

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Homeland Friends:

It has been much longer than it should be since you have heard from us, and I am sorry. We have had two Big Sundays since we wrote—the school closing and Christmas proceedings and just now are having a few quiet days which we greatly appreciate.

The Lord is pleased to give us gracious tokens of His love and presence with us for which we praise Him.

Isaya has been laid up for about five weeks and we miss his labours—but the Lord is blessing and sweetly teaching him and we believe it is all for the furtherance of the Gospel. He has suffered greatly in body, but has had sweet rest in his soul and though he looks so miserable and we feel concerned about his physical condition, yet it is a blessing to be in his presence, he is so full of love and praise to God. He was able to attend the Christmas services and each meeting since, but is not able to do any work, he is so weak. Pray for him that he may be spared if it can please the Lord.

Early last Saturday morning their little boy was taken to the "Better Land." He was only a few months old, and has ever been very delicate and weak, so we were not surprised at his passing away. They are sad to lose the second boy they had, but are so beautifully submissive to the Lord's will. It is a great comfort to see them so resigned and blest in their sorrow.

Helen attended the quarterly meeting at Hartland before Christmas and enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. Mr. MacDonald came around in the car for them. The Pongola River has been full for weeks and we hear it roaring this morning after a very heavy rain last night.

Friday evening, Dec. 22nd, they returned, and on Sunday, the 24th, we had a full house and a good service, but not as gracious a meeting as on the Big Sunday before. During the night it rained heavily and at 4 a. m. Christmas Day it was pouring. We thought there could be no feast that day and were minded to postpone it until Jan. 1st, but when they brought the ox later on, there were slight signs of the weather clearing and we decided (fortunately) to go on with the proceedings, event though it was so wet and uncomfortable. Many people would have been disappointed for there were fully 500 people present by the time all was ready. We had a packed house for the service at 1.30 p. m. and a good attention for the most part, until a large number of heathen boys became restless outdoors and made some disturbance. They were getting eager for the box of matches which they knew Mr. MacDonald would give out at the close of the meeting. The singing of the Zulu Christmas hymns was very sweet indeed and we were thankful for the number of heathen people who were present to hear the story of Jesus. We are so glad for the opportunity Christmas affords, for many come that day who never attend a service at other times. There was no rain during the day, so all went well. The Christmas ox was brought with the offerings of the natives and our own contribution toward the feast. Each one gave as he felt able, a sixpence or shilling or three pence, while others contributed hens (fifteen in all). One heathen man sent his little boy with a goat on Christmas morning which we did appreciate so

much. Isaya and his aunt also gave a goat, so there was plenty of meat and a liberal supply of crushed corn.

How our hearts yearn over these heathen people, that they may know the deeper meaning of the Christmas season. To them it is a time of feasting only—but some are being enlightened and we trust many will yet come to know Jesus the Saviour of the world.

And now we have entered the New Year, which we pray may be the best yet in this land of Africa, and may it be a blessed year for you all in the homeland.

I praise Him for the promises in His Word and for the great desire in my soul to see His name glorified among the heathen. He does encourage us to trust Him for souls in this dark land.

We were kindly remembered in many ways by the natives who live near us. One sent a hen, another a dish of peanuts, two sent a squash; others some green corn, melons and potatoes and a heathen man sent us a nice grass broom. While we are not here to be ministered unto, these little tokens of love mean much to us from this Zulu people.

Our Grey's Mills friends sent their annual gift of money which we do so much appreciate. They have never forgotten to do this in these thirteen years in Africa—the loving gift comes each Christmas. In these hard times we know it means much for the homeland friends to continue these gifts and loving support. May the Lord greatly bless all who help carry on the work in Africa.

We are glad to hear from different friends by Christmas cards also, and we pray that we may all go deeper with our Lord this year and see more blessed results and victories in His service.

We were blest recently in receiving a beautiful letter from Mrs. F. H. Hale, of Vancouver, whom many of you know. We have never met her, but are very glad to have come in touch with this dear saint of God by this letter. Her prayers for Africa and the work of God in general are surely a sweet savor unto the Lord of Harvest. She tells us she is eighty-three years of age and her letter was beautifully written and so interesting. May it please the Lord to let her tarry longer to carry on her work of prayer for souls. She has supported Aloni Mkonza for ever twenty years.

With New Year Greetings to you all from us both, I am,

Yours in Christian love,

ALICE F. STERRITT

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Highway: Fort Fairfield, Me.,

We opened our revival on Sunday morning, Jan. 14th, and closed Sunday evening, Jan 28th. Rev. R. V. DeLong, West Somerville, Mass., was our evangelist. Brother DeLong came to us in the fullness of the blessing and preached in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

The church was greatly helped under his ministry and many souls were saved, sanctified, and reclaimed. Counting the people who came to the services one would have to list 140 or 150 persons. Of course, some came to the altar more than once. Some came to be saved or reclaimed and came later to be sanctified. There must have been close to one hundred or more different persons who claimed to get definite help at the altar. Thirty-three found their way to the altar in the closing service.

Brother DeLong has a keen intellect and a fervent spirit. His sermons were packed full of thought and anointed by the spirit. He is a young man with a great experience in the classroom and behind the pulpit.

In spite of storm last week-end we reached 256 in our Sunday School Rally on Sunday morning. One little girl invited 88 to Sunday School and had 42 present. We could have big Sunday Schools if we would work like that little girl.

I called a special meeting of the Young People last night and tried to give a bit of instruction to the new converts. It sounded great to hear the new voices in prayer and testimony. Seventeen of the new converts joined the young people's Society last night and there are others to come in later.

I am praying that God shall give me the wisdom so I shall be able to give the proper instruction to these new converts. A few were old people, some were middle aged, but the majority of the seekers were young folks. Of course, this is true in every revival.

We rejoice when we hear of victory in other parts of the field and wanted to tell you of our victory so you could share in the rejoicing.

Yours in Him,

G. A. ROGERS

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed please find money order for renewal of the Highway. I love the little paper very much and can truly say Jesus is precious to me.

Yours in Christian love,

MRS. G. BISHOP

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will please find order for two dollars, payment for my subscription to "Highway".

We enjoy the clean reading, and real truths which the "Highway" brings to us

Very best wishes for success in this real work for God and man.

(MISS) MABEL M. SHERWOOD

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed please find money order for 1 dollar and 50 cents (\$1.50), for the renewal of my subscription for Highway. We certainly enjoy reading its clean pages and hearing of the good work that is going on in other parts of the vineyard. We feel to thank the Dear Lord for His many blessings bestowed upon us and wishing the Highway and all its readers a prosperous and happy year in the Master's work

Your brother in the Lord,

P. B. HURLBERT

Jonesport, Me., Jan. 30, 1934

Dear Highway:

We thought you might want to hear from this part of God's vineyard, so we are taking this opportunity to report.

We began special meetings here Jan. 7th, with Lic. Geo. DeLong as evangelist and song leader. God did use our brother in a wonderful way, and he did not fail to declare the whole truth, and as a consequence we have had a gracious revival.

There was a goodly number of seekers at the altar, some for reclamation, others for regeneration and sanctification. The Lord was with us from the very start of the meeting. We had perfect weather, good interest, and large crowds, in fact our little church could not accommodate all those who came to the services, we had to turn people away, much to our sorrow. The meeting closed on Wednesday, Jan. 24th. This was one