

# What exactly do we do?

Small charities such as BET often find it difficult to explain and advertise exactly what they do. But if you want to 'adopt' BET as your church or school charity it's essential that you can explain clearly where the money raised goes to and the difference it makes in recipients' lives. Thankfully modern technology has solved this problem at no cost! For those of you not familiar with Youtube (and forgive me for teaching my grandmother to suck eggs if you are a daily user) it is a web site where you can put up films for viewing by anyone all free of charge. BET now has a film on Youtube. This means that as long as you can arrange internet connection at your church or school you can show a short and upbeat film which showcases our work and the young people we support. Even better, Youtube will show you the number of 'hits' that a film has received so you can see how many times the film has been shown. For popular films this can run into millions for BET the current number is just 125 so please do start viewing!

Here is the link:- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDxX9R0FzmE>

Rebecca Chandler-Wilde



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# 2013 Annual Report

Dear Supporters

Another year has passed and we must thank you for your continuing support. Without it, BET could do nothing!

2012/13 saw a modest increase in income again which we hope presages the beginning of the end of the UK's economic difficulties. This, and a comfortable level of reserves, has led us to propose that we support an extra 50 students in 2014.

We have been working hard to catch up with the new media and now have a brand new website at

**[www.basothoeducationaltrust.org](http://www.basothoeducationaltrust.org)**

We also have a brief video about the work of the Trust available on YouTube and are working on getting a credit card donation facility on the website. Further information in the article by Rebecca. Please do recommend these to your friends, family and churches and put them on your Facebook page. You might also want to tweet about our activities.

Thank you again for all your support. We look forward to hearing from you in 2014.

Best wishes

Philippa Bird  
Chair of Trustees

# Financial Accounts

## Policy on Reserves:

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold in reserves sufficient funds to support all sponsored students to the end of their course in the event that the Trust's annual income from donors ceased.

## Restricted Funds:

All covenants and one off donations from individuals were received for the purpose of sponsoring selected students.

The figures represent the audited accounts of the Basotho Educational Trust for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2013.

### Income

Covenants	6273.00
Legacy	0.00
CAF	1900.00
Churches	2948.60
Donations	9296.33
Trusts	0.00
Interest	50.27
Bank Refunds	3499.25
	<b>23967.45</b>

### Expenditure

Bank Charges	12.50
Admin	33.43
Lesotho Costs	11318.89
	<b>11364.82</b>

**Out-Turn** **12602.63**

### Balance Sheet

Previous Balance, year ending 31/3/2012	49940.05
Surplus on year ending 31/3/2013	12602.63
Balance	62542.68

### Accounts

Current Account	34164.13
Capital Reserve	0.00
CAF Gold Account	28378.55
CAF Bond	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>62542.68</b>

# Blankets and Students

As always it was good to be back in Lesotho. Previously I had only visited in the summer months and if I'm honest I sometimes found the heat exhausting so this time I chose to go in the late winter when it would be cooler. In the past I had often wondered why there seemed to be so many blankets on the beds. Now I know! Even as spring approached it was bitterly cold at night and no one has central heating so it was "on with the blankets". The daytime was so pleasant and felt like an English summer but even then everyone else seemed to need their blanket to keep warm!

I was encouraged to hear about BET from some of the local Committee members and had a very good talk with their secretary. They are so proud of the students and they take very seriously how they allocate the fees. The need and requests for school/college fees continues to grow. It is good to hear of the opportunities BET gives. We are grateful to the local committee who give their time and skills voluntarily so every possible 'rand' of a donation can be used for education. One former student now teaches at the college he was able to attend with a BET grant and out of gratitude he is now on our local committee.

It's great that former students seem to pop up all over the place.

Anyone who has visited Lesotho will be aware that quite often as you drive along there are regular traffic checks....looking at driving licences, number plates and tyres. Sr Julia and I were duly stopped and expected a long wait and inspection but no, a young traffic policeman said "Go straight ahead" and then he added "You see I was a BET student some years ago"

# Newsletter by Email

We are now offering to send your Newsletter and Annual Report via email, which will speed up the time it takes to get to you and will significantly reduce our admin costs.

If you would like to receive yours via this method will you please email us at:

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