

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Friends:

"The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich and He addeth no sorrow with it." Our Church surely has His blessing upon it.

Because of the long trial and final withdrawing of one of our evangelists and a number of people who went with him, we have passed through great trial and feared our church would be weak, but we find the sifting has done us great good and drawn us closer to Jesus. Last Sunday week was Communion. We had over 150 present and the whole day was a blessed one in every way. Such testimonies of **victory and advancement** as we had and many more expressed real heart hunger for the Holy Spirit to dwell in them.

At the close of the morning service we had an altar call and over 20 responded. Several got victory. For this day we praise God, his presence was so real and blessed.

Wednesday's class was fine. Many there, and good, clear, ringing testimonies. Pray for the hungry ones.

Here is Befa's report of yesterday's work.

She left here, accompanied with one of our kitchen girls and crossed the river Pevaen Saturday night. She found the head man had met with an accident so could scarcely use his foot. He is a seeker and she took this occasion to tell him his need to press forward at once before death overtook him.

He told her the Zionist preacher who had been troubling her wished to see her.

Finding he lived some miles away, she arose very early Sunday a. m. and with another woman, went to his home. She found him very glad to see her and was grieved to find his baby had died and his wife was very ill. He told her the following: "You remember our going to your preaching place and you reproved me? I would not listen to your words but still insisted we would go there and hold services also! Well, I believe your words or prophecy came true. I have been troubled and think the Lord has sent it upon me just as you said. Your words stabbed me to the heart when my baby sickened. Now I want you to pray for me and I will never bother you again."

Her words which gave him thought were these: "Why do you come to the place of other preachers? Why do not you people go to the heathen who have not yet light? You are like wolves in sheep's clothing. You teach wrong things, etc, etc."

If you add to or take away from what God's Word teaches he will do like he says in the last Chapter of Rev.

He had accused her of following a white teacher and said: "If you follow a white teacher you may be a believer here on earth, but when you go to Heaven you will find you are on the outside. Then you use medicine that is a sin." In reply she gave him what I have written and much more.

Well certainly the Lord helped her, and now here was the one who had given her so much trouble and whose fanatical teachings is certainly leading people astray.

They had a very nice talk and she had prayers with him and his sick wife.

There were 15 present to her meeting and a good time. She also was invited to come

to hold meetings at one kraal where our evangelist I have spoken of had forbidden her to go as he wanted that place himself. She replied to the woman who asked her: "If you get the head man to ask for me to come then I will come, but I could not go with just your invitation. Let me know next Sunday when I am to be at Ebudhluwini."

There were three sick people at as many different places whom she prayed with on her way home. It is a long distance and she did not take the donkey this time, so she was very tired, but glad and happy to work for Jesus.

She is Beals S. S. worker you remember.

If only I could write their interesting conversations that they have with these different ones, I am sure you would be interested, but I can only give you scraps.

Every evangelist I have interviewed the past few weeks is going forward in his experience and hungry for more. Aloni Mkonza has mellowed, grown hungry and is becoming such a help in every way. I never saw him in so good a place.

Jostina Nkasi, his wife, gives ringing testimonies of victory which puts hunger upon others.

Paulina Meseko, the same, and has good success on her field at Bucu. The Church there is a bit troubled as the farm on which they live has been sold and they do not know what the new owners may do. Pray for these!

Sampel, whose foot has troubled him for so long, is much better now. He is deepening and widening in his soul. He is so steady and faithful.

Filimona Nkasi gave such a fine report the last time he was here, two weeks ago. His is a needy field and his heart is being burdened to reach these heathen on this wide field. His wife, Marta, has recently begun work with success. This is the first after their return to us—you may remember they left us over ten years ago and have now been back about two years.

Filimona believes the Holy Spirit has come to abide in him. Praise the Lord!

There are two women and Solomona Sukazi—the blind young man—who do not get here so often to report, but they gave good ones when last here.

Joeli Mahlaba is enjoying his new field and doing good work, I think. It is a raw heathen place, so needs time before much success shows.

Isaya Sangweni enjoyed his visit with us on Communion Sunday. He spoke well, but said his heart is hungry for a deeper experience.

Tomasi Ngomezulu is away at work, but had victory in his soul over great trial a couple or three months ago.

I fear I have not told you of them all as I just remember Jona Myeni. He also lives far away so I cannot hear his report so often, but he just goes steadily on and does not expect to do anything else but serve God all his days.

Johanisi Mhlanga at Moolman does not get here often but Sampel Marebele goes to visit them there so I hear through him. Some of the church has had to move as the farmer had said if they remained on his land they had to join his church. This they did not wish to do.

I hear from Jessina frequently, though she is below Durban and in an old "burned over place," as we say. Still she has found some

hungry folks and gathered them into a little band. You remember Dr. Sanders organized a little church there and hopes soon to visit them again.

Tumoto Mkonza, Aloni, his brothers are visiting at present, so we shall hear from them soon.

Sisters Helen and Alice report to you of their work so I will only say they were with us on Communion Sunday also. They seeu all enthused with their new field. Brethren, pray for us.

Yours in Jesus,
MRS. H. C. SANDERS

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Dear Highway:

Our Quarterly Meeting at Entungwini yesterday was well attended and greatly blessed of the Lord. Three young children were brought to Jesus by their mothers, reminding us of His words, "For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

At our family prayers this morning, we were noticing how in Is. 58:6-41, our Lord makes very wonderful promises. There is mentioned in verse eight, "health," or R. V. "healing." Verse nine speaks of answered prayer: "Thou shalt cry and He shall say, Here I am." Divine guidance is assured in verse eleven: "And the Lord shall guide thee continually."

We noticed that these wonderful promises are conditional. One of the conditions is that thou "deal thy bread to the hungry." Upon leaving prayers and reaching the office we found a number of natives awaiting our arrival. One woman was profuse in her thanks for the gift of a shawl, that had been donated to her a few months ago, when her hut was burned. Her next words were a request for food to take to her home, as she is "with a famine."

Another woman begged for a few beans for her lunch, on a long journey she is soon to begin.

Next was a couple on their way home from a long distance. They had spent the night sleeping in the open, and had eaten no breakfast. So these, man and wife, went on their way saying that now they had eaten and were strong to continue their long journey.

Our native workers are becoming more deeply spiritual, and give the kind of testimonies that make others hungry to know God. Indeed they are our joy and our crown, showing us that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. A true revival spirit is manifest in nearly all our meetings, like a smouldering fire ready to burst into a flame. We seem to feel the uplift of your prayers.

Yours in Jesus,
H. C. SANDERS

The prescription of three steps has enabled many a soul to enter into the blessed life: 1. Confession. 2. Surrender. 3. Faith. We first the need of a way out from our helpless condition, from the sin that binds. If we confess there is a way. If we surrender our old way and become ready to accept the better way there is a ground for the faith that brings the blessing and the Blessor in His fulness. Surrendering ourselves we become the property of another and that other has the blessing to bestow we so much need.—The Way of Faith.