

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Highway Friends:

Time for another greeting to you all at home. The verse here on the desk before me is, "I am the Lord thy God . . . which leadeth thee by the way thou shouldest go." Isaiah 48:17. Today I am rejoicing because of the leading of the Lord. If God leads us we have nothing to fear, as the song says,

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
O word with Heavenly comfort fraught.
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice and they follow me. And I give unto them Eternal Life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." I am glad today for the voice that says, "This is the way. Walk ye in it." When I first arrived in Africa, God gave me an experience that has remained with me. Charlie met me at Kemati-poort and we came down together on the train. As we were almost to the border between Transvaal and Natal, I was leaning my head against the seat with my eyes closed. I heard singing, "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus," and the song went on for several verses, and as it went on I seemed to see Jesus, dressed in white, walking out across the hills and I following. He seemed to speak to me, saying: "All you have to do is to follow me." He told me that He would work if I would follow Him. I opened my eyes and asked Charlie if anyone had been singing, and he said "No." Then as I told him of my experience, the Lord caused us to weep together for joy. It was recalled to my mind last Wednesday as I was called out to a case about 2 miles from here. As I walked through the mud and drizzle I thought of Jesus walking out through the hills. Oh, I do desire to follow Him and to see Him work. The people were expecting me, but hadn't even prepared warm water for my work. The Lord did help, and they were very grateful when they knew that a wee baby boy had arrived. It is wonderful to be able to bring relief and comfort to them when they are ill. But it's not enough. Oh, to be able to implant the Word of God in their hearts, causing them to find Eternal Life. They need Jesus. Let us continue to labor together in prayer until we see them come.

We had a Big Sunday here last Sunday. I was not to the Saturday evening service but the people told me they had a good service, when the Holy Spirit came very near. Sunday a. m. Charlie spoke to 27 young people and children on David and Goliath. Andrew Mtetwa preached in the Sunday p. m. service and Charlie administered Communion. A young man had come in late to the service, and when the opportunity was given to nikela, he jumped right up as though he had come expressly for that purpose, and said, "Ngi ya'iket' inkosi" or "I choose Jesus." He had never been to one of our services before, but was here on an errand one day, and Charlie talked to him and he seemed interested. Now he has given himself to the Lord. He came forward and we had a season of prayer. Let us pray that he will go through with the Lord.

On Tuesday, Brother Kierstead came and he and Charlie went to Altona to put the roof on a school building. They arrived back on

Thursday, telling how God blessed and helped them with the work. I don't know if the thoughts of them roofing the building at Altona inspired my message on Ezra building the temple at Jerusalem, but I held forth for quite a time in Wednesday's Bible class all about the churches we could build.

Well, the Lord help us, we probably could do more if we would. This Sunday Charlie goes to Gwebu, the next week-end there is a revival at Kwabanakile. We are glad to hear that our worker there, Paul Nkosi, is improving, praise God. The next week-end is a revival at Myeni.

A week ago Thursday Brother Eugene arrived and took Charlie, Pam, Esther and me to Vryheid to see Gladys and Mary. I don't know when I had seen Gladys last. We did enjoy our little visit and Gladys walked out to the dining-room and had dinner with us, although we told her not to overdo. We praise God for what He has done for her, and believe He will finish the work. He is able!

This morning I just couldn't get the oven hot enough to bake bread and there were my bread and rolls just popping over in the pans. I put in wood and put in wood, but that old indicator didn't budge. So I began walking around that old stove and praying and that old indicator just began going up, and well, it's about the best bread I've ever baked. It pays to pray, whether the matter is big or small. He can help us in all things.

Yours to continue on,

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PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES

By Jessie Penn-Lewis

The missionaries are face to face with the prince of this world, every day, in fiercest conflict. If we were asked what our work really is, we could not do better than to point to Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Before the Church at home can become an effectual "fighting-force" in prayer, it will have to come to a knowledge of the real opposing forces they are up against. In China, Africa, and other lands, Satan is a reality with the missionaries and native Christians.

Our friends come home from the foreign fields and find apathy and deadness in the homeland and the church almost in darkness about these spiritual forces. Let us try to get an insight into the truth, by a rapid look into the Bible statements of the actual warfare.

From the beginning of His ministry, our Lord Jesus went forward with a steady, aggressive warfare against the powers of darkness. He also gave to His disciples the same authority. His one objective was the conquest of the prince of this world so that He might redeem his captives, Hebrews 2:14, 15. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15—And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." We read that during a storm He arose and rebuked the winds and the waves, Matthew 8:26, "And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm." When He found Peter's wife's mother sick with a fever,

He rebuked the fever, Luke 4:39, "And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her; and immediately she arose and ministered unto them." Again and again He dealt with the evil powers at the root of the trouble. When he saw the woman in the synagogue with the spirit of infirmity, He said, "Woman, thou art loosed"; when His enemies protested against this, He said, "This woman, whom Satan hath bound . . ." (Luke 13:11-16, "And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her; and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work; in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath day loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?") So we can trace through the Gospels how Christ was dealing with the forces of evil. He taught the people truth about God, but He, Himself, was always dealing with the forces behind the evils around Him.

The Church at home is unable to strengthen the hands of the missionaries abroad because they do not know the conflict. They do not recognize the enemy, therefore they do not know how to pray and how to withstand him in the name of Jesus. Our position in the Lord Jesus Christ, joined to Him in spirit and seated with Him in the heavenly places, Ephesians 2:6, "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," requires of us the recognition of Satan as a conquered foe, through the Cross. That Christ absolutely vanquished the prince of darkness there, and now we can look that prince in the face and tell him that he is conquered and he knows it!

If you will search the Word of God, you will understand that the victory of Calvary was not only a victory over sin, but victory over Satan, not only as a tempter, but as a hinderer and counterfeiter and deceiver. And you will learn that you can have victory over the "strong man" in the victory of Calvary, not only for yourself, but for others. Yea, you may also stand with Jesus Christ in victory for India, for China, and for Africa.

If you are joined to Christ in spirit, and are seated with Him in His place of victory, you have power to say that Satan shall not touch your circumference, because it belongs to Jesus Christ. From that center throne of union with Christ, "far above all principalities and powers," you can take that simple attitude toward these outside forces of evil.

This is workable and there is no "theory" about it. This key will unlock a thousand problems in the lives of God's children. God has put into the hands of His children weapons for the warfare, weapons which are not of the flesh but are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, 2 Cor. 10:4, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." If the people of God only knew of and laid hold of the weapons God has given