

The Schlehlein Family

Missionaries to the Tsongas of southern Africa



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STATISTICS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Statistics are like Kleenex. Dry and scratchy but helpful to those with colds. Sometimes stats can warm us to the work Jesus is doing among his people. Here are a few from our side.

128 - The number of catechism questions our churches must memorize for the upcoming Bible Quiz.

37 - The number of various guests Melinda has cooked for in the past week.

33 - The number of church members at Trinity Baptist of Mbhokota.

20 - The average number of hours I spend per week laying brick at our church. None of our church volunteers have ever built before.

14 - The number of inmates in my class at Sinthumule Correctional Center, a maximum security prison that Seth and I teach at each week.

6 - The number of words in Tsonga it takes to say "Immortal". The vocab is long and limited. We have yet to find a way in Tsonga to say *Obamacare*.

5 - Those close to conversion. **Pray for** the salvation of Wisani, Themba, Mrs. Khosa, Rito, and Rest.

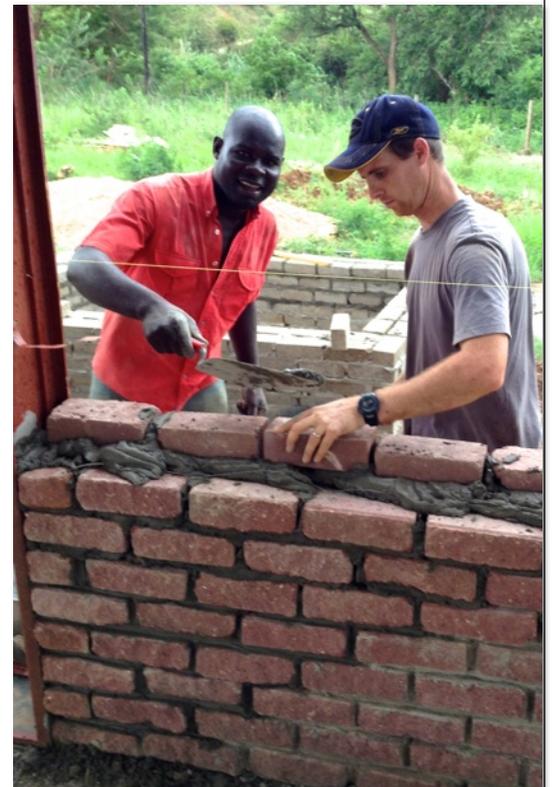
3 - The books our church is preaching through. I am working through Mark and Proverbs 6-8; Sydwell, an LBI grad and church intern, is preaching through 1 Peter.

2 - The number of church members who will be disciplined out of the church next week, one of them a dear disciple and church leader who has refused to repent and leave his sin. The pain this has caused us has been difficult to bear.

2 - The number of fathers at home among the 19 young men in our church who are between the ages of 13 and 26.

1 - The American man near death who asked that the money given at his funeral be used to fund our church sign. This generous gift toward our building is the exception, not the rule, as foreign and government funds generally make things [break down](#) easier.

Incalculable - The number of times people ask "Are all those kids yours?" when seeing our four children four years old and under. Melinda and I tell them we left the other half at home.



For the house not made with hands,
Paul and Melinda