

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Balmoral Mis. Station,
Paulpietersburg,
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Dear Highway:

After the prayer meeting Wednesday afternoon, the native workers bring in their reports and various questions may arise for adjustment. Last Wednesday there were four girls and four boys who had been set aside for attending a heathen wedding. Six of these were restored, while two are unwilling to walk according to our church covenant.

Next we take up the helping of a widow with \$5 of the native church collections. Two other cases of need are discussed.

Two names are presented, candidates for our next baptism.

Lydia reports: Last Sunday home with asthma, but her place was acceptably filled by Lyina, a coming Bible woman, we hope.

Jostina with six others: She went to the Big Hill and held a good service. Was grieved that a seeker had allowed himself to be treated by means of the "Abafakezeli." That is a deamon doctor causes a spirit to enter the patient, hoping that the sickness will thus be cured.

Next day I saw this deamon doctor and had a serious talk with him. He well knows he is doing wrong. Says he wants to leave it all and become a Christian. One of his wives has a good experience, which is making him hungry for the Lord.

Aloni, with a new convert, Dwaba, visited the sick and held his usual services. He also reports a case where a seeker has called the deamon doctor instead of having prayer.

Befa: Good congregation and a helpful service. On her way came upon a funeral service. The heathen mother was burying a third child. Now she wants to be a Christian so she may meet her three babes in heaven. Befu offers prayer by the grave. Just then a strange interruption occurs. The old heathen grandfather shouts out, "Stop praying. The child will never rise from the dead."

Josefa: Usual service.

Samueli: Two new seekers at Ntungwini, with good services.

Isoya: At Emozane, splendid services and two backsliders reclaimed. He has had calls from two distant places, but does not see how he can respond. Has been neglecting a distant outpost, thereby losing three seekers—gone to the Ethiopian church. He is cautioned and instructed to use more praying band help, and also to hold week-day services, thus reaching all the outposts and calls.

Joeli: Forty present and a good service, followed by a night of prayer for a sick child.

Paulina's report was the most encouraging of all. One girl professing to have received the Holy Spirit rejoiced and wept until her strength was finished and her eyes swollen. Her message to her heathen neighbors was "Hasten to believe, you people of our home." One man with five wives was greatly broken up and wept for a long time. He gave up all his sins, then went further and gave him-

self to the Lord, and all he had, even down to the hens in the yard. His wives were, if possible, even more anxious for salvation. Then after the service, they wanted Paulina to instruct them more perfectly as to how to receive the forgiveness of sins and to be made partakers of the Holy Ghost.

Sunday before last George took my place across the Pongola. He reports an excellent service, well attended in their new church building. He explained to them the church covenant, incorporating it into his talk making "one big sermon." Then our native workers, in their testimonies, each emphasized some point that impressed them most.

I hope to be over there for their coming Christmas, but had a temporary heart spell that kept me home.

I had been overdoing, but my heart has again steadied up.

We are greatly missing Faith, who is still visiting in Vryheid. The heat of our climate with 3,000 feet elevation, is hard on a weak heart. As soon as one here gets run down a bit, there develops either heart pain or intermittant beating, or both.

Then, too, when one sees so much to be done, one is apt to go on doing two days work in one day, until a habit of overdoing is formed.

This letter gives you a glimpse into both sides of our work, the bright and dark, so you can more intelligently pray for the work and workers.

Yours, living for Him who gave Himself for us,

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Via Paulpietersburg,
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Dear Homeland Friends:

Surely the Lord is mindful of us. Sunday it did seem as though we could not endure another day so oppressively hot as we had been having—dry, scorching heat that simply exhausts one. But we awoke Monday morning to find a changed atmosphere, and the sky full of beautiful clouds. By noontime a delightful breeze was blowing and we are physically revived again, for the coolness is still with us today and we do praise the dear Lord. This summer's heat is especially trying, for we are not having the weekly rains. This means a great loss of food and the outlook for the poor natives is very discouraging. We trust that soon we will have one of our heavy downpours; it is so greatly needed.

We do praise the Lord for the sweet heavenly breezes that sweep over our souls in the midst of heat and oppression, bringing with them the foretaste of the joys of heaven. How many times by a touch of His own hand of love and a breath of the dear Holy Spirit does He lift us up spiritually and temporally and bathes our weary souls in His love and we can truly sing:

"How the heart its toil forgets, in the joy we there behold,
In the sweetness of His love, which is better felt than told."

How much we need this love continually in our hearts if we are to win souls for Jesus.

There is a poor old man staying here now with a cancerous sore. It is very sweet to read the Word to him and see the hunger of his heart as he listens. He is feeling after God in his poor ignorant way, and it is comforting to know that Jesus is not far away from a seeking soul. The dear Lord is able to break through the darkness and bring the light of heaven to his soul.

A woman from across the Pongola is here with two sick children and she tells me how her heart was enlightened so beautifully by hearing the story of Zachaeus through Solomon Sukazi, the blind boy, who holds services across the Pongola. It came to her so wonderful and true that if Jesus told Zachaeus to make haste and come down because he wanted to stay in his house—a sinner's house—that Jesus must love her too and want to come and live with her, especially as He said He "came to seek and save that which was lost," and it brought great joy and light to her heart when she believed that it was really true. She looks upon that message that day as a very special one for her. So we can praise the Lord for blind Solomon's meeting that day. The dear Lord blessed His word, and it accomplished His purpose.

My heart is full of praise to Him today for many and beautiful ways in which He works, and for speaking to my own sad heart when out in the darkness of sin. When we realize what it cost Jesus to purchase this salvation for all people we feel that we must do our best to let them know about it, and how we need the anointing from on high. Words are so empty without this heavenly influence. The people wondered at the gracious words which fell from the lips of Jesus because He was the anointed One, and how much do we need to be anointed and re-anointed with the blessed Holy Ghost.

And now I must close. Christmas is nearing and we pray for a time of spiritual help and blessing among the people.

Last Big Sunday the man who had the broken leg came over to Saturday's and Sunday's meeting. The first time he ever attended a meeting in the church. We do praise the Lord, for we see he is getting hungry to really be a Christian. Last year at this time he was such a heathen, but God is answering prayer for him. He was so delighted to be able to walk this far, and listened so hungrily to the Word. It was such a joy to talk with him and see the change in his attitude. These words came so sweetly to me as we looked back over the months that he was laid by—"In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that."

Helen is much enjoying her night school, which she started after the day school closed. It is chiefly for the farm people and they appreciate it very much. Lydia and Josefa attend to learn English and they are very bright indeed. They really are a remarkable couple, and we praise the Lord for them and others who show so plainly that they are the children