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Labouring among the Tsongas of South Africa

Reformation Sunday service with combined churches

# HOW MANY MEN DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHTBULB?

That's how the joke usually starts, leading to a crafty punch-line about the stereotypes of our day. Sadly, the stereotypes about men in our day are no laughing matter. The masculinity we are all too familiar with is apathetic, atrophied, and often absent. To ask a more serious question, how many men will it take to change a nation?

## Ministry through Trinity Baptist Church

Earlier this month, the Schlehleins hosted the annual GYM Camp Junior. The purpose of the camp is to train boys how to be godly young men. The motto of the camp is, 'Lead, Provide, Protect'. 122 campers attended with 20 fathers and leaders. Here are a few drops from the bucket of encouragement we received.

One of our Tsonga boys, Hlayisani, won MVP. He memorized all 10 stipulated verses and 5 bonus verses from Romans 12. One night as I was heading back to my car to retire for the evening, I found him sitting on a ledge in the dark, his large frame huddled over his small Bible, quietly reading away. Hlayisani is no ordinary 15-year-old. Pray that he may be filled as he hungers and thirsts for Christ. His baptism was this past Reformation Sunday.

I don't know how many men it will take to change our nation. However, it only takes one godly man to change a family, a few godly families to change churches, and if the homes and the churches are strong, the hope for a changed nation is alive. Pray for the 122 boys who attended GYM Camp.

Hlayisani's Baptism (29 October)

## Language Learning

By God's grace I've been inching along. Learning a language feels like clasping a fish with your bear hands. At times it seems you've got it and at others you fumble about wondering if you're achieving anything. I understand most of the sermons preached now but understanding Biblical vocabulary when reading a text is still elusive.

## Ministry through Media

Highlighted TARIF and Missionary Minds episodes for the month:

TARIF by Yamikani Katunga: Choosing Between an iPhone 15 and Your Family: Spotify - Apple Podcasts - Youtube - Article

Missionary Minds by Paul Schlehlein: Should A Christian Practice Lobola? (Part 1 of 4) Spotify - Apple Podcasts - Youtube - Article

If you benefit from the podcast or any media, let us know how it helps you. Subscribe and share to speed it along!

Vusha taking pictures of the definitions of The 5 Solas

## Ministry through Miseve Classical School

The Grade R pupils have been making progress. They've learned 40+ Bible stories and verses, memorised the order of the New Testament, and they are now learning the order of the Old Testament. Pray that the Lord would send Christian helpers for our budding school.

There's always a lot happening at Miseve and sometimes a picture is worth more than a thousand words.

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## Missions Moment of the Month

Ntlakuso, a 15-year-old boy who attends church faithfully, asked if I could drive him home after the Tuesday Bible Study. I wasn't able to but I did offer him some transport money. He adamantly refused the money and asserted that he'd rather walk the 45 to 50-minute trip. One good sign that missionaries in a village / disadvantaged context often look for is when people start to take personal responsibility regardless of their circumstances.

Pray for Ntlakuso's conversion. He's shown a desire to walk on the straight and narrow path.