

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona Mission Station  
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Dear Highway Friends:

Another Beulah Camp has been enjoyed by many and now it is history, but we were so glad to hear of the good preaching by the evangelist, also that many who attended were helped and blessed. We also thanked the dear Lord when we heard that so many of our dear young people were keeping true to Him. May God especially bless and strengthen our people is our daily prayer.

I think that you would like to hear something about our work, and to begin with, I want to tell you that we are still very happy in the Lord; it's a different land, but it doesn't seem strange to be here; it seems very natural, and I believe when we obey God's call for service, He gives us a contented happy feeling in whatever place He calls us to.

A week ago last Sunday we had our first funeral here at Altona. George and Eugene had an appointment for that day, so George went alone to the outpost and Eugene carried on the service here. Many heathen attended, which gave a grand opportunity to preach to them. This girl who had died was baptized by Brother MacDonald and Eugene on our first Sunday at Altona. She was not well then and rapidly failed in strength. She died of T. B.

Eugene and George made a nice coffin on Saturday night and the girl's people were very pleased. It was not a mournful service for Felita was ready to go and just before she died she told them not to cry for her for she was alright. She was going to Heaven.

This girl had been the sweetheart of a boy who already had other girls, but before we arrived she gave him up and it was so nice to think that everything was all settled and she was ready to go to meet her Lord.

Oh, dear homeland young people, do continue to pray for these dear young people here. Their life is hard, especially in the heathen kraals, and often sin is forced upon them. I do thank God for our faithful young people who are walking with God and obeying His commands. It isn't always an easy walk but it surely pays to serve Jesus.

We had the privilege of attending the Quarterly Meeting at Hartland during the last days of June. It was so nice to see and enjoy fellowship with our missionaries. These meetings reminded us of Beulah. They were well attended by the natives and many received spiritual help.

We were able to attend a church wedding of two of our young Christians also while there. It was a very pretty wedding. The young people were nicely dressed and Grace had even made a wedding cake for the occasion.

Brother MacDonald and Charles Sanders baptized several young girls on Sunday afternoon. It was a lovely day and we enjoyed this service too.

Our work here is going on very nicely. Eugene and George are most always away to distant outposts on Sunday but I usually stay here at Altona and help with the services.

We have S. S. each Sunday morning; for the first two and a half months we only averaged an attendance of twelve but I was delighted last Sunday when twenty were present. Our native children need spiritual teaching for often they have little or no help at

home and I feel that if we can teach them to love God's Word while they are still young they will find it easier to love Him and trust Him as they grow older.

Last Sunday just before Sunday school began, a heathen woman came with amabele to sell. We told her that we did not buy things on Sunday, but she could leave it and return on Monday for her money. We invited her to stay to S. S. and she seemed to enjoy it. I gave her a card and she was very interested in that and asked if the story was there too. The children like the cards very much. I am sure the dear Canadian children will be glad to hear that the cards they sent out to the little African children are being used here. These boys and girls love to have them, and I find them a great help as I tell them the Bible stories. I also find the Picture Rolls very helpful too in teaching the lessons, and I want to thank all who sent these useful things.

I usually preach each Sunday afternoon. When we first came our native teacher acted as my interpreter and we managed very nicely. Then for three weeks during the vacation I found it hard to get a message for the people but by using mostly scripture I arranged a brief talk. We have a new teacher now and she will interpret for me which will make it better.

We have class meetings each Thursday. In the morning we have a Bible study. Recently Eugene has taken up the church covenant and we have been studying it clause by clause. In the afternoon we have a preaching and a testimony meeting. It does us good to hear these dear people pray and testify. God truly has done a great work in the hearts of many of them.

So many of our people live so far away it is impossible to have night services very often. Many live miles away and they walk long distances to attend services and receive spiritual help. One Sunday it was raining very hard and I thought we would only have the few who live nearby out to the service, but to my surprise, nineteen came. Some had walked miles through a cold rain to get here and were wet through but that didn't seem to dampen their spirits for we had a lovely service. At the close we sang, "There shall be showers of blessings" in Zulu and I feel sure that we were all blessed in our souls.

Now, dear friends, I must close. May God richly bless you all as you labor in the dear homeland and as you pray for your work in Africa. May God keep us all faithful to the end and may we with joy enter into His presence bringing our sheaves with us.

Yours for African souls,  
GLADYS KIERSTEAD

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

Prayer is the mightiest thing put into human hands. If we know how to pray, nothing is impossible to us. Prayer should be a thing of plan and purpose as well as impulse. The power to pray, and the power to teach others to pray, is entirely dependent on the depth of the spiritual life. There can be no forward movement in missions except as this is attained through a deepening of the spiritual life of the leaders of the Church, and a real spiritual revival among the members. The one real lack of today is a lack of spiritual life; the one great need the realization of the constant presence and power of the Holy Spirit.—Robert Speer.

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Dear Highway:

Greetings in the name of the Chief Shepherd.

A report from Woodstock is long over due to your columns.

As announced, we were scheduled for a meeting in May with Rev. W. M. and Mrs. Mallory, of Trenton, Ont. Since I am not given to send too soon a glowing report of a meeting, I have perhaps waited over long to say that the above meeting was a good one.

The Mallorys endeared themselves to all and by their searching messages and sweet singing were used to bring conviction to the needy and encouragement to those seeking help.

As so often reported of special work, we wished more had been accomplished, but as was true of the Master, many times, He could do no more mighty works because of the unbelief, so today the success of the work is cut short by the failure and refusal of so many to walk in the light and be obedient to the will of God. However, several were reclaimed, some professed sanctification and at the Wednesday night prayer service following the meetings, two more gave their hearts to God, for which we rejoice.

Later a baptismal service was held on Sunday morning and at the evening service three persons united with the church. Two others united earlier in the spring.

Our membership here has suffered considerably during recent years by deaths and removals, but others are stepping in to fill the ranks somewhat. We need much prayer and sacrifice for a grand evangelistic rally and we solicit your help for a real revival in the old mother church.

At this writing we learn that Mrs. Mallory has recently undergone a serious operation, and requests prayer for her recovery to health and the work again. May God be pleased to restore these beloved workers to continue their ministry of sermon and song.

As pastor, I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness of the congregation of the Woodstock Church. I am entering upon the fifth year and pray that this may be a year filled with rich blessing to all.

May God bless all our churches and pastors and grant sweet unity and co-operation that with united sacrifice, prayer and faith the work shall prosper.

Let us join in our petitions for a gracious outpouring of the Spirit on the Riverside Camp at this time. Amen.

To God be all the glory.

L. T. SABINE

Dear Brother Dow:

We wish to report the revival meetings held in the Millstream Church. Miss Miriam Sanders, of Amherst, was our evangelist. She was with us three weeks and over four Sundays. She is a good preacher and a real help to church and pastor. There were a number of seeking souls at the altar, some were reclaimed and others making a start for the first time. We enjoyed working with our sister and having her in our home. She is a fearless preacher and the church received real benefit from her ministry. We recommend her to any church needing a spiritual uplift.

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