

THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



AROUND THE WORLD IN 50 DAYS

A Significant Absence Has Yielded Remarkable Answers to Prayer

For seven weeks my travels have taken me to the sidewalks of LA, the Cheeseland of Wisconsin, the clay huts of Malawi, and the police-state of Zimbabwe.

In this short time, I may have grown a decade's worth. The contacts I made in LA could last a lifetime. The sunlight of encouragement I received in Wisco could keep me warm for a year. Of the 40 pastors Dr. Van Rooy and I taught in Malawi, perhaps only a handful were even converted, but they were genuinely interested in the truth. The time with them gave me a new perspective on missions. Our LBI graduates planting churches in rural Zimbabwe are doing a marvelous job.

Another grad, when asked to support pagan rituals in his Zim village, recounted to me his answer: "Whunga Baptist said NO. That is an adulterous worship. Our money and knees belong only to God and His Son."

The real MVP during my journeys, of course, is my wife, who joyfully bore the heavy weight of 5 kids, homeschooling, and ministry life. She was even more enthusiastic about my travels than I and is the pluperfect model of the kind of wife that propels her husband forward rather than holding him back.

Today, the foreign fields are strewn with indolent missionaries—idle armies of afternoon farmers and slug-abeds. Melinda isn't one of them; instead, she daily puts her shoulder to the wheel of kingdom tasks.

BEAUTIFUL EYE SORES

Just as we asked you to pray in the previous letter, my

absence has brought a harvest of increased numbers, enthusiasm and sense of responsibility at our church. We are hoping to pull out of the 2nd service each Sunday morning starting next month. Moreover, as our work in River Plaats continues, we are planning to start new Bible studies in the nearby village of Bungeni.

VISAS

Jesus said when his children ask for omelets, he won't give them scorpions (Lk.

11:12). As

another answer to prayer, all of our visas have

come in. Thank you for your perseverance in prayer over this matter.

PRAYER

1. Full-time jobs for our young men *in this area*.
2. The possible new work in Bungeni.
3. The new contacts in River Plaats will be given the gift of faith.
4. The work in Mbhokota will continue to surge without us.



Most African churches are long in song but terse in verse—here, taking 4 hrs. to sing, 20 min. to preach

Sensing Your Prayers, *Paul and Melinda
Audrey, Nathan, Lawson, Owen, Julianna*