



THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



PREACHING, PREACHING, PREACHING

An Overview of Our Preaching in Limpopo and Beyond

Someone recently said that the problem with preaching today is that no-one wants to kill the preacher. May the Lord bless us with this kind of pulpit conviction.

SHISANA AND PREACHING POINTS

The picture above shows Mr. Shisana at one of our preaching points in Oliphon. He is a dear church member, deacon and my faithful evangelism assistant that goes with me to all the villages. You can see Owen in there helping too.

The weaver birds always begin their song as the sun rises above the palm trees outside our bedroom. In a similar way, you can always count on Mr. Shisana to be there on time, village after village. He's never late. He's always waiting for me on the corner, Bible in hand, as we prepare to drive out to the villages in the east.

He, along with Reginald Ntuli and Karni Katunga, are needed now more than ever as they are doing all the teaching in my absence.

PREACHING TOUR

I am currently on a two-week preaching tour through Botswana and Zimbabwe. This is through an organization called the [African Pastors' Conference](#), which holds conferences for pastors throughout southern Africa. Their focus is three-fold: sound biblical preaching, discounted books and godly fellowship.

I brought my three oldest sons along with me, Nathan (12), Lawson (11), and Owen (9). I'll be preaching over 20 times in 14 days in Gaborone, Maun, Francistown, Bulawayo, and Harare. Currently we're halfway through the trip. I'm typing this in Bulawayo.

The good news is that the people have been kind and receptive. Some conferences are small and rural, with about 20 or so registered. Others are in a city setting with 100 registered. I've been pleased by how well many of the pastors know their Bibles. As we drove through Botswana we saw elephants alongside the road—close enough to touch. We've seen termite hills towering over the boys' heads.

The sad news is that prosperity is not the only false doctrine infiltrating Africa. Feminism is rampant. Women dominate many of the churches here. There have been many women attending the conferences, some of whom have pushed back against our teaching of male-only elders.

MEDIA RESOURCES

What can be better than Miso Hlela teaching at Miseve School? Miso marrying Karni Katunga. Now she's Miso Katunga. Karni is serving in the ministry here making quality media resources which we hope to use for gospel advance among both the Tsongas and the English speaking world.

Here's a [summary of the gospel](#) in Tsonga. For a couple of our podcast episodes, you can go [here](#) for missions and [here](#) for marriage.

Prayer Requests

- The final two visas (Audrey and Julianna). We plan to return home for our quad-annual furlough this summer.
- Conversions and baptisms in the villages.
- Teacher or teacher's aid for Miseve
- Spiritual power during our preaching

Your servants, and His,

Paul & Melinda

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