

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona, Berbice P. O.,  
Via Piet Retief, Transvaal,  
June 13, 1932

Dear Highway Friends:

This is the time of harvest and it is surprising to see how the Lord has answered prayer this year. Truly, we do praise Him, for we see His love and mercy in giving food to these black people when at one time it looked so dark to them and us.

I believe they are reaping a harvest this year in answer to prayer only. Some have reaped abundantly, others not so much. To me it is really very wonderful what the Lord has done. The frosts are very heavy now, and we are glad as it will finish horse sickness and the fever.

There has been many natives die in the different sections (of fever). Three women died on Altona farm. These people did not trust in the white man's medicine, and they quickly passed away. We were very sorry and shocked to hear of these deaths, so near us. Many Zionists died in different parts. Of course they teach to take medicine is a sin, and yet on the other side many overlook real sins.

We had as usual church matters to talk over on Saturday.

Sunday we had a full church, a good sermon and the native workers gave inspiring exhortations. There was a wonderful spirit felt all through the service. One young girl gave herself to the Lord, and at the close an altar call was given and nearly all present went forward for prayer.

We are trusting the Lord for souls and for His blessing upon us.

Eliasi Siljiya was with us on that day for the first time since his illness. The Lord wonderfully worked and overruled by his sickness, and he has been spared the term of working for his white man, a brother has gone in his place, and now we have him to help us in the work, and he is such a bright Christian and has a burden for souls. He gives such a wonderful testimony and how real Jesus was to him when he was so sick away from home. He has a wife and two fine children. Isaya's wife has just had another bad sick spell, but is on the mend now. She is a very fine Christian, trusting the Lord at all times, in sickness or in health. Isaya as usual shines for the Lord when his wife is laid by, caring for her so tenderly and looking after the bay who is a very lively little miss of one year.

We can thank the Lord for some of these who have given up all for Jesus' sake.

Since sending our yearly report home we have had four more give themselves to the Lord. One is a man—the husband of Belina—a dear Christian woman who has just lately been appointed as a helper in the Church. She is rejoicing of course to see her husband turning to the Lord.

It rejoices our hearts to hear some of the clear testimonies. One woman whose husband has three other wives says she used to be very jealous, but now she sees it is all gone, and if her husband neglects her now she finds she has something new in her heart, and she has peace in her soul all the time. Two of the other wives became Christians two years ago, and the fourth wife is now getting tender. Dear ones, continue to pray for us and the work here especially the young people. We are remembering you all at Beulah, trusting to hear good reports.

I am yours, glad to be in Africa,  
HELEN M. STERRITT

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING  
SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Read at Beulah July 2nd, 1932

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The passing of another year brings us together again in our yearly missionary service, and with it the privilege of presenting to you the forty-fourth annual report of our missionary work.

In reviewing the past year, we would humbly and gratefully acknowledge the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father and the gracious tokens of Divine favour that have attended every effort put forth for the advancement of His kingdom.

In the homeland, a goodly number of our churches have enjoyed special seasons of refreshing, and a real revival spirit, resulting in the salvation of many precious souls. Some aggressive work has also been carried on, in the opening up of new fields, in which our workers found a ready and glad response to the blessed Gospel message of full salvation.

We are also pleased to report progress in our work in South Africa. Recent letters from our missionaries tell us that scarcely a week passes without some new token of God's divine smile upon this work, His work; for it is indeed a vine of His own planting. Our workers are finding open doors on every hand. Many are giving themselves to the Lord, and the work is very encouraging, both in Natal and in the Transvaal. Our missionaries need our prayers; let us remember them daily. Circumstances and surroundings are much more difficult than in the homeland. The forces of darkness are great, but the Captain of our Salvation is able to bring through to victory.

As we begin the work of another year, may we have a deeper realization of the fact that the Master is calling to greater accomplishments in His service; hence the need for importunate and intercessory prayer, the result of which shall be a blessed ingathering of precious souls for the kingdom of our Lord, who has declared that "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

From our societies we have reports as follows:

ROYALTON—Membership 20. We have a missionary prayer and praise service at our monthly meetings, also readings and recitations on missions. The interest is good. Two new members were added during the year. Our meetings are well attended by the young people, for which we praise God. Amount contributed, \$28.00.

WOODSTOCK—Membership 25. Our meetings have been well attended during the year. The programs, under the leadership of Miss Flora Brown, were helpful, instructive and inspiring. One month we invited the missionary societies from the other churches to meet with us. Our president, Mrs. C. O. Mutch, is certainly a great help, being sincerely interested in this very important branch of the Lord's work. Amount contributed, \$118.11.

GORDONSVILLE—Membership 12. Our meetings are good, though not largely attended, but we are glad God blesses the faithful few. May His blessing attend our missionaries in all their work. Contribution, \$13.00.

MILLVILLE—This society has a membership of 12, and sends an offering of \$21.11.

WESTCHESTER—Membership 14. Owing

to illness and the absence of some of our members, we were unable to carry on meetings during the winter months. While the attendance at present is small, the interest is good. Contribution, \$22.86.

WOOD ISLAND—This society was organized last August and since then has held monthly meetings with a good attendance and good interest. Membership, 12. Amount contributed, \$42.24.

BLACK'S HARBOUR—Our society was organized in January, 1931, with a membership of 20 which has since increased to 26. Our pastor, F. A. Anderson, conducts our meetings, which are held monthly. Contribution, \$23.00.

JONESPORT—Membership 16. Our society is small but we feel encouraged as we have raised more money than last year, and increased our membership, for which we are very thankful. Amount contributed, \$27.55.

NEW TUSKET—Membership 45. Our meetings are held monthly and take the form of a missionary prayer meeting, with a short program. We are thankful that we have been able to raise a little more money than last year, and hope the coming year may prove more prosperous, both financially and spiritually. We are continuing to pray for our missionary work. Amount contributed, \$51.46.

LOWER BRIGHTON—Membership, 18. Our society is still living, and we hope to do better next year. Circumstances made it difficult to have regular meetings, but we are still hoping and praying. Contribution, \$77.60.

FORT FAIRFIELD—Membership 17. Our society meets monthly at the regular prayer meeting. We held a special meeting at which a fine program was given. The people show a fairly good interest in missions. Contribution, \$145.61.

FREDERICTON—Membership, 35. Our society has had a good year. Interesting and helpful programs were prepared for our monthly meetings, which were well attended. One class in our Sunday School supports a native worker in South Africa, and another a teacher. A considerable amount of benevolent work has been done, such as providing quilts and clothing for those in need. Total contribution, \$235.67.

SANDFORD—Membership, 25. We have a good interest in our meetings. A large number of children attend and assist in the programs. Contribution, \$82.73.

PORT MAITLAND—Membership, 11. We hold monthly meetings which are well attended. We trust the coming year will be a better one. Contribution, \$50.72.

MARYSVILLE—Membership, 55. We are pleased to report that our meetings are held regularly, and are well attended. The interest is good and often a helpful program is rendered. We rejoice with you all for the work in the foreign and home fields during the year, and pray that, though a financial depression is generally felt, our work will yet go on to even greater proportions in the Master's name. Amount contributed, \$100.35.

SEAL COVE—Membership 46. Our society is in a very good condition. Regular monthly meetings are held which are fairly well attended, and a good interest shown. Amount contributed, \$208.16.

NORTH HEAD—Membership 16. Our monthly meetings have been fairly well attended. An interesting program arranged by different ones was much enjoyed. Contribution, \$35.82.

MONCTON—Membership 22. Our society is in a fairly good condition. Although our number is small, yet they are a faithful few.