



*FICKSBURG D9320: If the statistics don't leave a bad taste in your mouth, then the water that more than a sixth of the world's population has to drink will. Almost a billion people do not have access to safe drinking water which, when coupled with the resulting poor sanitation, is said to cause 80 percent of all illnesses and diseases each year and 90 percent of those who die are children under the age of five. This in turn means that poor sanitation and unsafe water kill more people than all forms of violence, including war. The vast majority of these people live in developing nations and for the women and children of a remote mountain village of Leribe in Lesotho, it is a three hour walk to fetch their daily supply of water, a supply that was unsafe and sure to make someone ill. Hearing of the Leribe people's plight, the Rotary Clubs of Ficksburg (D9320) and Northcliff (D9300) formed a partnership with Sešego Cares and decided the villagers needed access to clean water. A solar powered borehole was sunk and installed. Once it was up and running, the Rotarians and representatives of Sešego Cares travelled to Lesotho for the official hand over.*