



THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



IN SEARCH OF MRS. HOWARD

Pray for the Tsongas | Part 3 ([Video](#))

This letter is an appeal for a Mrs. Howard. We need her desperately. Let me introduce her to you.

In 2005, fresh out of seminary, I met Mrs. Howard at the Christian school where I grew up. She was a widow probably in her mid-50's. She loved Christ, loved children, loved education and loved missions. We used to sit in the classroom after the students dismissed and talk for hours. As I recall, she'd have loved to go the mission field, but didn't really know a place to land. She had the package, so to speak, but not an address. She had the keys, but not a vehicle.

The world has some Mrs. Howards. Finding them is the challenge. She may be in her early 20's with an itch for adventure. She may be from the US or South Africa with a history in education. She may be a widow like the real Mrs. Howard. Her roles would be two.

The first is that we need a tutor for our children. We've homeschooled our seven children (ages 12 and under) since they were born, but it is becoming overwhelming for Melinda as she juggles all of her other duties. She would supervise their homeschool work with special attention to those that need it most.

Second, she would take charge in overseeing Miseve Preschool. I provide the vision; she implements it.

Miseve Pre-school

For the past decade, the Tsongas have said that one of the best ways to help their community is by establishing a good private school. The government

schools are dumpster fires. A student that wants to pass needs only about a 30%. There are some Christians schools around, but many of them are just public schools with a chapel service.

We've long dreamed of starting a classical Christian school, one that brings a Christian worldview to bear on every subject. One that promotes the true, the good, and the beautiful.

So we're starting out slow with a preschool (ages 3-6) and are praying it takes off to greater fields of future endeavor. The goal is to open Miseve Preschool for classes at the beginning of 2022.

"Miseve" is the Tsonga word for arrows. Psalm 127:4 compares children to arrows in the hand of a warrior. A soldier should want to go to battle with powerful weapons. A parent should want to go through life armed with godly children.

Already the interest has been considerable. One godly Zulu young lady from Joburg has agreed to leave her job to commit to our school for two years. Other churches in the area have give much of their time and resources to support the work.

HOW TO PRAY

Announce from your pulpits and Facebook pages the need for a Mrs. Howard. Forward the video and the [website](#). Questions about accommodations, funding etc. we'll discuss by email.

For Christ and His Kingdom,
Paul & Lindy,

Audrey, Nate, Law, Owen, Juj, Clara, and Luke