

Go Ye Into All the World and Preach the Gospel to Every Creature

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland M. S.,
July 13, 1947

Dear Friends:

I am writing you from the far field of "Sunny South Africa." It is a lovely clear, cool and sunny morning. We have had strong, cold winds and heavy frosts the last two weeks; but the earliest trees to wake up from winter are already bursting out their new buds and soon their beautiful green leaves will greet our eyes and give an appreciated change from the drab, dry and dead appearance of winter. Spring, life and youth seem to be the message of the breaking of the bands of death of winter.

Our July Quarterly this year was here at Hartland. It is timed to convene at about the same time as our Alliance at Beulah. God was very gracious to us and we were refreshed with the showers of blessings we enjoyed as we gathered from time to time for the various day and night services. This Quarterly seemed outstanding in many ways: We looked forward to it with great anticipation and we were glad to spend time and effort in preparation. The numbers attending seemed larger than I have seen here for a long time. The number of candidates for baptism was larger than usual, 17 in all. A new Native Elder was ordained which proved to be an interesting and important event on the programme. The messages seemed to be in the Spirit and those attending seemed to be benefited. On Saturday we had a day of fasting and prayer which made a definite contribution to the success of this Quarterly. It gave us an opportunity to afflict our bodies and souls so as to try to get into closer relationship with God.

One of the candidates for baptism came from one of our outposts where we have no regular trained worker. One of our old members, Lucy Mtetwa, has been trying to supply for this section. She can neither read nor write, but she has done what she could and it was very touching when we learned that there was a little girl who felt she was ready, and had her sins forgiven and seemed to know the church rules about as good as some who apparently had better opportunity; so she was very happy to join with the rest who followed their Lord in water baptism.

From another section there came about half a dozen for baptism and it impressed me how emphatic they were to state clearly that they had confessed **all** their sins and had been forgiven.

In one of our business meetings we had time to discuss the subject of doing more for the Lord. As the various ones told of the oppor-

tunities that were calling for help in different directions, beyond our present boundaries, besides the many untouched places close by our present efforts; one truth seemed to impress itself upon us and that was, how little we were doing and much more we should try to do for the Lord. The harvest truly is great and the labourers are few. Prayer is the instrument that the Lord has given us under these circumstances. And we are glad that there are so many Christians in the Homeland who are united with us in this important work of prayer. By praying much, we ourselves are conditioned for effective service, and through prayer we are able to help new workers to respond to the call to service.

We appreciate the interesting letters received from time to time from various ones. As time moves along we find ourselves more and more out of touch with our home base overseas, and the little glimpses that are given in letters help us in trying to keep in touch with you in Canada and the United States. You feel the need of seeing the foreign field through our eyes and we feel the need of seeing the homeland friends and efforts through your eyes.

May God bless us and make us a blessing as He promised to do in the covenant that He made with Abraham.

Yours to serve Him whom I love,

C. D. M. SANDERS

Altona M. S.,

July 9, 1947

Dear Highway Friends:

Night has fallen. The native children are just finishing their supper, so will soon be going to their rooms and everything will be quiet.

Yesterday was a very busy day at the Mission. The doctor had many sick people to look after and after dinner he held a vaccination clinic, where between four and five hundred natives were vaccinated. The doctor was pleased to have so many but I had hoped there would be even more, for there are many natives around us and many have not been vaccinated either. Still I was glad to see the very many young children who were here and trust they will all soon be well again.

Eugene and Glendon arrived home on Monday from the Quarterly Meeting at Hartland. By all reports they had a grand time in the Lord, good services, large crowds and seventeen baptized on Sunday. We do praise God for it all and feel that our praying has not been in vain. We have all been praying for a revival and this encourages our faith and we intend to continue to pray and trust God for greater things.

Three of our nearby girls were among those

baptized. We thank God and pray that He will help all these dear people to go on to know Him better every day.

This afternoon I spent an hour in a nearby kraal. It was a Christian kraal and a real pleasure to go there. The house has three rooms and a small veranda and pantry. They have beds, tables and chairs, so one doesn't think about it being just a native kraal, and we do have sweet fellowship together.

Our native school closed the 20th, and the 19th the children had their annual feast of hens, mealies, etc. I made a huge plateful of fudge and they seemed to enjoy it all very much. The native schools have a very short holiday this year and school opened again yesterday. A large crowd of children was present. We failed to obtain a second teacher so the head teacher's wife is teaching for a month or two. This makes it very much easier for me, as I have to usually board at least one teacher.

One night recently the store near us was broken into and then burned. It is a great loss to the owner and to the people as well. I don't think the guilty person has yet been found. We do pray that God will continue to protect us as He has in the past.

As June had five Sundays and the first Sunday in July many would be at the Quarterly Meeting, we chose June 29th to be our Young People's service and it was a special day as we were to take a collection. We had several pounds on hand so I suggested we try and buy new windows for a new church. We do need a new church and school too, very badly, at Altona. So after a little talk all seemed in favor of trying to buy nice windows for one side of the church that we are trusting we'll be able to have at Altona. Our collection amounted to about £1.40 and we hope to do better next time.

We had a very nice service. I had asked Losaya to speak to us and she gave a good message after which nearly everyone testified. About thirty were present.

I've had some very hard cases to tend lately—burns, sores, cuts, etc. The doctor is always willing to help me and tell me how to do different things, that I do not know about. God is helping me and using me a little in this way too and I thank Him.

Before I close I wish to take this way of sending thanks to the students of our Holiness Bible Institute for the very nice gift sent to me. I was so very pleased with it and am enjoying it these cold nights. I have been praying for you and shall continue to do so. We do need young people who are out and out for God and holiness and we pray that God will greatly bless you in your chosen work.

Recently we were surprised and interested