

then Ziba Masako, an old man and one of our workers, pledged the same. Then things began to get very interesting as the pledges lowered and more stood to tell how much they would pledge. Absolom Sibiya, a worker, pledged L12/- for his household, but his wife got up and promised more. Johanesi got greatly blessed when his little six year old daughter stood and said she would give her hen to help. Then an old woman said she too would give a fowl and a little boy also pledged one. We all got richly blessed and were so grateful to God, when the time was up, to learn that over L130/- had been pledged toward that land. Praise the Lord!

After this work was finished a baby was presented. Sister Grace had charge. Then Brother Charles gave the right hand of fellowship to the ten who were baptized, and two others, one who had been set aside and had been backslidden for a long time but has now come back to the Lord, and another woman who was a Zionist (Pentecostal). Then came the sad part of the service when a number were set aside for having dealings with the witch doctor that has been doing so much mischief around us. Also an old worker, Jona Myeni, left the rank of workers. He was in the business session Saturday evening and told the workers he had decided to practise some sort of witchcraft in connection with lightning. They put bones, nearly buried in the floor of the hut and sticks of some kind, I think, over the doors and have some sort of ceremony that is supposed to keep lightning away from the kraal. I was not present at that time, as I had left earlier, but if I understand rightly, he said he made the choice and it was to follow this heathen custom rather than to follow Jesus. We were sorry as he is old. His mind doesn't seem to be just right so it may be more a matter of the head than the heart. It's comforting to know that at least Jesus understands it all.

Revs. Johanesi and Paul Nkosi had charge of the communion and many partook after which the collection was taken. I do not know how much it was but it looked like a good offering.

After the benediction many left for their homes but those who stayed had a short service at night.

There was much confusion on Monday morning as all who remained, left for their homes. Eugene and Johanesi left too for Louwsburg, to be gone for a week or two. The teacher and family left on Tuesday, so I am alone with the children, still not alone for the presence of God is very near and precious to me.

Yesterday the doctor arrived for his fifth V. D. Clinic. I believe he gave nearly 60 inoculations besides tending about 30 others. We are so far from a doctor or hospital so many, many need medical attention. Next week we will be extra busy for the V. D. Clinic will be as usual on Tuesday and on Thursday he will come for a vaccination clinic.

Brother George Sanders has kindly promised to come over and take Eugene's appointment for Sunday at Mozaan, to free Eugene so he could stay longer at Louwsburg.

We do pray that you are enjoying rich blessings at Beulah. May God be with you all.

Yours, in His blessed service,

GLADYS KIERSTEAD

Altona M. S.
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Dear Highway:

I have some especially good news for you today. What? News about opportunities for expansion and consolidation of our Mission work here in South Africa.

For some years we have been trying to get permission to build a church building across the Mozaan river near the Swaziland border, but without success. We are now happy to report that a site has been procured from Mrs. Gillespie through the efforts of Daniel Sukozi and Brother George Sanders. Praise the Lord! It is really wonderful how the Lord helped our brethren to obtain this permission when all doors seemed to be shut fast and bolted.

Another area for which we felt considerable concern was that beyond Paulpietersburg in the Grootspuit vicinity. Here we have several outposts, a large church membership (relatively speaking) and several native workers, but no sites of our own except those we occupy at the will and whim of the farm owners. We felt that our work was insecure without a place to put our preachers and buildings in case of necessity. Here again we tried for several years to procure a site but in vain. At last the Lord has opened a way where there was no way and we have the opportunity to buy a few acres of land that will be sufficient for two or three native preachers. The native church out here is very keen to obtain this site and has already pledged nearly \$2,000 towards it. We shall need about \$500 more to make up the sum required. This venture will be a great step of faith for the native church as it represents very heavy pledges for a very poor people. Pray that the Lord will honour their faith. If we succeed in this acquisition it will no doubt grow into a new Mission Station run by native workers. It is thirty or more miles from Hartland.

The third item of good news refers to the acquisition of lots in both the native location and the European section of the village of Louwsburg. Our aim is to establish a new mission station in a needy area that is separated from both Hartland and Altona by rivers and mountains and which brings us within striking distance of Zululand. This venture is unique in the way the Lord has helped us to acquire these properties and in the fact that it will be a piece of modern-pioneer missionary effort as far as our own church is concerned.

Up until recently we have had only one outpost in the Louwsburg District, that which we have called Ngonatsheni but is really Kwabanagile. Recently two other outposts have opened up to the east of Kwabanagile by several seekers giving themselves to seek the Lord. These new places are six to ten miles from Louwsburg by foot along native paths. These places are the only ones we have across the Pevaan and Pongola rivers in the direction of Louwsburg so our Louwsburg Mission will be in a new region almost altogether. The missionaries who go there will have to start from "scratch" as far as getting members and outposts is concerned.

Our Louwsburg Mission has a modern touch in that it will be located in a village with village conveniences and in that those who go there will have buildings to go into instead of having to live in a tent and start from the foundations with building. The location lots (two) are complete with fences, fruit trees, houses for an evangelist, and fine hewn-stone walls for a school building. The lots in the

European area are very conveniently located with a fine view and now has a new three-roomed building that will act as outbuildings for the Mission house of the future.

You might be interested to know that Louwsburg is situated on the top of a mountain full of coal and is about 5,000 feet above sea level, making the climate healthy and real cold in winter. The low-lying land and valleys under the Louwsburg mountain are thickly populated with natives who for the most part are heathen and very backward for these times, still living in grass huts, wearing skins, and without schools.

The fourth item is about an opening for work about three miles outside of the town of Piet Retief, fifty miles from Altona. Here also we have a chance to buy a few acres of land but, alas, we feel unable to go up and possess the land for there are many giants to overcome—need of missionaries and native workers, but chiefly money for buying the land and building buildings. We would need \$5,000 before we finished besides the support for workers. It is a pity that we could not take advantage of this opening as we have six or seven separate groups of native Christian within a ten to fifteen mile radius of this site which by care and evangelistic work could develop into as many outposts. It is also within easy reach of a good school for missionary children teaching up to and including Grade XII.

We request special prayer for all of these new opportunities and for added strength, new missionaries, native workers and money for expansion.

Yours in Him,

E. A. M. KIERSTEAD

KEEP ON THE ROAD

A young man just starting out upon his work in the ministry was one day talking to an aged minister in London who had spent a lifetime in the service. The young man said: "You have had a great deal of experience; you know many things that I ought to learn. Can't you give me some advice to carry with me in my new duties?"

"Yes, I can," was the response. "I will give you a piece of advice. You know that in every town in England, no matter how small, in every village or hamlet, though it be hidden in the folds of the mountain or wrapped round by the far-off sea, in every clump of farm-houses, you can find a road which, if you follow it, will take you to London.

"Just so every text which you choose to preach from in the Bible will have a road that leads to Jesus. Be sure you find that road, and follow it; be careful not to miss it once. This is my advice to you." The old minister's advice should be followed by everyone who, in any capacity, presumes to be a teacher of Divine Truth.—Selected.

HOW TO LISTEN

A gentleman once said to the Rev. Roland Hill, "It is sixty-five years since I first heard you preach, but I well remember that you spoke to us in this way: 'Supposing one is hearing a will read, and expects to get a legacy. Will he spend the time in criticizing the lawyer's manner of reading? No, he will see if anything is left him and how much. Let that be the way in which you listen to the gospel.'"—*Earnest Worker*.