason for this is that we will have a base for new people to learn language, culture and be helped with induction etc. in the mountains where we really want our emphasis to be. Most missions here have their personnel living in the city to the neglect of the more remote areas where there is such need. As a result I will continue to do a lot of office work, including the accounts !!!, as well as meeting new missionaries, helping them to get their visas, hospitality etc. **Please pray that we can work on this division of responsibilities more when we will both attend the next leaders' conference at the beginning of March.**

Once again I want to thank all those of you who so faithfully pray for me and give towards my support. May the Lord richly bless you.

In Christian Love



Sue's Bible Class



Sue with Lineo in Swaziland