

# The Schlelein Family

## Missionaries to the Tsongas of southern Africa



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### A JOURNEY IN GRACE

Two weeks ago, five Zimbabwean men with hearts to be church-planters received their college certificates from LBI. Here is a portion of a speech made by Samuel Meda, one of the graduates:

"In 2008 I traveled to South Africa and early in May in that year God allowed some terrible things to happen to me. During the xenophobic attacks, some of my friends were killed. One of them, Tinashe was killed. The shack where I was living with my wife was destroyed and everything that we treasured was looted. I was left jobless and at the same time homeless.

As I look back now over that part of my situation I am glad to say that "God was in control" even though at that time I couldn't see it. God used the xenophobic attacks on foreigners as a tool to lead me to Calvary Baptist Church in Joburg. How thankful I am for the loving believers there who, in the midst of all these difficulties, took me in and gave me a road that led me to L.B.I. I confess that during my studies for three years here, the doctrines of grace were poured into my lap and my heart has swelled with a love for Christ. One thing I felt more strongly convinced about is that God's wrath was poured on the cross for me to be saved and that whosoever will believe in Jesus Christ will be saved.

The love of the Bible and to see those men who are heading for Hell change direction and head for the gates of Heaven has enslaved me to preach Christ and Him crucified. I am resolved that for the rest of my life with the help of God I will plant a church in my home town of Chinhoyi back in Zimbabwe. It would be a shame for me not to preach Christ, the Lamb who was slain before the foundations of the world. Buying us back from the bondage of poverty... No! No! No! But from the bondage of *sin*."

### How to Pray for our Ministries:

- That God would bring to LBI a host of students like Samuel Meda.
- That God would convert several of our church attendees that are still blind.

Enjoying the Journey in Grace,

*Paul, Melinda & the kids*

