

The Schlehlein Family

Missionaries to the Tsongas of southern Africa

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Our church has many reasons to rejoice and weep. In the spirit of Romans 12:15, perhaps this update will help you do both.

REJOICING...

After four years of saving and two years of almost constant building, our church structure is over half way finished. These days, two or three times per week, I along with a handful of our church members mix cement by hand and lay brick. Meanwhile, Melinda helps the young ladies cook for the men and practice the piano. Most of the young men are fatherless, and thus unskilled in many building basics. They have learned the joy of earned success and glow like the butt of a cigar when they stand back and observe their work. They often come even

when it rains, and if you were with us, you would notice one indelible mark of our work crew: endless laughter.

WEEPING...

A young lady in our church was recently raped. The man was a multiple offender, so he was slapped with a five year sentence. Several disciples have recently fallen into sin and had children out of wedlock. This is a major epidemic in all of Africa, especially in our village, and the peer pressure to submit is fierce. But as Twain once said, a cat that sits on a hot stove lid will never sit on a hot stove again. Neither will he sit on a cold one. Our young adults are so afraid of a fractured family that they are reticent to start a wholesome one, put off marriage and then fall into into sin.



MATTERS OF PRAYER

- Pray that several of the candidates for the church baptism on December 15 would resolved to persevere in the faith.
- Pray the preaching of myself and our pastoral intern, Sydwell Mthombeni, would be met with unction.
- Pray that God would convert or else judge and break the teeth of Jacob Zuma and other SA leaders who promote abortion, homosexuality, and polygamy in this land.

Yours for Tsongas of SA,
The Schlehlein Six