

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

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Dear Friends:

Today, while in prayer, the Lord gave me a clearer realization of the weapons with which the enemy is trusting to destroy the souls of the poor natives of "Ebadeni" (as they call this district). He laid the prayer on my heart, and then bid me share the burden with you. God help me so to write about these weapons of destruction that you may clearly see their awful power, and by His grace pray them down to ruin! The first of these is:

## ZIONISM!

About ten years ago, Peter Zondo, who was then one of our most spiritual helpers, left us for the Zionists, taking with him two out of every three of our church members, and those two usually the most earnest. You may know what a blow that was to your representatives here; it just looked as if every one was leaving and all the toil and sacrifice of the years were lost. But with God-given courage and faith Papa and Mamma held steady, and God has rewarded their labours by giving a membership today that has doubled the numbers of the remaining handful more than ten times over. Praise His Name!

Of course, had this loss been to an evangelistic church, who so taught and fed the converts that they would keep their justification, and go on to sanctification, we could not be much grieved at this loss. But if we find that they are so deceived that they are lost forever, we may well be alarmed. Look over this partial list of the errors which have been brought to our notice, and judge for yourselves.

## ERRORS IN ZIONISTIC TEACHING AND PRACTICE "EBADENI."

1. No justification this side of Heaven
2. The Holy Spirit is utterly misrepresented and brought into dis-repute—even, it seems to me, almost blasphemed.
3. Their history in our district has been marked by gross immorality and grievous sins.
4. Often, those living in sin continue with manifestations and profess to have the Holy Spirit.
5. They profess that the Holy Spirit causes them, at times, to "smell out" witch-craft (as the heathen do with demons.)
6. Lying and cheating is very marked among them, and upheld in practice, at least, especially in prosyliting.
7. Hatred and suspicion as well.
8. Another practice is pounding or otherwise ill-treating "sinners" to make them confess their "sin" (usually something connected with medicine).
9. Dreams, prophecies, "A Word" and manifestations (such as I will not try to describe) constitute the bulk of their worship.
10. These dreams, prophecies and "Words" are set up as more important and reliable than the Bible!
11. In their services the noise and confusion is usually so great that the

Word of God has little hearing.

12. Eating pork and taking medicines are the cardinal sins.

13. White clothes on earth mean white clothes in Heaven, and dark clothes on earth indicate the sinfulness of the wearer, and will exclude them from Heaven.

14. Such stress is laid on these three, and a few similar points that many real sins are forgotten or passed over and ignored.

15. So much of their teaching deals with can be seen and heard of men, and these errors are slowly permeating the minds of the seekers and heathen all through this district, that we find it a real and constant battle to combat them.

Our converts die well. During the twenty-two years of this Mission work, simply scores whose names never were entered in church books have died happy in Jesus and left glowing testimonies behind besides all the church members who have "swept through the gates."

The Zionists, having been taught that we cannot "finish our sins on earth" and that they can only know when they enter the gate, (that their sins have been forgiven) when they come down to the dark river, "Do not see the way." Everything is dark. About two years ago Zondo lost his beautiful wife and she went out in darkness. We felt pretty bad, for she was one of the first converts Papa baptised five months after our arrival here. We are told that Zondo when called to these dying ones, prophesies to them, "I see the white clothes," and that is what is offered to them in their dire need!

Many of our converts are in danger from the Zionists even today. Last year Aloni Mkonza actually started on his way to "Learn with Zondo" but the words and prayers of his good wife put such a fear on his heart that he turned back before he had got very far. Recently Zondo's eldest daughter QOMA'D, that is offered herself to Aloni's son, Jerimia, and he "gave himself to the Zionists." This God used to answer the prayers of Jostina (Mrs. Aloni) and others for Aloni, and he has now swung right back to his old loyalty. A big fuss was made, and the engagement broken off, and though Jerimia still attends the Zionist meetings, we believe that the prayer answering God will bring him back to his parents and to this work. Pray for Jerimia. He is very wicked and disobedient, and a great grief to his parents, bringing reproach to the name and cause of Christ. He is bright, smart and winning, a born leader, about twenty years of age, has a tender heart, and underneath all a real desire to live for God. Our faith is strong for him, in spite of the Devil's worst. I might say right here, that when once these Zionists get one in their clutches it is an almost unheard of thing for them ever to escape.

Joeli has been much influenced by Aloni's wavering, and we fear for him even yet, and for his flock; and there are souls all over the district in similar danger. Perhaps you remember that not many months ago, Mateu Shabangu left us, with a little handful for the Zionists? We were very sorry to lose him, for he is earnest, spiritual and more intelligent than the average and he did not go with his eyes shut.

We are greatly burdened for these poor people, many so earnest, and so deceived. Will you not join us in praying that God may do a wonderful thing in our district and so deal with Zionism that these who are worse off than the heathen may have the truth brought home to their hearts in a power that they may not gain-say nor resist. Praise God we know He is able!

Yours for Christ and for souls in darkest Africa,

FAITH SANDERS.

"Concord,"

95 Windermere Rd.,  
Durban, March 4, 1926

Dear Homeland Friends:

In the kind Providence of God Helen and I have been given this opportunity of coming to Durban. I have been feeling the need of it very much of late and the Lord so graciously arranged the matter, even the little details, in such a beautiful way as to leave no doubt that we are here in His will. How good He is and we do thank Him for it all.

It has been a very pleasant and profitable change in every way, and though we were very tired when we first came, we are now feeling refreshed and looking forward to our return home next week with pleasure, to settle down again among the hills and natives, thanking God for the call to work among these dear black "other sheep."

We have done some shopping, visited the dentist, attended European services, a native mission and an evening class of Indian boys who speak English. We have also had several dips in the salt water which has been most refreshing. Bathing in the Indian Ocean is dangerous because of sharks, and although there is an enclosure which is considered comparatively safe, there is also a large tank filled with salt water which is a delightful place to bathe in, and at certain times in the day is very private.

This afternoon a young woman who teaches in the Durban High School invited us for an hour's motor boat ride around the bay which we enjoyed so much. I cannot tell you what a pleasure it was to be on the ocean again after five years inland. Truly it was a very restful and refreshing hour to us who so dearly love the water. We passed by the docks where the ocean liners lay and saw an intermediate steamer leaving for England; it was a pretty sight. This same young woman has been very kind to us in many ways. She is interested in mission work and has a class among the Indians. She has been very interested to hear of the work at Hartland.

Sunday afternoon we attended a Zulu meeting for boys in the South African General Mission. Mr. Harris and his workers were present, but the service was in charge of a native evangelist who conducted it with the dignity of any white man, reading from I. John 4:7-21, and preaching with unction from verses 7:10-11. We were truly blest as he preached. He spoke so beautifully of the love of God, the different manifestations of it among brethren, relating also personal heart experiences showing what a