

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Balmoral Mission Station,  
P. O. Hartland, Natal,  
December 27th, 1920.

Dear Highway:

We had good meetings yesterday at our Christmas Sunday, and trust that many were blessed. Five were baptized and received into church membership. A few were present from across the Pongola and, even from Utrecht way, five young people have come down for the Christmas.

Our work at this station was never going better, and never have we had so much proselyting to contend against. But our faith is strong in the Almighty God. He is revealing Himself to these children of His so recently rescued from heathen darkness, and many are getting the "Old time religion" that gives "joy in believing."

Continue to pray for these, your brothers and sisters in Christ, that may become soul-winners.

Yours in Him,  
H. C. SANDERS.

P. O. Hartland,  
via Paulpietersburg,  
Natal, So. Africa,  
31st December, 1921

My Dear Homeland Friends:

The dear old year dies tonight, and closes the record of the most wonderful 365 days our mission work has yet seen. We well know that you have nobly borne your part in upholding us by faithful prayer and support and keenly realize that these God sent victories we now see are the result of the unseen warfare that always brings defeat to Satan's armies.

Since I wrote last the revival has continued. The daily Bible classes have been constantly blessed, attendance ranging from five to twenty, and our workers especially manifesting a healthy hunger for God's precious word. As we close these meetings with prayer we have had some wonderful seasons of drawing near to God, and soul after soul has been richly blessed.

A new and helpful phase of the work which has grown out of the revival and these classes has led to many rich seasons of deep blessing. Different ones who have been awakened to see their need have come to us right here at the station and told us of their trouble. Then we have gone with them to God in prayer and never once has he failed to meet us there and give such blessing as we little dreamed to see. During this month of December we have seen five souls born again, seven received the rich and deep blessing of sanctification and endowment with power from on high, four delivered from the love of beer and numbers blessed and strengthened in their spiritual life. The distinctive point in all this is that he has not kept us waiting. The very day and hour we cried unto Him. He met us and blessed us. This is a new experience to me in this African work. For years past I have seen souls gradually freed from heathenism, born into the kingdom and blessed in answer to many prayers, but here it begins to take on the nature of what you see in the homeland. In one day a slave to beer and snuff is born again and gets such a clear witness to the fact and such joy in her soul as transforms her face—and her life—Praise God!

The different workers, all but one of whom have now received the blessing, are manifesting a spirit of unity, and earnest anxiety about their different flocks, which is good to see.

Mrs. W. R. Carson's worker, Filita, has moved far away from here to live with her husband's brother. We feel her loss greatly, as she was unusually successful and has the greatest number of seekers and members on the roll call of any. We have a young fellow of about 21, Solomon Nkosi, who with his uncle, Jotamu Indiniso, go there regularly now, and with an exception or two, seem to be doing well, in spite of their ignorance and inexperience. It is from this field that the greater number of those recently blessed have come, and a beautiful testimony to the genuineness of their experience is the fact that the home-folks of those who have already received are the ones who come here hungering to get the same experience.

Josefa Ngoza, the Wood Island man, is among our most zealous workers, and has a regular Thursday class up at "Metula's," but as we have said before, the church there is surrounded by a very worldly set, and is itself as a whole in a weak condition spiritually. Jostfa has not yet received the blessing, though he came very near, and lacks the power thus imparted. His church shows it. Not one from there has entered in. We want you to join us in earnest prayer that he and his flock may yet be richly blessed and revived.

Josefa's wife Lydia is still our most spiritual christian and successful soul-winner. She has been changed from her former field at "Bhekiswayo's," to that left by Filimone "kwa Ndebele." Already the results begin to show in quickened life and activity among the believers and seekers. Jostina Hlope, the backslidden school-teacher, whom we found when we first went to Hlope's is now completely restored and has undertaken a mid-week class (which needs your prayer), Kesilina Made, who for some time has been weak spiritually is now more earnest and has started a little school among her neighbors. The head-man of the kraal was here to our last communion Sunday as was also a witch-doctor who is now earnestly seeking. Please help us pray her out from under Satan's thrall and into the kingdom.

Filimon and Martha have gone back to beer drinking and making; since leaving us and in other ways show that they are backsliding. They and their "teacher," Nsila are very busy trying to get our church member, seekers and outposts from us. Filimon holds services at his old home near where Lydia is now holding forth, Martha has several times gone in her old place at Sibiya's and Nsila is trying to steal Befu Kumene's people. So far God has been for and with us, and we hope you will continue to earnestly pray that he may frustrate the enemy's plans, neutralize his poison and keep his own sheep, safe from their deception.

Mrs. Hale Keirstead and friend's worker, Aloni, his wife, representing the Hartland church, are both rejoicing in the fulness of the blessing newly given, and awakened to fresh zeal and courage. They have between the two of them four outposts which they are faithfully attending at present.

"Sibiya's," where Martha was formerly engaged, "Mgumbis," Aloni's old home away down near the junction, "Masinas" and "Xulu's." So far they have seen very few delivered from all Satan's power, though they have seekers a-plenty; but now as their own testimonies ring out with power and clearness new to them we are hoping to see more definite results. They are very much concerned about their "seekers," who have not yet got through and found salvation and will greatly appreciate your prayers in this behalf.

Befa Kunenene, who is holding forth for the Beals S. S., continue to make amazing spiritual progress and be blessed in the Masters service. The watch doctor woman from her field of whom I told you before came dressed for the first time in Christian clothes. She seems really to be delivered from the worst of the enemy's power and making good progress. You who have been praying for her will be glad to hear this, but don't stop yet! The young bride who first invited us down there is also now in christian dress and one of "Ngola's" daughters was baptized on Sunday last.

A very sad case in this part of the field is of a young wife whose husband seems to have turned against her. He will not clothe or care for her in any way and she has recently been driven from home. A little while back she had a very sick baby but the Lord undertook for her there. I hope before this reaches you she will have been found and again be among the seekers there.

Lydia's old place, "Bhekiswayo's," has no regular shepherd now. Lydia holds a class there every Friday but we have been supplying on Sundays. Judson, George and Miriam are beginning to take an interest in the work. George and I had simply a glorious time when we were there last. God's presence was real and near so the most indifferent were attentive and three conversions are the definite results.

One letter does not suffice to tell of all God hath wrought among us, and we hope you will join us in praising Him and praying that his may be but the beginning of much greater things which He shall yet show us in this coming new year.

Yours in His love,  
FAITH SANDERS.

SEVEN REASONS WHY I SHOULD PRAY.

- 1 Because prayer is a recognition of God.
  - 2 Because it is a confession that God can do something for me that I cannot do for myself.
  - 3 Because by praying I am imitating the example of Christ.
  - 4 Because it is by prayer that I receive the armament of grace to fortify my soul against all that assails it.
  - 5 Because spiritual things are spiritually discerned in answer to prayer.
  - 6 Because every revival has its beginning and consummation through believing prayer.
  - 7 Because prayer means communion with God.
- Written by one who prays.