

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland M. S.,
Paulpietersburg,
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Dear Friends:

In April, 1929, it was agreed that we were to have quarterly meetings here on this mission station every three months which were to include daily business and preaching services and a special course of Bible readings, chiefly for our native workers, who are awakening to their need of training and asking for a Bible school. These meetings start on Wednesday and run for a whole week including the following Wednesday.

The various quarterlies since then have been reported in the Highway, and have been increasingly blessed. The meetings this time started March 5th and ran till the 12th inclusive. The Sterritt Sisters came over on Tuesday, the 4th, and their presence and fellowship both in our home and in the meetings, is a real strength and refreshing to us all. This is almost the only time we have together, and we certainly are glad for this much. Another treat which added blessing to this season was the presence of Rev. and Mrs. N. W. Keyes, Ruth's father and mother. Mrs. Keyes was sick during the whole stay, which robbed us of any chance to hear from her, and seemed very unfortunate. Mr. Keyes spoke twice and we were inspired and helped by his messages and spirit. Filimon Nkosi, one of our native workers, said: "It stirs my heart to see an old white haired man still on fire for God. If I am spared to reach his age I trust you will find me just as earnest for my Saviour."

Alfred Metula came early and stayed through, bringing with him five candidates for Baptism. Two of these were baptized on Sunday, the 9th: Jona Myena, Isaya Sangweni, Thomas Ngomezulu, Trifina Msibi, Asiena Mavusa, and a new helper, Josaya Mylandeni, were all present from the Transvaal and enjoyed the meetings, but unfortunately all except Isaya were called home on business and had to leave early. Joeli, Aaron, Bertha, Justina, Filimon, Johan Kunene, Peter Shelemba and Eunice Soko, another new helper, attended well. It was so nice to see Samuel among us again. His operation was successful, and though he has lost his foot he is able to get around on crutches and is slowly regaining his strength. He is still at the mission station under treatment, but soon to go home.

It was beautiful to see these dear Christian workers, earnestly searching the scriptures, showing such a love and hunger for the word, and such an appreciation of the lessons. At the noon hour and after the close of the afternoon services, you could see little groups in earnest discussion digesting the morning lesson, and in their testimonies later on showing the result. It is wonderful to see the progress some are making. Johan Kunene perhaps the best growth of any of them since we came. They have shown a love of the truth and a willingness to walk in the light.

As we looked forward to this quarterly meeting, knowing the issues that are at stake, we realized that we were facing the gravest situation we have met yet in this work, and it is with profound gratitude we now look back on the best quarterly we have had, so far (as all agreed). It would have done your heart good to have heard the grateful testimonies of one after another of our native workers and Christians as they thanked God for this quarterly, the lessons and messages and blessings they had enjoyed. We were

sorry that owing to an attack of flu, George was unable to attend the services. He preached for us Sunday but had to leave before the meeting was over.

I should like to give a personal testimony here. God gave me a great big victory and blessing in these meetings, perfecting His strength in my weakness, and giving grace sufficient for each new demand. I do praise Him.

We have lately seen several beautiful victories which have gladdened our hearts. Joeli and Elida, his wife, were married by Christian rites on Wednesday, Feb. 26th. Although as heathen they had a proper heathen wedding years and years ago, yet we found it very hard to get this Christian marriage through on account of a difficulty contracted in his heathenism. But the Lord has stepped in. Joeli cleared and delivered and there was great rejoicing after all these years to see this dear couple united in Christian rites. It just seemed to bless us all.

You will also be interested to learn of Paulina Maseko's wedding. Poor girl, she has gone through all sorts of trials and difficulties, but God has brought her out victorious, and she and her young husband, Philip Lukele, are very happy. He has privately informed her that he would like to move from the unhealthy locality where they now live, and she is hoping and praying that the Lord will open the way for them to live at Mybucus, where her outpost is situated. This would be a wonderful thing for the work there. Unite with her and with us in the prayer that the Lord will open the way for them.

One jubilant testimony on Wednesday you certainly would have enjoyed. Joana was a witch doctor, of whom I have told you. God wonderfully saved and delivered her and she has enjoyed a steady bright experience through years of sickness and trouble. She has been helpless for almost a year and now is just able to hobble around, one side being partially paralyzed. No food has been planted for her children, and she is faced with the probable loss of her firstborn, a bright young girl in her early teens, who is fast sinking with T. B. In spite of all her trouble she praised God with a shining face for His presence and comfort, and the sweet assurance in her soul through all her sickness and at the present hour. Praise God for the beautiful evidences we can see all along the line of His wonderful working.

This letter contains only one side of the story. There are other aspects of the work upon which I have not touched, but which drive us to our knees in desperation. I will simply say that the cause of second blessing holiness never more needed your earnest prayers than at the present time, and please, pray specially for us during the next few months.

Yours to "follow Him without the Camp."
FAITH MacDONALD

Altona M. S.,
Transvaal, S. A.

Dear Highway Friends:

Another summer is drawing to a close. It has been an unusually wet one for which we are very thankful. Last week while we were at Hartland attending the quarterly meeting, six inches of rain fell in four days. We feel to thank the Lord for these meetings as the work is being helped by them. The hour of Bible study is very much appreciated by all the native workers, and as the week came to an end we could see they were very much en-

couraged by these Bible truths.

Mr. and Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Paul Sanders' parents, were making her a short visit, so we were glad to have them with us as well. Mr. Keyes gave us two or three Zulu sermons, which were appreciated by all especially the natives. The business sessions were also helpful. March 16th was Big Sunday at Altona, Brother MacDonald and Joeli arriving Friday evening. On Saturday eight people came to be interviewed for baptism. These candidates came from Emfene and Entungweni and Altona. We had a nice Baptismal service on Sunday morning, followed by a good preaching and testimony service; four gave themselves to the Lord. We did not have as large a crowd as usual, as many have amabele gardens to watch—the birds would soon finish their grain if not watched. We are seeing the need of a new church building more all the time.

We are very thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Culberson for their gift toward it. We are saving the Big Sunday offerings for this purpose. We have twelve dollars in offerings now. Yesterday my sister and I went to Emozane to visit some sick natives. We left home shortly after breakfast, returning at dark. The last one we visited was a brother of Joeli's, a man of fifty, Alfred by name, a backslider. Now he has a grown up family, and these last few months has been unable to work as his sickness is quite serious, perhaps a cancer. He appreciated prayers and prayed himself, and says he now thinks about death and his condition before God.

We have many things to thank the Lord for daily. Surely His eye is upon us. I see His loving hand at every turn. I praise Him for the privilege of being here in Africa in His will. Truly His yoke is easy and burden is light.

The class meetings are well attended as well as the Sunday services. Some of the dear women give such lovely testimonies. Yes, the spirit is working in many hearts, but pray, dear ones, for the work in Africa; join us in praying for a real breaking up, especially among the young people. We are very glad for the Highways always to hear about the home church news.

We have a new native teacher this term, and we like her very much.

We are both well, for which we thank the Lord.

We ask your prayers, dear ones.

Yours as ever glad to be in Africa,

HELEN M. STERRITT

A LIVING CHRIST

Over and over, since Peter preached to Corinthians, since Paul wrote to the Corinthians and the angels gave the message to Christ's disciples (Lu. 24:63), the resurrection truth has been preached and taught and sung. A Mohammedan once said to a missionary, "We have one athing you have not. When we go to our Mecca, we find at least a coffin." "That is just the difference," replied the missionary. "Our Redeemer lives, while yours is dead." Christianity does not go to monuments, or mausoleums as do the worshippers of Buddha, Confucius or Zoroaster. Ours is the risen Lord, alive forever more.

To worship ancestors, saints or great religious leaders is idolatry. We should worship only Him who has power over life, who bound death in chains and led him away captive forever.—Selected.