

building has at last been finished and has been officially opened and dedicated to the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The opening services, beginning on Friday and extending on over Sunday, took the place of our regular Quarterly meetings which we would have had at Altona at this time.

The Friday evening preaching and praise service lasted until almost dawn. The church was packed to the doors, there being over a hundred present in a building built for about sixty or seventy of a congregation. Alfred Metula, three of his church members, and Brother George Sanders arrived for this first service besides our local workers and congregations. The Lord's presence was felt from the very beginning of that service. Other far away workers came later.

Saturday morning was a time for preparing for the feast that almost invariably accompanies a church opening out here. Eight goats and almost twenty chickens were killed and prepared for the pot. Nearly everything except the skins and feathers went into the pots and were cooked. Samp or very coarsely ground corn was also cooked to go with the meat.

A little after noon we gathered in the church for the official opening and dedicatory service. The congregation proved too much for the size of the building so after the dedicatory prayer by Brother George Sanders, we went outside for the preaching and table offering. Our congregation numbered over two hundred. I brought the message from I. Cor. 3:9-17, stressing the need of developing a strong and beautiful spiritual house.

When the natives and missionaries brought forward their "thank-offerings," we found that their money and promises totalled more than twenty dollars. Thank the Lord!

These offerings, together with Mrs. Duplissey's contributions, more than paid for the money cost of the church, which was about \$75. The building is built of unburned brick, has a nice mud floor, is thatched with grass, has four nice windows, and is nicely plastered and decorated inside. The local congregation is very proud of their new church. They expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Duplissey for her help in building and for the pulpit desk and chair she made possible.

The name chosen, Emmanuel (God with us) was very apt as God was certainly with us with conviction and blessing in the Saturday evening service and on Sunday. One man "chose the Lord," three babies were presented to the church, and more than forty partook of Communion on Sunday. The Sunday service was one of the best services I have been in since coming out here. All the speakers (native workers) spoke with unction and power and tears. Many were convicted of sin or lack of victory in their lives; one after another stood up and asked for prayer, some had backslid, some felt the uprising of the "old man," some felt a concern for the unsaved, etc. Prayer time was like an old-time Beulah scene when the altars are full and prayer and groans and shouts mingle together.

Brother George and I left for Altona on our bicycles at about dusk in a heavy mist and drizzle. Needless to say we arrived home soaked to the skin, cold, and hungry, but with gratitude in our hearts for the blessings

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

we had enjoyed in the opening services. We trust that this may only be the beginning of a real revival.

Yours in Him,

E. A. M. KIERSTEAD

Hartland Mission,
P. O. Paulpietersburg,

June 6th, 1942

Dear Highway:

You will notice that I am writing at Hartland instead of Altona. I have been over here a few days helping in some building and rebuilding that is going on at the Mission Station.

The south-east walls of the old Mission House were badly weathered and in a near tumble-down state as they were made of unburned mud bricks. They were torn down and we are building them up again with burned brick that we made on the farm here last year. We have had to do very little to the old door and window frames by way of repairs; that is quite surprising after all of the years that they have been standing in raw mud bricks. The house is beginning to look as if it could stand for many more years yet.

A foundation has also been laid to add two new rooms to the hospital building to accommodate the increasing number of patients and new equipment that hospital money has been able to buy.

I had quite a difficult time getting across the river from Altona this week. I tried to cross on Tuesday but had to turn back home the river was so swollen from the recent rains. Wednesday I went up the river to Mfene and tried again and failed. That night I slept at Paulina's kraal (our native worker) and the next morning her husband, Philip, helped me across. Philip killed a puff-adder on the river bank as we were about to start into the water. I had a very nice visit at Paulina's. They gave me chicken, tea, porridge and peanuts for my supper and breakfast. I was also fortunate in having a nice bed to sleep in instead of sleeping on the floor.

Brother Charles has gone over to my appointment at Little Mapondleni for me today on horseback. I will stay here and take his service.

Yours in Him,

EUGENE A. M. KIERSTEAD

CORRESPONDENCE

Beals, Maine

Dear Highway Readers:

I am so glad this morning, that I can truthfully say, prayer changes things!

Before I went to Beulah Camp this year, the doctor informed me that when I returned from camp I must go to Bar Harbor to see a specialist. I had already had one operation of this nature, and knew what it meant. So I with many others took this trouble to God in prayer.

While at Beulah a few friends met with me for special prayer in my room and there I felt the Lord healed me.

On my return home, there were many that thought it best that I should see the doctor. I told them there was no need of it. But after I thought the thing over I decided it best, as I would have a chance to tell the doctor about what took place.

Yesterday was my first chance to go. Doctor said I would not have to go see the specialist, as

that trouble is not bothering. It was then that I told him about what had happened.

So I feel that the Lord has been especially good to me, and I want everyone to know it.

I am so glad I gave my heart to the Lord when I was a child. My one aim in life is to keep true. I earnestly believe this is the right way to live.

MRS. OSMOND H. KELLEY

Dear Highway Friends:

The Lord beautifully saved me last winter out of sin and its folly to a peace that is calm as a river and it stays with me. In my lonely times I have Jesus, a Friend that is always near and understands. The one thing in my life I am genuinely ashamed of is my falling away but when I came believing my Jesus was there waiting.

Alice Van Rensselaer wrote:

For only through prayerful endeavor
By that road which saints have trod,
Shall we see the King in His beauty
And be close to the throne of God.

Just tune your soul,
Till the wave lengths chime

For God is broadcasting all the time.

It's wonderful isn't it.

C. J. FOSTER

Beals, Maine,

Aug. 4, 1942

Dear Highway Friends:

A few words from us should not be out of place. We would like to express our thanks to all who have been so kind to us. We found the people of the Fort Fairfield church faithful to the end of our ministry.

A number of friends gathered at the parsonage a short time before we left. After spending a pleasant evening, Brother Burrell Kimball, on behalf of those present, spoke words of appreciation of our ministry among them and presented us with a gift of money. The ladies served ice cream and cake.

These fine folk were good to us indeed, giving us gifts at different times beside our regular salary, which they had raised as living expenses increased. We are very grateful to God and these kind friends who stood by us supplying our every need. May God's blessing be upon them.

We are now in our new field of labor at Beals. The people here have received us very kindly. We are enjoying our new home and think it is beautiful here in summer. We trust God will use us as we work together for the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

Yours in Him,

H. E. and MRS. MULLEN

BIBLES IN DEMAND

Requests for Testaments by service men to chaplains and clergymen at USO centers has increased nearly fifty per cent in the past few months. The American Bible Society reported that its daily issuance is now 9,000, or 4,000 more than in the early spring. The clergy is requested to distribute these books only on request.

Both chaplains and local ministers continue to send in so many orders and reorders that, according to the Bible Society, the presses are working overtime and books are being shipped the day they are bound. An increase of nearly three-quarters of a million volumes of Scriptures in one year is reported by the Society, accredited largely to the demands of the service men.—United Service Organizations bulletin.