

# THE SCHLEHLEINS

## *Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa*



### TWO MATTERS OF PRAYER

**Please include these two sentences in your prayers this week**

**W**e're asking special prayer for two very important matters. First, **pray for immediate and positive visa results**. Allow me to explain.

#### VISA DETAILS

For over a year, each of our family members (except for myself) have been hostages in the country where we minister. We have been unable to leave its borders as we await paperwork that should have come back long ago.

South Africa is notorious for a visa process that is sluggish, Third World, and sometimes downright corrupt. The bottom line is that (1) I need to move from my Critical Skills Visa to Permanent Residency (which I qualify for) and in the meantime (2) the family needs their 3-year visitor's visas renewed.

This is not always a problem because we often only leave the country every 3-4 years for furlough. But recently, several of our plans for international travel have been delayed because of this issue.

We have worked very hard to qualify for the necessary visas. We have labored to submit all of the paperwork properly. We have prayed and sought the necessary

contacts to get us through the proper doors. But ultimately we know it is God who removes kings and sets up kings.

#### INTERN DETAILS

We had an excellent first year at Miseve Classical School. If the community showed interest, we purposed to add a grade. The community showed interest, so we're adding a grade. **Pray for an intern to help us at Miseve School for 2023.**

Tomorrow, Faith Tonnesen returns to the US after spending three months with our family and ministry. She comes from an excellent church and so it does not surprise us that she was an excellent intern. She was a blessing in every way—serving, teaching, planning, praying, discipling, cooking, laughing and encouraging. She is the kind of young person we love to work with: selfless, intense, dedicated, fun.

We long for interns committed to Christ above all, servants that have the kind of longview on missions similar to Nicolas van Zinzendorf: "Preach the gospel, die, and be forgotten."

For more internship details, go [here](#).

Your servants, and His,

Paul & Melinda

Audrey, Nathan, Lawson, Owen,  
Julianna, Clara, Luke, Katie