

# THE SCHLEHLEINS

## *Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa*



### TRY, TRY AGAIN

#### **Bible Studies Spreading to Neighboring Villages Need Your Prayers**

Our 4x4 bounded through a pack of monkeys en route to last Sunday evening's Bible study. Lawson's head hung out the window as he laughed with glee. His highlight, not mine.

Our village to village evangelism on Sundays has been packed out with church participation, including a new ministry in the sylvan village of Zamazama. Literally, it means "try try."

Here is a mnemonic device to pray for the TSONGAS (the "ts" as in "cats"; the "o" as in "stone").

#### **T** - Try-Try

Fresh evangelism just started in the nearby village of *Try Try*.

#### **S** - Salvation

Many are showing interest. *Pray our people* will win them.

#### **O** - Overseers

The men are nearly ready for leadership. Courage needed.

#### **N** - New Materials

Discipleship books in Tsonga are underway. We need focus.

#### **G** - Growth

Spiritual, numeric...and local. Big cities still steal our men.

#### **A** - Appeals

As never before, our church has turned to prayer. Now pray that God would answer.

We remind our people that Sunday is the Lord's *day*, not the Lord's *hour*, and encourage them to use the whole day for Jesus. They have responded. But we still desperately need your prayers. We feel the ministry is on the cusp of greater things. And yet, it is still so fragile.

#### **AFFLICTION**

With few exceptions, our family has enjoyed splendid health over the past ten years. This all changed in 2106 when I was struck with a slew of ailments: Vertigo then headaches; then chronic asthma stemming from bronchitis; then swallowing difficulties. Later in the year I wrenched my neck in a freak fall. Now I take pain meds daily just to get through. We would ask prayer for strength



*Cooking "vuswa"—the staple food in SA. Try fitting this on your stove top.*

during this time. It weighs more on Melinda than me.

When men are placed on their backs, their eyes look up to God. So we thank Him for these trials. When Jacob switched hands upon his grandson's heads, Joseph said, "Not that way, father" (Gn. 48:18). May we never say this to our Lord.

Filled with hope,

*Paul & Melinda*

*Audrey, Nate, Lawson, Owen, Julianna*