



THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



ONLY A PRAYER MEETING

"Only" is a wicked word

One can gauge a church's vitality by their prayer meetings and Sunday night services. Rare is the one who attends these services out of duty.

If this is true, our ministry here has reason for hope.

Our little church has had 40-50 people at our Sunday evening services recently, not bad considering the PM service in today's world has gone the way of buggy whips, typewriters, and VHS.

Our prayer meetings saunter on, run completely by the people themselves and soon spilling into evangelistic outreaches later this month.

Spurgeon said, "I would have you vow that the prayer meeting shall never be given up while you live."

Never has a church needed prayer more than ours. In a village of mostly single-parent homes where the golden calf people worship is sexual promiscuity, our congregation has not been unscathed. I know not what to do other than beg God to make us pure.

Timothys

In one sense, establishing churches isn't that hard. The key is finding and training at least one man to lead the church. Everything flows from this. Our church would have been coasting along nicely on its own a half decade ago if we could but find this one essential ingredient.

But that is why in another sense, establishing churches in our area is close to impossible. Finding and training a man who is genuinely converted and meets 1 Timothy 3's qualifications is grueling work.

It was a joy to invest in **Zakhele Mkwanzazi** this past week. May the Lord raise up many more young men just like him.

Zimbabwe Conference

I'll be speaking at a couple conferences this coming week and would

appreciate your prayers.

The first will be the Churchman's Conference in Zimbabwe. **Thokozane**, a couple of my boys, and I will be visiting some of our Bible Institute grads who are planting churches in the rural areas.

As Matthew 7:22 states, one mustn't assume even the pastors at a conference are converted. Pray for growth, conversions, and genuine fellowship.

CHURCHMAN'S CONFERENCE



Held fast—holding fast,
Paul & Lindy