

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona Mission Station,  
South Africa  
To the Alliance of the R. B. Church of Canada,  
Convening at Beulah Camp Ground,  
Brown's Flats, Canada

Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings in Jesus' name. As each Church year passes away into history and Beulah Camp approaches, we, your representatives in the foreign field, have an increasing longing to be with you!

Jesus is more real and precious to me than ever. I do praise Him for the two-fold work of grace He wrought in my heart, and for the sustaining and keeping power received through every test, trial and affliction, and for comfort during our recent, stunning bereavement.

We have much to praise God for, the most outstanding events of which are the following:

1. The coming of Brother and Sister Parks in a time of great need to help fill in a big gap.
2. George's furlough.
3. Sustaining Sister Keirstead through her critical sickness and the miraculous change for the better.
4. Taking me safely through the operation in December, and in spite of a set-back since then, enabling me, through it all, to render a little service in the Mission Field.
5. His blessing on the Harvest Field. We have seen a very sick young native man saved from heathenism and sin, walk with the Lord for a number of weeks and die rejoicing in Jesus. Men, women and children have come forward as seekers. Some of the Christians have professed a call to the work.

The medical work, which is truly a wedge, in aiding the Gospel message to gain entrance to hard hearts, should be mentioned:

A clinic, usually quite well attended, brings the District Surgeon here once a week.

During the week between Clinic days, mainly:

From June to November, out-patients numbered .....	800
From December to February, during my absence, recorded .....	36
From March to May 30, assisted much by Brother Parks .....	251
Total outpatients recorded.....	1,087

Those not recorded would most likely bring the total up to 1,100.

In-patients .....	8
Confinements in native's homes.....	2
Cases sent to Piet Retief Hospital.....	1
Cases taken personally to Hospital.....	1
Times District Surgeon called (through Magistrate) to emergency cases.....	4

As you will note the majority of the outpatients were attended by me and it has been my aim to speak to as many of these as possible about their soul's salvation. I know of three who sought salvation and claimed the witness in the Clinic building, and one of these has since passed away (shortly after).

Never, since my return to Africa in 1937, has the work been more encouraging nor more challenging, as a whole, than right now. Beloved, we cannot afford to draw back now in our effort to enlighten the heathen and in strengthening the faith of the Believer God is on the throne. This is the vine of His own planting. Let us, in spite of great handicaps through the sicknesses amongst your mission-

ary staff, and recent loss of a fine young native licentiate through death, trust God for greater things and be willing to do our part.

Praying much that God will richly bless the Camp and make plain indeed His will in the decisions made this year in the business meetings.

Yours in Him,

GRACE SANDERS

### SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSION

We have insisted that it is the unpleasant task of God's servant to probe, as well as pray. Far be it from us to advocate any fleshly probing into the private lives of people. Any running ahead of the Spirit in the energy of the flesh will only prove chaotic; but we do plead for individual yieldedness and obedience to the Spirit in His reproving, convincing, and convicting work.

Let no one excuse himself that it is so entirely the office of the Spirit to convict people that He does not use men as His means. If you and I insist that it is solely the Spirit's work to show people their transgression—what a blessed insistence it is!—let us hear God also insisting: "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression" Isa. 58:1.

Carnal Christians will not object to our leaving them forever on the bottle. They prefer "soothers" and "comforters." As God's servants do we prefer such texts as "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people"? Preachers suffer no reproach who merely encourage, comfort, and "exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" 2 Tim. 4:2. Let us not fear to "cry aloud" and "spare not."

When Paul commanded Timothy to "exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" he preceded that phrase with two words which we evade and avoid. He said: "Reprove, rebuke," before he spoke of exhortation. "Convict, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (Rotherham). Arthur S. Way freely translates as follows: "Convict your hearers of their errors; rebuke them, plead with them." The word "reprove" in this passage is literally "convict," the very word used of the Spirit's convicting work. John 16:8. Timothy was first to convict and rebuke, and then to "exhort with all longsuffering and teaching."

Today we prefer to pray only, rather than identify ourselves with the Spirit in His work of conviction. We prefer to leave the whole of the unpleasant task to Him. We even sound more pious to ourselves and to others by ascribing all the glory and all the work to the Spirit. Let us dare to identify ourselves with Him in showing God's people their transgression. For we are "his witnesses . . . and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Acts 5:32.

Revival for your church will be found close at hand. Perhaps it will be revival and riot. Paul had both.—Abridged. Reprinted from CHRISTIAN LIFE MAGAZINE.

### A MIGHTY PURGING REVIVAL!

The hour for revival is here! Showers of blessing are continuing to fall across the land. Great masses of people are coming under the sound of the Gospel as never before in our generation. An estimated 50,000 stood several days ago on Boston Common to hear Billy

Graham preach the Word; Oakland, California had its greatest Gospel campaign in 30 years with Torrey Johnson and Cedric Sears as leaders.

Other cities and towns are witnessing the same thing. Revival fires are burning in scores of individual churches. These tides are rising! Spiritual awakenings are in evidence in many places, especially in many smaller towns and cities. For instance, from Bay City, Michigan, comes word of a crowded church with saints weeping over sins, and sinners seeking the Saviour; meetings running into long hours beyond the conventional closing time. From a Detroit church, the same story; down in Texas; out in Iowa, etc.

Let us thank God, and not cease to pray that these fires will spread until the whole nation is in the blessed grip of a mighty purging revival; and remember, a revival always precedes a time of soul-winning (see Ps. 126:6). God has said, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." May our hearts be prepared for a great and mighty movement of the Holy Spirit in this our day.

More people are probably being saved today than at any time during our generation! A sweeping continent-wide evangelistic movement is on. God-anointed evangelists are reaping a harvest in every part of the U.S.A. and Canada. The masses are being stirred.

Audiences are doubled over a year ago. Conviction is running deeper. Conversions are more numerous and more genuine. Every evangelist with a real message and call from God is being used as never before.

This is the hour for God's people everywhere to bear a testimony to our glorious Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. The man of the world needs a message of authority and assurance in the midst of a collapsing society. Thank God we have that message, and the Gospel of Christ is still "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

—Horace F. Dean.

### TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES—Isaiah 61:1

Today, God's people await the Trumpet Blast of anointed messengers — to awaken, shock, alarm, jar, JOLT them out of their bewildered condition. The very same Holy Spirit Who inspired the prophet Joel to write, "Blow the trumpet IN ZION,"—that same Holy Spirit of God makes the hungry saints of the Most High everywhere to know that NOW is the time for the blowing of the trumpet which shall AWAKEN, DIRECT and ENCOURAGE the out-and-out followers of the Lamb, and lead on into glorious REVIVAL!

It is better to begin with the few,—very hungry ones in the Church, who will more quickly "Catch the Flame!" A large, unseasoned group of people are not the best material to begin with. In building an outdoor fire, we take a few prepared dry sticks, and add the green wood later. In answer to the question, "How can we promote a revival in the Church?" Lyman Beecher said, "First get revived yourself, then get some brother church member revived; and the work has begun."—W. C. Moore.

"Faith without works is a sign over the door of an empty shop."—Good Tidings.