



THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



A VIRUS WORSE THAN COVID

Only the blood of Jesus can cure this world's transgressions

Grateful and sympathetic prayers go out to those suffering during this Corona crisis.

We're hunkered down here in little Mbhokota Village and doing fine. Last week South Africa began a mandatory three-week lockdown. Since we're a homeschool family, that means business as usual and no school off. "And all Paul's children said, *Boo!*"

Sadly, this meant no church services on Sunday. The cops have been out in our village confirming everyone complies. In the meantime, I've been videoing three-minute inductive, Tsonga Bible studies for our people.

My worry is the media's fear-mongering regarding Covid-19. Yes, no bear hugs. Yes, wash your hands. But don't overreact. Trinity will really struggle with no month's income. For some clear-headed commentary, read [here](#) and [here](#). For joy that Corona is putting dynamite in Prosperity's foundation, read [here](#).

My concern is that there is a much greater problem in this country. It is destroying families, ruining societies, and raining down death. Sexual immorality has ravaged our community, church, and civilization like no other vice. If you ask our church people: "What is your people's greatest sin?", they will always say *vuoswi*.

There are at least a dozen men I have personally trained that had high hopes for ministry but were taken down by fornication. In the past year there will have been at least a half dozen different church members that have been excommunicated because of unrepentant sexual immorality. I asked a group of 20

boys recently: "How many of you live with your father?" Two hands went up.

This has pushed us to the verge of despair. We have dedicated whole sermon series, college syllabi, and lecture classes toward sexual purity. The fruit is small—a cloud in the distance smaller than a man's hand.

From this has yielded a far deadlier virus than Covid-19. HIV is killing Africans at a far greater rate than Covid and at speed higher than anywhere worldwide. Corona is a pandemic. HIV is an epidemic. Why not urge the solution? One wife for one life.

But there is no fear of God before our eyes. Parents in our village often condone & even commend bastard children—provided high school is done. Black and white columnists alike tell the populace: "[Teens have sex. Get over it.](#)" And the SA government that is now shutting down virtually every shop in town, seems oblivious to the present adultery/HIV connection.

They hand out contraceptives at schools, which, in Corona terms, is like busing droves of youth into Italian Covid hotspots, only to hand out face masks upon arrival. "We want you to be *safe!*"

Pray for us...

The good news is that Jesus paid it all. Our debts, higher than the moon and back, are cast away through faith and repentance. Our little flock of first-generation Christians needs this message again and again. And we need the strength to keep on giving it.

Yours and His,

Paul & Lindy

Audrey, Nate, Law, Owen, Jujus, Clara, Luke