



THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



HOWDY FROM YOUR AFRICAN BROTHERS

The church across the ocean sends their love to you

In a few days we'll be flying back to the US for our quadrennial furlough. Will returning to the States and hobnobbing with our friends be a bit like Joseph with his brothers? He recognized them but they didn't recognize him? Our kids were a half foot shorter back in 2019.

GREETINGS

In Mbhokota this past Sunday, I preached from Romans 16. That sermon finished our two year series in Romans. In the final chapter Paul referenced 35 names. He loved Christians; Christians loved him.

He'd say things like: "Timothy, my fellow worker greets you..." (Rm. 16:21). I'd like to imitate the apostle in this update letter. I want to pass on greetings from a few of the believers here, and tell you a little about them.

Seth and Amy Meyers greet you in the Lord. I alliterate my sermons. Seth alliterates his kids: Caleb, Colin, Carson, Callie, and Cameron. They've been here almost 20 years. This is very rare for missionaries these days. Pre-jet missionaries of the 19th century rarely returned home. But the Meyers keep enduring trials, preaching the gospel, and planting churches.

Reginald Ntuli, your brother, greets you. He's 26 years old and has been with our church for well over a decade. He's the administrator of our school. He preaches in our absence. He plans to marry Thabelo this year. He's humble, kind, dependable, and hard working.

Mr. Thomas Shisana greets you. At 63 years old, he's the elder statesman at our church. He's a deacon. He's an evangelist. He's a friend that accompanies me to all of our open-air preaching stations. Decades back he used to drive for a rental car company in the big city. He once had to drive

for me when I became very ill. He also told me his eyesight was terrible & he could hardly see a thing. #guardianangels

Karni and Miso Katunga, our faithful brother and sister in Christ, greet you in the Lord Jesus. Miso, as you know, is one of the teachers at Miseve Classical School. She joined during the school's maiden voyage last year. Then she married Karni, a gifted AV technician who has been producing all of our media work this year. They love Christ, love serving, love asking questions, and love God's people. Their blessing to the ministry here has been incalculable.

Tinyiko Hlungwani greets you in the Lord. She is one of the teachers at the school and a member at Elim Baptist. She smiles so big you can see her back teeth. She is dependable, selfless, and growing in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The students love her.

Alphaus and Shoni Nyalungu greet you. He is the pastor of Elim Baptist, the church Seth planted some years ago. Both of them work in the medical field. Both of them love the body of Christ. They have three wonderful children. Pastor Alphaus is humble and dedicated to gospel ministry.

Nhluvuko Hlungwani greets you. He is 14 years old. He was born the same day as Audrey. He is the best friend of our boys. He accompanies us for most of our ministries. He plays the guitar at our church. I've never had to rebuke him in 14 years. He's very bright and close to the Wicket Gate.

Shadreck Zireva greets you. He's a faithful Zimbabwean pastor that graduated from our Bible college in 2011. Zim is in terrible condition, but he continues preaching faithfully.

These are just a few names. We hope to bolster and bring about many friendships this summer. Shoot us an email if you'd like to get together.

Warmly, Paul & Melinda

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