

churches. We shall endeavor to thank you all and write to all but it will take time. All your missionaries on the field had the privilege of being together sometime during the Christmas and New Year festivities.

Yours for souls,
R. H. and MRS. PARKS

Hartland M. S.,
January 6th, 1950

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in Jesus' precious name!

We have been receiving parcels from friends overseas containing such useful and needed articles. Thank you, dear friends, for your gifts which helped to make our Christmas a very happy one. God bless you!

I regret it has been so long a time since I last wrote. I did write a while ago but did not finish the letter. I hope to do better this year than last.

Yes, we are standing on the threshold of a New Year. The old year, 1949, has passed away, having made history. Behind us lie all the trials, sorrows, joys and blessings—we thank God for them all, for the battles fought and the victories won. Truly it has been a hard and full year and great events have taken place.

We have seen a few souls saved; some healed, some die rejoicing in Jesus and His marvellous salvation. Praise His name!

Time and time again Sister Gladys has been spared to her loved ones when her life seemed almost despaired of.

George returned from the hospital (with both legs, thank God), pitched into the battle for souls, as well as he could, and finally sailed for Canada, on his long overdue furlough. We rejoiced with him. I should have loved to have accompanied him, but felt lead to remain to help fill the gap, so God's work should suffer less.

Sister Mary underwent her operation successfully and is looking better.

Then the sudden arrival of Brother and Sister Parks almost overwhelmed us with surprise and joy and relief. Thank you all who helped to make this great blessing possible. You will never know what it has meant to me to have such a fine, consecrated couple to help share the cares of the Mission work at Altona.

And finally, as the old year was nearing its end, I went to Vryheid to relieve Sister Mary so she could be at Altona for three weeks. It was such a joy and privilege to minister to dear, patient Sister Gladys again. She is so wasted away you would hardly recognize her. Her sweet, brave, trusting, cheerful spirit is a blessing to all who visit her. It is a severe trial to be thus laid aside when she would so love to be once more actively engaged in the mission work which is so dear to her heart. Don't forget to pray for her. She has been slightly better the last few days.

Instead of my returning to Altona as planned, I had to enter the Hospital for appendectomy. Can you imagine how distressed I felt over this turn of events? But as I waited upon God in prayer, He spoke to me from Isaiah 41:10—"Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not discouraged for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." What better promise could He have given me? Oh, how very real was the sense of His presence as I lay on the operating table. He certainly wonderfully fulfilled His precious promise to me.

I came through much better than is usual and my strength amazed the doctors and nurses, as has my rapid recovery. Praise the Lord. Now I am here with Charles and Myra and their two lovely little girls, until able to once more resume my duties at Altona. I am happy here but will be so glad to return to my post again. We thank God for our brother and sister, who are here to fill in the breach. It is not easy for ones so new to the field and language to be left alone so soon.

As we face the New Year 1950 our hearts fairly tremble with dread of the unknown future events of World Mission Work, spiritual warfare, etc. God has wisely veiled it from our view and says, "One step enough for you, my child. Trust My love. Abide in Me. Serve Me faithfully." But our heart cries out, "Oh, God, if Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence!" Then we hear His reassuring reply: "Fear not, my child, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee." So, slipping our hand in our loving Heavenly Father's, let us trust Him fully, seeking humbly His will for us this New Year.

Can you pray a little more for us this year than last? We need your prayers very much. Pray for me that my health may be fully restored and be better than that of last year, that I may be able to contact and enlighten more than last year. For all of us that we may be able to carry on under the present pressure for lack of workers. And that others may be able to come out soon to help us. Also that the temporal needs may be supplied on various lives, so that God's work may go forward and not suffer for lack of funds and workers.

We are keenly interested in all the splendid reports from the home front, and are praying that this New Year will bless you with a great harvest of souls.

Wishing you a Very Happy New Year.

Yours for souls,
GRACE SANDERS

Altona Mission Station,
Jan. 2nd, 1950

Greetings to Highway Readers:

The challenge of the New Year is upon us.

As never before our privileges are great and as great are our responsibilities. Our native Church of South Africa is challenging us to extension in our Foreign Field as never before. They press forward in their loyalty to the "Cause of Scriptural Holiness," but in their financial need they look to you. We appreciate your prayers and faith but that alone does not cover the advance. Some financial works are vital to extension projects here as well. You can well afford to have the utmost confidence in Brother Kierstead's sane, Holy Spirit directed administration and leadership sustained by the loyal co-operation of your white and native workers.

As you are preparing to send more missionaries out to us, we must under God prepare a foundation of sufficient scope upon which they can build. Our responsibility to future advance in the world-wide propagation of scriptural holiness depends on unity in the co-operation of holy people. As we prayerfully consider our present assets and let the blessed Holy Spirit lift and focus our vision to future possibilities, we of the African Reformed Baptist Church believe the time is at hand for the best possible preparation for continued aggressive effort on our Foreign Mission Field. Let us move forward together. It will cost the financial investment of every member of our

denomination till it hurts. We need within the next two years \$7,000, actually \$350 per member. The co-operation of all interested in the salvation of souls in heathen darkness is needed now. Precious souls here are depending on your willingness to make possible the light of vital full salvation to them for the first time. Our financial needs are as follows. Your missionaries with prayer and faith and works submit this list for your co-operative investment also:

- Altona Mission—**
New church and 3 room school house,
(with offices and store room).....\$2,000
- Calvary Mission—**
Church and school house combination (and preacher's house)..... 1,000
- Louwsburg Mission Site—**
Church building and mission house.... 2,000
- Outposts—**
Kipinyawo—Teacher's house 250
- Msobotsheni—**
Preacher's house 250
- Entuvani—**
Small church (on private farm)..... 100
- Ermelo—**
Preacher's house and church..... 250
Churches for 2 sites in Hartland area..... 800
For a site at Paul Pietersburg..... 500

How is our Faith? eW prove our Faith by our works. You can have a great part with Him if you will.

God loveth a cheerful giver.
Yours in all-out effort for souls to his glory.
R. H. and MRS. PARKS

CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland, N. B.

Dear Highway Readers:

We are so grateful to all who have sent us beautiful cards and gifts this Christmas season, and as it is impossible to thank each one individually (for we have received over 300), we take this opportunity through The Highway to do so. It is wonderful indeed to have so many expressions of love and thoughtfulness come our way, and our hearts are greatly cheered and warmed to know that we have so many kind friends.

Many gifts of various kinds found their way to the Missionary Home and we have been surprised many times by the kindness of the people among whom we live. God bless them all is our prayer.

May the New Year be one of special blessing and victory for us all as we wait on the Lord and trust Him for greater things. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" and we know He never will fail His children.

Yours in Him,
HELEN and ALICE STERRITT

WEDDINGS

Brown-Matthews

Ralph Lawrence Brown and Bertha Ada Matthews were united in marriage Dec. 17th, 1949, at Jonesport, Me. Rev. B. G. Bridgeo performed the ceremony.

Chesterton-Seavey

Bert Looke Chesterton and Fay Louise Seavey, both of Jonesport, Me., were united in marriage Dec. 18th, 1949, by Rev. B. G. Bridgeo.