

Lord had done for her. She went with our native girl. On returning that night, she was overflowing with joy at the wonderful meeting they all had. She said although I could not read the Word, the Lord was in our meeting together, and we had a blessed time. Isaya's old mother is going on nicely in the Lord also.

I am only touching a few people, but enough to let you know the dear Lord is in our midst and working by His Spirit. Please continue to pray for us.

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

Hartland, M. S., Paulpietersburg,
Natal, South Africa, Mar, 11, 1935.

Dear Highway Folk:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus. I am sorry once again to be so long since I have written, but I simply have not the time to write as often as I wish. Could I write on horse back or while driving the motor in visiting one or another of the outposts, you would hear from me more often, but I am constantly on the go, either on foot, horseback, or by car. We do not know what it is to have a day or an hour that we can call our own on this Mission Station. For example, last week we were in town on business after rushing through our business, went out nine miles to the Pevaan Baths and enjoyed a delightful hour there in company with Miss Sterritt, with my wife and children. This beautiful spot although it is so near, it is the first time any of us have visited it. On our return home we were greeted with one girl with a broken collar bone who had been waiting for us for three hours, also a young child had fallen on a tin and cut her lip. There is no such thing as an hour we can call our own, and though our intentions are very good, many times regarding our writing, just the moment we settle down to write we have first one and then another call, for medicine or attention of some sort. Night or day, it is all the same, but we are happy to spend and be spent in the work of the Lord.

Six years ago last Wednesday we arrived here. They have been full years with joys and sorrows. We felt the call of God when we came and we feel it now, and the blessing of the Lord upon our souls. We trust that He who has carried us through the six years that are past will give us the strength for the future whatever its demands may be and help us to see more fruit for Him. Since coming here we have seen about two hundred and fifty baptized and many many give themselves to the Lord, and personally I believe that the work has never been in as good a condition as it is in today. Not all that we want it to be or that we expect it to be, but nevertheless the most encouraging that it ever has been. From every outpost, with but three exceptions, we can report progress and a spirit of revival. Not only on our side of the rivers, but all over the work. In these past years we have seen some wilt and go down, but many whom we found backslidden have come back to the Lord and are in a good condition today, and today some of the most heart-breaking cases are showing signs of coming to themselves and seeking the Lord. Never has there been such a sweet spirit of unity or of "Oneness" with white and black as there is today. And now as I travel, many times, and have people in the motor that are not our people and hear them talking among themselves, many of them not realizing that I am understanding what they are saying, what I overhear shows that the people all around us recognize that our church stands for truth and righteousness and

that it is a great light in this district, and I believe that many who have been led away by false prophets will be glad to get into the fold again. I believe with all my heart that this church was called of God to this field, and that its leaders and founders have built well, and laid a foundation for a great work. We believe that the Lord is calling us to push out on many lines and when more help comes, which we trust may be soon, we shall see a greater growth than this church has ever known. This work has passed through its infancy, yet it still needs the hand of a white leader to guide and guard and enlighten this people.

There are many phases of this work of which I could speak, but time and space will not permit. Since my last writing I have baptized twelve, who gave the clearest and brightest testimonies that we have yet heard and blessed our souls. Our services both here and at Altona were wonderful. I trust that the Sisters may have had time to write about theirs, but their time, as ours is not their own. The pressure of work will not allow them to write as often as they desire or as they should. But we trust that the people in the Homeland will understand and forgive us all, and pray that we each may be given strength to reach the most possible, with this gospel which brings freedom and deliverance from sin.

With thanks for your prayers and support of the past, I remain,

Yours in Him,

REV. D. M. MacDONALD

Hartland M. S., Paulpietersburg,
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Dear Praying Friends:

These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth. I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and has kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Rev. 3:7-8.

I was sitting alone in the Church today silently praying to God for a revival, and thinking of different phases of the work, the growth and blessing, and the difficulties and needs, when God spoke straight to my heart and said: "You hold the key to the situation." I was startled, and began to ponder on what God's word says about keys, and in the preaching service which followed, had such a revelation of God's open door, and the key which He gives us, as greatly blessed my and encouraged the faith of us all. If you will take this passage to Him and on your knees ask Him to speak to your heart you will find that He never places us in any situation without giving us the key, and that the very impossibility you are facing is "a door ajar." If you just give it a real push of faith it will swing wide, and like Christian and Hopeful in Pilgrim's Progress, you will walk right out of your prison of difficulty, trial or whatever it is. Oh, I could tell of hundreds of times in my life when He has thus led me out, and I am sure you could. Praise His Name!

"Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it." I believe that He is saying that to us as a Denomination at this present time regarding the sending forth of the waiting Missionaries, and the needed furlough of three on the field, and though depression may seem to us as a closed door, yet He tells us that He has set before us an "Open Door," and if we believe we shall see.

Your Missionaries on the field have reason to praise God and to be much encouraged by the way He is working here. Alice was over to Hartland M. S. last week and says they are having really sweet blessing both at the Station and outpost meetings and there is a quickening, like a breath of life over the whole section.

Filimon, whose outpost lies at the end of the roughest journey in the whole field, and whose faithfulness in weakness and flood and many difficulties and persecution has been touching is now seeing a growth and progress such as one would naturally expect having seen his life and ministry. Johanisi and his wife Tryfina though young in the work have proved themselves workmen that need not be ashamed, and the spirit between them and Filimon is beautiful. Johanisi calls himself Filimon's son in the Lord and they are a great help in their home section. At present God is wonderfully blessing Johanisi's ministry in the Altona region, and he is stationed there for the next six months, to help take Isaiah's place. Filimon's section had only one church member when we came here in 1929, and has now a membership of twenty-five with more soon to follow, and about twenty seekers.

Johan Kunene has been blessed of God in building up the work in his district so that I believe they have the best discipline, spiritual health and blessing of any branch in the work, and nearly every week some new seeker gives themselves to the Lord. They have now three centers, one across the Pevaan, another near Dumbe mountain, and one near his home, where he built a little church almost single handed. Now these people go with him one Sunday to his "Mahloni" outpost across the Pevaan, and the next those folk come to his church on this side. He and his good wife hold two services every Sunday, and a mid-week class which is well attended. They have splendid congregations at all these meetings. Josefa Simelane, a fine young Zulu, and earnest young Christian was baptized and married by Christian rites last Quarterly, and has been here studying for some time and feels his call to preach. Johan's own son, Elija, is also a prospective preacher. That is one of the encouraging signs of the work at present, (and I rejoice to note that it is the same in the Homeland), that there are a number of promising young men and women in different parts of the field who feel the hand of God upon them, and give promise of soon becoming real helpers.

George Sangweni has three in his field, fine young Christian men, who can read well in their own language, feel the call to preach the Gospel to their own people, and help him in prayer and other services. One of them we have invited over to our Quarterly Meeting in the hope that if he proves worthy we can get him to come over and study.

The Lord has blessed us with a number of fine spiritual young women who have been well trained and are doing good work in our schools. This is a very important part of the Mission work, teaching the young Zulus to read the scriptures in their own tongue. The public opinion around here has been very slow to turn from darkness and ignorance, but now people are beginning to realize the importance of giving their children an education. Jakob Mgadi, the young Christian Malaria Assistant, whom the Government sent here

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