



David & Julie McCrum

Church planting and ministry training
in South Africa and other countries



Mr. and Mrs. Mahlangu

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I remember well when Tryphine showed up at our house with chocolates. Of course as anyone in South Africa knows, if you really want to be polite when visiting someone, you bring a gift. Tryphine brought chocolates, but she came to ask questions about being a Christian. She had always been a lovely person and faithful to church, but that day she was unsure of where she stood with God. She came from a good “church home” and had previously professed Christianity, but that day it was clear she did not understand the gospel.

I shared the gospel with her that afternoon, reading plainly from God's Word, and Tryphine received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior! Later that year Tryphine's name shows up in our church records as an official Sunday school “helper” as Julie began working with her in serving the Lord. For seven years now her life with the Lord has grown constantly.

This last month Tryphine Njiva and Sthembiso Mahlangu were married! What an amazing experience for Julie and I to work with us these dear friends for so many years and now walk with them as they join in marriage. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to finally get back to South Africa to be part of this special day.

Many of you have prayed for a wife for Sthembiso. God has answered your prayers and He has been so good to bring these two together.

Spring Valley Baptist Church—where Sthembiso and Tryphine serve—is doing so well, and they are thrilled to have a pastor *and* a pastor's wife! For the past two years Tryphine has attended Spring Valley and has been serving in many ways, but now they are able to serve as husband and wife together in ministry.

God is building His church. This summer we were also able to host several Ministry Leadership Conferences in South Africa, and I will post these updates shortly. We also distributed many books and training resources to the pastors and men training for ministry. Watch this space!

In our Lord's service,

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Tryphine when she came to Christ
in July 2014



Tryphine and Sthembiso,
Wedding in July 2021



David, Sthembiso, Tryphine, Julie,
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Pastor Sthembiso and Tryphine,
with Spring Valley Baptist Church

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