



THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



BAPTISMS, LOCKDOWNS AND DEAD DUDES

Four updates on what is happening in our corner of the world

I'm sure entitled cultures have always existed, though they seem far more prevalent today. You know the kind...born on third and thought they hit a triple.

On the flip side, I'm not at all ashamed of the honors God has bestowed to me. The world scowls and calls it white privilege. The Bible calls it blessing and grace, all of it undeserved. I was born in a Christian nation, with two parents that lived together, saved their money and loved Jesus. No apologies here. Only gratitude.

Church History for Boys

But there are lessons about masculinity and godliness in relation to privilege that I want the boys in the church and village to learn. Throughout history, God has used many varieties of great men that were born on first, second, or third base. Whatever base the boy I'm teaching is on, he needs to own it and run with gusto to serve Jesus.

In July I began teaching on Heroes of the Faith, men like Augustine, John Huss, Athanasius and Richard Baxter. I thought it would end after a week or two. But, lo! The boys and I had a real kubaya moment after the first lesson and I haven't stopped since. I now teach these lessons at prayer meetings and second service on Sunday and have covered about 40 men.

Five Baptisms

A couple months ago five relatively new converts were baptized at our church. I say "relatively" new converts because some of them made professions of faith a year or two ago. We give them ample time to show spiritual fruit, especially if they are teens. The older I get, the older I think baptismal candidates should be.

Three of the baptisms were from our church in Mbhokota, including Amu (above, white pearls) and Ntshunxeko (to her right). Ntshunxeko often goes with me on evangelism and is learning the guitar.

Thabelo was also baptized. He's a young man that attends Elim Baptist up the road and was led to Christ by my teammate Seth Meyers, a tireless evangelist that met him when Thabelo was hitching a ride. Another was a lady attending Seth's church plant in a village called Valdezia.

Jake Mincy

A few months ago I sent out a prayer letter seeking an IT guy to get some of our projects off the ground. The Lord heard your prayers and answered. Jake Mincy is in his early 20's, comes from a great family, and wants to serve the Lord by helping our team in 2021.

Please pray that he'll get all the necessary paperwork to get here. The Covid restrictions in South Africa are some of the most severe in the world.

Lockdowns

Recently the government of South Africa allowed gyms and casinos to stay open but not churches. It is shocking that in a country where virtually everyone has applauded Nelson Mandela's civil disobedience against unjust laws, most of the pastors have laid down to these rules completely. Yes, we are to honor the king, but only if his rules do not deny the King of kings (Acts 5:29).

Our church has remained open. No arrests yet, thankfully. Some rules have recently been lessened. Also pray for our pastors and friends in neighboring Zimbabwe, which not surprisingly has quite [stringent lockdowns](#).

Cordially in Christ,

Paul & Lindy,

Audrey, Nate, Law, Owen, Juju, Clara, and Luke