

The Schlelein Family

Missionaries to the Tsongas of southern Africa

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Death, Taxes, and Police Corruption

In the ever-changing landscape of South Africa, three constants remain: death, taxes, and police corruption. The former two usually proceed from the latter. Zimbabweans still flood South Africa in search of jobs, however, as the authorities in their own country are not exactly leading the world in ethical behavior.

We are an hour from the Zim/South Africa border, so we see lots of Zimbabweans, including five who have graduated from our school, [The Limpopo Bible Institute](#).

One of these graduates is Wastemore Sarireni. Like so many other Africans, he has an uncanny ability to deal with hardship. Americans get suicidal when their rival wins the big game, but the Zimbabwean's rival has "won" every presidential election for the past 40 years! Imagine having Obama into his eighties. Hyper-inflation, cholera, AIDS, and drought has ravaged the country.

In 2008, Wastemore and hundreds of other Zimbabweans were the target of xenophobia in which they were beaten, robbed, and left homeless. A faithful church in Johannesburg began evangelizing the ruins and eventually Wastemore

Wastemore and MacArthur: sidekicks!

was converted. He graduated from LBI three years later, and now is planting a church in his home village. No electricity. No running water. Lots of courage.

Two weeks ago, he was in South Africa waiting for a taxi en route to Zim when a police officer tried to take his laptop. He said: "I'll go to jail before you take my computer." The officer called his bluff, and Wastemore sat in jail for two days on the charge of theft. While in jail, he preached on his two favorite topics: the doctrines of grace and the Romans Road...all of course from his MacArthur Study Bible. We'll be visiting he and another LBI grad in a few weeks.

Pray for:

- Growth in the new church plants of Wastemore and Shadreck Zireva.
- The four first-year Zimbabwean students at LBI this year.

Shadreck and Wastemore ('11); we'll visit their new church plants in a couple weeks.

Complete in Him,

Paul and Melinda