



THE SCHLEHLEINS

Missionaries to the Tsongas of South Africa



MEN: AFRICA'S GREATEST NEED

Not just any men. The kind that Scripture lauds

A young man needs a father the way a body builder needs a mirror. Without it he can't see his progress. The African men in our rural setting are often slow to grow into mature leaders. Progress is hampered because he's constantly stepping on the rake of bad cultural habits—like absentee fathering, delayed adolescence, and herd idleness.

Nearly every morning I gather these gifted but often rudderless young men into my study to discover what it takes to be a man. We learn how to pray on our knees, dress like gentlemen, interpret the Bible, ask a girl out, tie a tie, perform a pushup, teach the gospel, arrive on time, and romance a wife.

Thokozani is set to return full-time in 2019, while Mumo from Zim hopefully will be joining us as a pastoral intern. Pray earnestly that God would raise up a large band of godly, masculine servants in the home and in the church here in Mbhokota Village.

We Want Marksmen not Marxmen

Many thanks to those who prayed and gave to the Churchman's Conference in Zimbabwe. Those who attended blow their kisses your way and send their deepest appreciation for your concern. Africans have some of the sweetest, pearly white smiles on the planet and there were plenty of those upon our arrival.

Travel in Zim was much easier this time. Almost all the

police checkpoints have vanished. Still, the Marxist regime continues to oppress the people even after the dismissal of the dictator Mugabe. Zim doesn't need more foreign aid. It needs government repentance. The latter may not come until the former goes.

Over the two days Thokozani, Nathan, Lawson, and I were there, I preached until my throat was sore and my sermon bag was empty. Then they asked for more. I started preaching other men's sermons and waited for their reaction to see if I should claim them or not.

We taught on many things but as always, we were sniper-like, aiming straight for the gospel message.

Prayer

1. That Trinity would take full ownership of Thokozani
2. That we would be sensitive to the Lord's direction to our next phase of ministry

Praise

1. Weekly evangelism in neighboring N'waxinyami—done exclusively by our people—is going well.
2. Thokozani graduated from seminary last week.
3. Our LBI grads in Zim remain faithful.
4. The Meyers got their visas and are back in RSA.

Yours in Jesus,
*Paul & Lindy
 Audrey, Nathan, Lawson, Owen, Jujy, & Clara*