



THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



FIVE POINTS IN RURAL AFRICA

The Doctrines of Grace Are Finding Success Amidst Prosperity Churches

As the West continues to be pelted from the guns of those promoting gender indifference, the murder of babies, and homosexual *mirage*, the tanks barraging rural Africa continue to be those driven by Prosperity preachers. We have written often about this false gospel and will continue to do so until Jesus comes back or Satan sets his seat elsewhere.

Two weeks ago, our church invited four young men from the big city to teach a seminar on the doctrines of grace. Sifiso, Ditiro, Mathews, and Oratile have two major things in common. First, all of them originally came from Health and Wealth churches. Second, they have been totally transformed by Reformed Theology, that is, the joyful assurance that God is the head of all things.

For two days, youth, adults, and a team of grannies heard seven sermons exalting God's sovereignty in everything. Our fingers were on the text, our minds were on Christ, and our hearts were on fire. Theology such as this so tightly anchored to the Word of God is what will turn churches away from the incoming tide of Deliverance teaching and toward Christ and His Word.

INFLUX OF BELIEVERS

A new members class is beginning soon at Trinity because of the arrival of several new faces close or in the Wicket Gate. Much of this stems from Melinda's ladies Bible study, where often a dozen women will come to read the Scriptures and pray. This study is built upon our Ezra Groups, where each church member reads the same chapter from Scripture each day of the week and then talks about it.

This Bible study has been a great way to reach out to neighbors and unbelievers in our community. They may not be willing to come to our church but they are happy to sit in a home where ladies gather to talk about the Christ they love.



As a side note, one of the ladies in the photo is the mother of Mahlatsee Given, the young man who took his life last month. We thank all of you for your prayers and support.

Pray...

1. That the half dozen or so awakened sinners would enter the narrow gate, be baptized, and join our church.
2. That God would protect the Meyers family as they return next week and give them wisdom for future decisions.
3. That our leadership team would grow in character and pastoral skill in hopes of taking the next step at Trinity.

Cordially in Christ
The Schlehlein Seven