

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Transvaal, So. Africa  
Dec. 5th, 1935

Dear Homeland Friends:

"He brought me to the banquetting house and His banner over me was love."

This is the expression of my heart as I look back over the months that have passed since I last wrote you. Truly "God is love," and He has been so gracious and loving to us in all His dealings. We do praise and thank Him with truly grateful hearts.

When we received word from our Mission Board that we should go away for a while, a burden seemed to roll from our hearts, for we were truly very worn, dear friends, and the Lord spoke so sweetly in the depth of my heart that He was going to help us in a very special way and look after everything at home, bringing a sweet rest about it all. We had to make our preparations quickly in order to get the excursion rates which were on at that very time. We expected to stay four or five weeks at the very longest, but Helen has written you that we were obliged to stay six weeks longer. We arrived home on November 8th, and feel so much better. We cannot express how deeply grateful our hearts feel for all that He has done and for the word that came from home which opened up the way—His way—and which came just at the right time—His time.

Mr. MacDonald met us at Paulpietersburg, and brought us to Altona, where a happy welcome was waiting for us. They had got along beautifully during our absence. God has graciously looked after them all, and it has given them good experience. They were very glad to have us return; they realize that the united efforts of both black and white workers are needed to carry on against the forces of evil which surround us. How we need them even as they need us in this dark land. We are so thankful for the help of all. Mr. MacDonald and George had been over, also, which was an encouragement and blessing to them. We all feel to praise the dear Lord for our going away and for bringing us safely back. All has been in the plan of God and His blessing has been manifest. There were twelve new seekers during these weeks and two more since our return. One by one they are leaving the ranks of heathenism to follow the Light of the World, and we praise Him for the privilege of living among them—His choice for us—unworthy though we be.

During my stay in the hospital, the presence of the Lord was very real and precious to me. It seemed as though His blessed presence enveloped and blessed me from the very moment I heard the doctor's sentence. Such a sweet assurance of His tender love and care came sweeping over my heart, and gratitude that He had undertaken before it was too late. The night before I entered the hospital I asked Him for a special promise, and opened to Isaiah 32:2, 3. It was so comforting to see those beautiful words looking right up at me from His own Book. My spirit was filled with unutterable peace and joy. Could He have spoken more definitely to my heart! Dear friends, I think not.

And now we are back again and busy with the usual routine of life on a mission station feeling so grateful for the lovely holiday we had and which we so greatly needed. Praise the dear Lord. I still have to be careful and not have too much eye-strain, and am trying

to do my best to avoid further trouble.

Just now we are getting ready for our Christmas school closing. It is a happy time for all, and a busy time as well. We are so thankful for our splendid teacher. She is such a comfort in every way, and so is Johanisi Nkosi, the native evangelist. His wife is a true co-worker with him. He expects to have to leave us after Christmas and work for his landlord six months—unless the Lord miraculously works a change in their plans. We are looking to Him to do what is best for us all. We shall miss him so much.

Isaiah's widow came from Swaziland to see us this week-end. She is really a beautiful character and it was sweet to meet and talk with her. The Lord is using her there at that outpost. A young man gave himself recently.

Mr. MacDonald suggested to the natives that they bring a thank-offering for the free medical services we had rendered during our stay at Altona, and they took it up eagerly. When we came home, to our surprise an offering of about \$17.00 had been brought in, not only from our own people, but from the churches who are anti-European. They said they were also glad to thank for past help. This was a very sweet surprise to us, and we appreciate it greatly.

On Big Sunday (Nov. 15) we had a full house and good services. Mr. MacDonald and George were both here. In just three weeks more it will be Christmas Big Sunday and we do look forward to a time of blessing.

At present one of the chief's numerous wives is staying here with her child. There have been eight children die in the chief's largest kraal (Kipa Nyawo) and he has sent all his wives to their own fathers' kraal from that one kraal where the deaths have been. We cannot find out what has caused these deaths—but we know they all strongly suspect poisoning. Only two of his own children have died, but others are sick at their mothers' homes. So the cause of infection certainly was in the Kipa Nyawo kraal, and as it has not spread to other kraals it does look as though it was a case of poisoning. He is very very discouraged about such a catastrophe and is staying at his Klip Vaal home. The wife who is here lives so far from her own people (in Zululand) he asked to have her stay here until this time of trouble be past. It is really a very sad time for him, and we pray that it may be a means of enlightenment to souls. The Lord is speaking in so many ways these days.

No rain has fallen for several weeks until last night. A good shower came and it looks like rain again. It is marvellous to see how little plowing is done. The whole country dry and barren with just a small piece of ploughed land to be seen here and there. The Lord uses so many of these afflictions to bring souls to repentance. So we ask only for His will to be done. Mealies about \$4.50 a bag—a fearful price.

With Christian love from us both.

Yours in Him,

ALICE F. STERRITT

Foreign missions is involved in each individual consecration.

Where do we get the idea that God calls a missionary to sacrifice more than you do?

Has God two standards of consecration? One for the homeland, and another for the mission field?

—F. J. Briggs in O. M. S.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Friends:

I am reminded that we have but one more issue of the Highway before our special Missionary Day on January 26th.

I rejoice with you all in the fine list of names recorded in the January 1st issue who made contributions to the Missionary Funds. Some giving like that will do wonders. It will meet our present needs, make possible the reinforcing of our Missionary staff, put back into our Reserve Fund what has been drawn to pay current expenses, and make the hearts of many rejoice.

I am glad for the letters I have received from some of our pastors declaring their readiness to cooperate in a real Missionary drive.

Some have desired a more definite statement from the Board, re the return of our missionaries, as objective to place before their people. Personally, I am satisfied that the return of our missionaries is a certainty. However, my reason for saying this is that I believe our people will respond to the call. Otherwise we are blocked.

There is no question regarding this matter that the Board has not already discussed and considered many times. We have not even set aside the place we feel that "faith in God" will do for us, as some would imply, but faith in God will work quite as effectually in raising money for Missions in 1936 as it will in 1937. So now is the time to exercise our faith.

What we want now is "faith" coupled with "works." With this combination something can be done, without it we will be obliged to do what many another stronger and better financed Missionary Society than ours have done, namely, retrench rather than reinforce.

But this by God's grace we will not do. Our people will take hold of this as they have every other worthy cause and the results will make possible a forward move.

Wishing you every success for the New Year.

REV. F. A. DUNLOP

Marysville, N. B.

Dear Highway Readers:

Just a short letter regarding the work at Marysville.

Our stay thus far with this people has been one of real fellowship and blessing. They have been very gracious and have stood by us faithfully.

Our recent revival was a great benefit to the church. Some were definitely helped and the meeting left us much stronger in every way.

Brother Tokley was much appreciated and proved himself to be a faithful preacher of the Word. His preaching was solid and thorough. The ones who came to the altar as seekers knew well their need and prayed accordingly. We were disappointed that so many, some under great conviction of need, failed to make their peace with God.

The lighting system of our church has been greatly improved just recently, with a set of six beautiful fixtures, presented by the Misses Stella and Bessie Steeves. These lights were given in memory of their father, the late John Steeves, who for many years was a highly honored member of this church and a strong advocate of full salvation. It is needless to say that the church appreciates the very great interest the Steeves family has shown by many of these practical gifts.

We are planning a great Missionary Day