

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland M. S.,
November 1, 1949.

Dear Highway Friends,

We greet you from this part of the whited harvest field, thanking God for those that He has thrust out into this field already and trusting Him to send forth more, who will be willing to go and toil and suffer, so that the reaping may proceed rapidly, for the time is short.

We have been glad to welcome Brother and Sister Parks, to help supply the need of this work. We thank God for sending them. We thank them for obeying His command and we thank you for asking them to come. It all costs, and more than the casual glance will reveal.

George bid us farewell here at Hartland on the 19th of last month, and we understand that he sailed from Cape Town, the following Wednesday, so he is on his way to Canada now and will arrive there in a few weeks D. V. We trust that he will enjoy his visit with you and be refreshed and rested after his long term of service on this field. We also trust that while in the homeland he will be used of God to be a blessing to all he meets, and a means of helping you to get a clearer picture of the needs, difficulties and opportunities of this field.

We take this opportunity to send you our Christmas and New Year Greetings, may the Lord give you each new grace and strength and new promise for the New Year; and a grateful heart for all you have at Christmas time.

The Christmas Quarterly is to be at Hartland this year, and we are asking God to give us a good time of spiritual blessing. We trust to hear encouraging reports as our workers and members tell of what they have done for the Lord during the past three months. As before mentioned, we have called upon all our members, young and old, to get to work for the spreading of the Gospel among their own people. So far, the response has been encouraging and we trust that the interest will grow and the results will be lasting. We are thus trying to fill the gaps that have been made in our ranks. And the call to go farther afield is loud in our hearts and ears.

One of our members went home to Glory recently: a young woman recently married. She was converted as a girl but broke with the Lord over the matter of marrying a man who already had a wife. She told her people that she was going to the Hartland Quarterly, when all the time she was going to her husband to be. She did not live long in her new home. Sickness struck her down and we were asked to send telegrams to those who needed to know. I was in that section and heard of her serious illness. Time prevented me from making a call to have prayers with her. Later some of our men (Natives) had special meetings in that section, and in her home and both she and her mother gave themselves to seek the Lord again. This girl was recovered from her backsliding and received a clear experience. She testified to her heathen father and relatives. She warned her mother time and again not to weep for her, and not to think evil thoughts of possible witches who might have caused her illness. When people came to see her, and came in the name of the Lord, she was able to talk: up to the very last. She was so thin and weak that they hated even to move

her. She asked her mother to have her taken out of the hut and to be placed just outside the door. She knew she was going; and in the process of moving her, her spirit left her pain racked body to be with the Lord. Thank God another soul has been snatched as a brand from the burning. How wonderfully merciful God is: to take a backslider back into His family. The heathen father told us that he had told his household not to mourn for this daughter. He has never seen such a death before in his family.

Yours happy in Him,
C. D. M. SANDERS and FAMILY.

FOUR PHASES OF MISSIONARY WORK

Henry M. Paulson

I. The Missionary Motive

"Love ye."

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). The gospel of Christ is a gospel of love. It was because "God so loved the world" that He sent His Son into the world to redeem the world. When we receive His gospel into our hearts, we are also filled with a love for the lost and a desire to see them saved. Every true Christian is a missionary at heart. I do not believe that a person can be a Christian and not have the missionary spirit.

"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

"In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

"Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be:
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

"In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth."

II. The Missionary Might

"Pray ye."

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). Prayer is the Christian's stronghold. It is truly the missionary's might. It would be impossible for our missionaries on the foreign field to carry on the work they have to do if they could not draw new strength daily from the great storehouse. It gives them new courage and strength when they know we are praying for them at home. If we have been neglecting to pray for the missionaries in the foreign fields, let us remember that when we intercede with God for them we are actually strengthening them and helping them in their work.

III. The Missionary Method

"Go ye."

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The great command, however, will not prove sufficient unless the church possesses a passion for souls. Where the missionary passion is lacking the interest languishes. We should remember that in the divine plan the missionary enterprise is a fundamental part

of the activities of the church. It is one of the essentials in the program of a spiritually aggressive people. Too often we fall far short of this part of our program. Many of us are like the young lady at the street meeting. The people were singing that old song, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord." While they were singing the pastor motioned for this young lady to step forward and give a testimony when the song was ended. She shook her head but continued to sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, I'll be what you want me to be."

We need to be more like the missionary who went to Japan. He lived in a city where there were no street lights, so everyone who traveled through the streets at night had to carry a lantern to light his way. All the influential families had their coat of arms on their lanterns, so people would know who they were. They asked this missionary why he did not have his coat of arms on his lantern. Of course, he did not have any coat of arms, but he placed on his lantern a cross; then as he went through the dark streets he carried his lantern, lighting his way and uplifting the cross of Christ. Families who had worshiped idols all their lives followed him when they saw the cross uplifted. They came to the mission and were converted because one man lifted up the cross of Christ.

There is no reason why we should go forward save this—to carry the cross of Christ. The heart of this great world is aching in the night, and God alone can heal it; God alone can give it light. And we are the ones to bear that message—to speak the living word.

"We grovel among trifles, and our spirits fret
and toss,
While above us burns the vision of a Christ
upon the cross;
For the blood of God is streaming from His
broken hands and side,
And the voice of God is pleading, 'Tell thy
brother I have died'."

IV. The Missionary Means

"Give ye."

"But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat" (Matthew 14:16). Give ye—a command which comes to each one of us today. We are not all called to go on the foreign fields to labor, but we are all commanded to give the "bread of life" to the people in these foreign lands. Why are we not accomplishing more in the foreign fields? Is it because we do not have the missionaries to send? No, we have many consecrated young people who are called of God, and who are ready and willing to go to the foreign fields to labor. Is it because the missionaries upon the foreign fields are not doing the work they are called upon to do? No, indeed not; many of them work far beyond their capacity. It is because we, the people here in the homeland, fail to do our part. We are too careless with the money that God has entrusted to our care.

If, as we believe, the carrying out of the Great Commission is the first and highest obligation of every Christian, ought we not to forego some luxuries at home in order to provide for the necessities of missions abroad? If, as we believe, there is no second probation for the heathen who have died without hearing the gospel, can we reasonably expect that there shall be any second probation for Christians who have passed through this life and have

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