

The Schlehein Family

Missionaries to the Tsongas of southern Africa

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REFUGEE IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY

LBI grad and Zimbabwean pastor Shadreck Zireva was recently cleared out of his village because of plans to construct a dam. The government promised compensation for their now evacuated houses and proceeded to truck Shadreck and thousands of others a 100 miles away to another remote village. Not surprisingly, President Mugabe reneged, so this husband and father of three was forced to piece together a shack of corrugated iron and tarpaulins with winter months coming.

Seth and I went out to visit him. We saw hippos, pythons and some bewitched owls on the way, but the scariest site was thousands of "refugees" hodgepodge in the newly created town of Tent Camp. We were told not to take pictures, but like David and the shewbread, we took them anyway. Shadreck then escorted us to Wastemore's place, where we had a brief pastor's conference on the Marks of a Healthy Church.

These men appear to have character, a grasp of the gospel, and a desire to plant churches rooted in biblical truth. Pray that they would not succumb to discouragement and--even worse--the Health and Wealth Gospel.

TRUCULENT PARTIES

South African elections are coming up next week, meaning handouts are falling like confetti. One of the three leading parties is the newly established Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF). They don't understand money, hate freedom, but--admittedly--do love to fight. They are a major party in our village and [call themselves](#) radical Marxists and Leninists.

SYDWELL'S ORDINATION

Sydwell Mthombeni has been preaching in our church for nearly two years. He is the only Tsonga grad from LBI and lives in a village 10 km away. We hope to formally ordain him later in 2014. Each Sunday after church we read through a chapter on a book of preaching, like Spurgeon's *Lectures to My Students* or Lloyd-Jones' *Preaching and Preachers*. Then we work through the Baptist Confession of 1689, which he will need to defend in October. Please pray that God would give him character of heart and skill of mind.

Cordially in Christ,
Paul and Lindy