

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

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Dear Friends:

On Saturday, 30th of January, we had an all day's meeting with three purposes: First to ask God's blessing upon us for the next day, "Big Sunday," second to ask for rain, and third, to have a time of prayer and waiting on God for the spiritually needy ones.

There were many who rejoiced at the prospect, as they are being awakened as never before, to the realization of their great need. In our daily P. M. Bible class which always closes with prayer, we were lead to pray especially for this meeting, feeling in our hearts that the Devil intended to put up a hard fight before he would stand by and see God bless us as before.

So when we gathered on Saturday morning, it was with the assurance of victory already won; from the first God's presence was there in power and freedom. After a short message on what God has for those who seek Him with their whole heart we got down to pray, and the Spirit helped our infirmities, and was there as our "prayer teacher." It would have done you good to have been there and to have heard Aloni, Jostina, Lydia, Befu, Mateau, Lizabetha, and others of our Spiritual believers and workers pour out their hearts before God for the unsaved, His work here, the newly spirit-filled, and for further and richer blessing and filling for themselves, to enable them to be more successfully used in his vineyard.

At about 11.30 came what we had been half expecting of "resistance from the enemy," in the shape of Nsila, the "preacher from Ferreira's" with his supporters. "You had better close the meeting, before they have a chance to do anything," whispered the enemy. But quick as a flash the "Spirit lifted up his standard against him." I know that though the Devil himself came here and all hell with him he could not keep God from blessing you today. Just as you get down and pray, nad let God take care of his own." So we did, and then the fire fell, and as in September with one heart and voice we sought God and came through to wonderful victory and blessing. All hearts were touched when we saw little Anna Mkonza, Aloni's little ten year old daughter, and a poor little hunch back even younger both receive of his glorious fullness! Surely "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."—Acts 2:39.

With an interval at noon the meeting went on in blessing and power till late in the afternoon when it was closed in time for the distant ones to reach home before dark.

An early morning prayer meeting was appointed for Sunday, and we had a glorious time with two hungry souls before the rest arrived. The spirit of prayer and praise continued strong on us all day. We had a splendid a. m. testimony meeting, followed by a baptismal service in which five new converts confessed their faith in

Jesus. Later on these with one from another church were extended the right hand of fellowship, and Anna Zimada, restored to communion after six or more years of backslidden life.

After the meetings we had an after service of prayer in which many more were richly blessed, and Noa Ndwandwe, a promising young man, received his baptism.

As I left this last service my heart was so filled with joy and praise that words are powerless to express it all, and I found myself saying, my heart is full and satisfied—if only I could see my own little brothers and sisters so blessed." Praise God! Before I slept that night he began to answer that prayer. Grace came to me and asked a few questions concerning the meetings which led me to see that she was hungry.

"Would you like to have the Holy Spirit come in your heart?" I asked her? Yes, but I don't know how to do it." After a simple explanation of how we consecrate ourselves and ask Him to come and cleanse and take possession, we pray together, and right away she entered into this glorious experience. Surely "of such are the Kingdom of Heaven." It is so easy for children to get saved and blessed, because they are not very far away from God yet, any way, and if, like my little brothers and sisters they are led to give themselves to him as soon as they can understand, they need not wander away at all. I was saved before my fifth birthday, and I don't think there is one of us children who were much later.

The revival is still "going strong," and I do not see any reason why it should ever stop till our Lord's return, if we keep in the pathway of God's blessing, humble, earnest and ready for whatever he would have us to do. During the month of January there were fifteen more souls sanctified and seven saved, of whom we have clear testimony and much goes on of which we may not know till later.

I am sure you would be interested in the story of Paulina Maseko. She comes from the part of the field in which Felita Hadebe worked. One day Felita reported that Paulina had "Qoma'd" accepted or chosen a young man from another church. A little later Paulina told of her half sister Julina who had accepted a heathen lover. We began to pray for them. Then one day these two came and asked for an interview. I went with them to a quiet place where they poured out their whole story to me. How through a practical joke they had both got into trouble. A certain young man friend of Paulina's received from her the gift of a hair pin. This with a few silly words one of the girls, said gave him the idea, so he went home and told his friends that they were all chosen by the aforesaid girls. These heathen young men refused to look upon it as a joke, insisted that the girls had accepted them, and set up such a persecution that in order to escape, Paulina chose her young man long before she naturally would have, and Julina was driven to accept one of the insistent lovers. Now their hearts were sad, as they considered that all this was not consistent with their profession, and asked for prayer. We three went up to the church and after tear-

ful confession and earnest seeking they were not only forgiven and restored, but cleansed and filled with power from on high.

Since then they have returned again and again for prayer, have continued to yield and seek God and His will in their lives, and been not only constantly and richly blessed themselves, but a blessing to others. Paulina's young man was brought here and Papa found that he is a member of the English church, drinks a little, uses tobacco, etc., but is willing to give all this up, keep the rules of our church, and be married by christian rights. Paulina is praying very earnestly for him, and has recently heard that he has given up tobacco.

Julina's boy said he wants to be a christian, and asked for prayer. But he is an exceedingly wild young fellow, and has since so behaved himself that Julina has decided to give him up altogether. She needs our constant, earnest prayer, especially as she is now in service to her Landlord, who prosecutes her on account of the "holiness cause."

These girls were orphaned during the influenza epidemic, and Paulina is living with her maternal uncle. He is a heathen with two wives, one of whom is a seeker, and still rather hard, and the other Ana Zimande. Anna has been a slave to beer for years, and almost hopeless. She has three bright little girls, Evelina 13, baptized and a church member, Citekile 10, and Johabeta 6, a church baby. Evelina had been away to her "White Man's" for nearly a year, and was very nearly backslidden. Paulina came with Evelina for prayer just a few days after she herself was so richly blessed, and Evelina was restored. A few days and they were back again with another girl to pray for the second blessing. Praise God he soon answered the prayer of their hungry hearts. Then after a time Paulina asked us to join her in praying for Ana. We did, and soon she came for prayer, and was restored. So transformed was her face that just to look at her filled our heart with joy and our mouth with laughter. Soon she too came back for a second touch, and so powerful was the answer that she has been perfectly delivered from her old "slave master" (beer), her life completely transformed, and a new appetite for the things of God created in her heart. It would just do your heart good to hear her pray and testify.

Of course Paulina soon set up family prayers in the kraal. First just she and Evelina used to pray together. Then the younger children grew hungry and joined them. Ana soon followed. Two weeks ago Citekile, the second daughter who had previously been converted received the blessing in wonderful power. That night as these four "blessed ones" were praying, Sulu, Paulina's little brother who had long expressed his hunger cried, "Oh pray for me, now that I also may receive!" Paulina was puzzled as to what to do. "Lord, you can surprise him with the blessing right now." As she spoke poor little Sulu's crying was turned to praise, and she was able to add: "Thank you, Lord you never disappoint those who cry unto Thee."

Even her little baby sister, Alice, comes to these evening prayers, and one evening

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