

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Highway Readers:

With you I suppose spring is just around the corner. We are still enjoying summer weather—plenty of heat and in some places plenty of rain.

College has been opened since the first of February so I have been extra busy getting the school in running order. We have two hundred student teachers here this year; they are quite a cosmopolitan lot and include Zulus, Swazi, Xosa, Basutos and other tribes, although most of them understand Zulu and English.

Gladys seems to have turned the corner in her illness and for the first time in two years we have hopes that she will recover—at least she has a chance of living; as to how well she will be only God knows. We wish to praise God for His touch upon her body; even the doctor is surprised at the turn of events. If Gladys continues to recover I shall have much more freedom to help in Mission work, especially over week-ends.

Last week-end I went down to Altona and found the Parks' and everybody well and happy in spite of the heat which was nearly flattening them out. Brother Parks and I left early Saturday morning and went to Little Mapondleni, where we picked up Absolom Dlamini and his little family and most of his belongings and took them thirty miles beyond Piet Retief to our new Sobotsheni site where they are to be located to break new ground for God. Our Bible woman, Joana Bembe, had preceded this family by a month so they found a temporary home until another house can be built. We have every hope that this site will become a centre for mission work and that God will use these workers for the extension of His cause and kingdom.

Sunday morning I again left Altona for Vryheid but did not go home directly as I was needed at Ntuvane for a Communion service. We had a nice service with about thirty of a congregation. It was announced that we would soon commence to build a new church building as the present building of wattle, daub and grass was nearly falling down and was too small for the congregation. The present location had also been leased for a wattle plantation so the building had to be moved anyhow.

Day before yesterday I again went to Altona with a load of cement and a new lady teacher for the Altona school. Preliminary work was well under way to commence building operations on the new Altona Church building—one of our licentiates will do the brick-laying. I am afraid that we have too few bricks to finish the walls; we also lack the finances necessary to buy the corrugated iron for the roof.

Our ¾-ton Studebaker truck is proving a wonderful boon in moving building materials, transporting other needed goods, and in getting around from place to place.

Since my last letter a new school, with ten scholars, has been opened on the site of the Calvary Mission. This is five miles from our Grootspuit school so we are in hopes that there will be children enough for this second school. A church building to house this school will be built within the next few months we

hope—the bricks are already made and on the site.

Absolom Sibiya also reports that the parents at our Gobeni outpost are asking for a school as well. If this school materializes it should help to enlarge our group at this point.

Several new seekers have been reported from widely scattered points: Piet Retief, Altona, Mbucu, Hartland and other points, so we are encouraged to press the battle for God and holiness.

Sister Grace Sanders has just told us that the doctor thinks she may have heart trouble and should have a prolonged rest. She will hear his final diagnosis when he comes again. It appears that it is unwise for your missionaries to remain out here for long periods without a furlough. A break in the stress and strain of mission work now and then would no doubt lengthen the working-life of the missionaries.

We greatly appreciate the presence of Brother and Sister Parks at this time of operations and illness in our ranks. They no doubt will be able to present the mission cause and our needs on the mission field in a unique way when they return to you. We are looking forward to a happier co-operation and a more efficient administration of our African work as a result of their coming to us. We are looking forward to the coming of young missionary recruits to reinforce our ranks and to help shoulder the heavier burdens of building and expansion—yea, even of holding our present positions.

Yours in Him,  
E. A. M. KIERSTEAD

## LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Black's Harbour, N. B.

Dear Highway Readers:

A few lines to you all from this field of labour. We have had some seasons of refreshing since our last letter.

A week-end meeting with Brother Cochran and DeVerne Mullen just before Christmas was a time of rich blessing. Over 23 souls knelt at the altar of prayer. The saints were revived and refreshed. The spiritual benefit of this meeting we trust will last for eternity.

In February we had a two week revival campaign with Rev. Roland Stanford as evangelist. He preached the truth of God's Word and many found victory throughout the meeting. The church was strengthened and we still hear testimonies from some of the converts who really went through with God.

We are anticipating future showers of blessing through the coming year.

We are feeling the interest of the church is for the winning of souls. We have a good spiritual young people's group, and this department of the church is increasing in zeal for the cause of God.

Our Sunday School Department has been steadily growing in numbers and the Superintendent, Albert Cross, is proving to be a capable leader.

The church people, despite the lack of work in the village, have stood by the pastor and wife very faithfully. Christmas time we received from them a good donation of money, and just recently about 75 people gave us a surprise party on our wedding anniversary, and presented us with a floor lamp and other things. We feel it a great privilege to work with people as generous as this, and we pray that God will give us wisdom as we attempt

to carry on here through another church year.  
LIC. WALTER & MRS. FERNLEY

Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Highway Friends:

Again the Lord has visited us here in Fredericton with a gracious revival. Brother Willis Miller, of Winona, Ohio, was the evangelist, and Earl Shnyder, of Williamsburg, Pa., a converted concert pianist, had charge of the music.

Brother Miller is one of the best evangelists it has been my privilege to labour with. He is the rugged John the Baptist type of preacher and held to the Bible. His teaching on regeneration and entire sanctification was clear, definite and scriptural. The afternoon Bible studies won't soon be forgotten by the folk here.

Brother Shnyder was an artist at the piano and sang with the blessing of God upon him. The Lord honoured these dear men. Many souls sought and found God. This was a great meeting and left the church encouraged to press on. How it thrills our hearts to hear new testimonies in our prayer meetings.

We humbly thank the Lord for all His blessing upon us as a church and people.

Yours in His service,  
HARTLEY E. MULLEN

Millville, N. B.

Dear Highway:

We would like a little space to make mention of our recent meetings here in Millville and Maple Ridge with the "Mullen Trio." For a month or more previous to the campaign our people banded themselves together in special prayer groups to pray for a revival. Never in our ministry have we seen such earnest praying, so we were not surprised when things began to break so early in the meeting, and continued right through, with seekers at nearly every service.

The "Trio" as a whole were at their best. I don't believe we ever heard them sing so well, and we felt the same way about the preaching of both Brother and Sister Mullen. They carried a great burden for souls and were used of God to win many to Himself. Exactly fifty seekers were at the altar in the Millville meeting, many to find the Lord as their Saviour for the first time, a number to be reclaimed, and others to be sanctified. We are thrilled at the number of testimonies, in prayer, and Y. P. meetings, but sorry to say some were like the lepers who came to Jesus to be healed, then never returned to give Him the glory. There were twelve forward during the last week at Maple Ridge.

We do praise God for the influence of these meetings on the lives of so many in our village and are sure that as many more would have been saved or sanctified if they had only yielded to the Lord.

We are having the "Mullen Trio" with us for a short meeting between their Doaktown and Southampton dates. We are believing for a real break in this Lower Hainesville campaign. God is moving in that community. Those who got definite help at Millville are being used, and other souls are seeking the Lord. We ask your prayers, as we continue to work on this very large circuit. Another meeting is being planned for Hawkins Corner in the near future, and, Lord willing, we want to have a tent meeting at Nortondale right after Beulah, also a D. V. B. S. is being planned for each church during the summer. To date we have made six hundred and seven-