

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

St James' Hospital Lesotho

Offering a unique medical outreach to the community of Mantšonyane

In their own words

'We need your help and thank you for it.'

Dr Elizabeth Hills USPGE Mission Companion working at St James' Hospital.



Lesotho factfile

Full name: The Kingdom of Lesotho
Capital: Maseru
Head of state: King Letsie III
Languages: Sesotho, English
Religion: Christianity
Export: Clothing, wool, mohair, food, livestock
Population: 2 million
Life expectancy: 43(men) 42(women)
Further reading: www.lesotho.gov.ls
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lesotho

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Lesotho has 60 per cent unemployment, widespread poverty and a lack of natural resources. A recent UNICEF report predicted that 24 per cent of children in the country would be orphaned (due to HIV/AIDS) by 2010.

The Anglican Church has a major role to play in responding to these challenges. St James' Hospital is offering medical outreach to a community of Mantšonyane high up in the mountains of Lesotho. Founded in 1963 by the Anglican Church, St James' Hospital has 60 beds and supervises six health centres, one clinic and two village health posts.

Travel within the area itself is hard-going. Valleys are connected by very poor roads, only accessible with a four-wheel drive vehicle. Some villages can only be reached by horse or on foot over narrow mountain paths.

Even though Lesotho has one of the highest HIV infection rates in the world, most people don't know their own status — something that staff at St James' Hospital are working to change. Alongside other health outreach, regular training sessions are held at outlying clinics in the area of Mantšonyane on HIV awareness.

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