

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland M. S.,
Jan. 26th, 1951

Dear Highway Friends:

I have just returned from attending the D. V. B. S. that Myra is conducting. She asked me to come over and address the young people and children gathered, and try to lead them to a definite decision for the Saviour. About ten or more came to the altar but no one seemed to get through, so here is a group that needs special prayer that they may be willing to go all the way with the Saviour, and to go down to the bottom by way of confession and restitution, etc. One of those who came forward was our daughter, Pamela, who will be five years old the 13th of next month. So the Lord has been dealing with her heart, and we pray that she may yield wholly to Him.

Yesterday I was down to our outpost called Eujojwane, to work on the fence we are putting up around the acre the Government has given us there, for a church and school. Also the parents of the school children appointed a school committee, so I feel that the school in that section will be on a better foundation as these committee members will help to solve local problems and to arouse interest in the school. We are glad for money that has been given by our people in the homeland for the costs of a building on that acre. As before mentioned there are two or three other places in this area where we are hoping to secure other grants of land from the Government on which to put up similar buildings.

Last Sunday we had a meeting at our Kwabanakile outpost. Four candidates were baptized and later received into church membership. There was to have been a fifth one, but the little girl had to look after her father's cattle, so was detained and did not arrive in time to be baptized. We hope that she will be freed to come here to Hartland for this Sunday, as we hope to have another baptism, with two or more candidates. The school at the outpost just mentioned has grown in attendance so that we have hopes of it becoming a Government aided school. In such a school the salary of the teacher is paid by the Government, and there is also a grant towards maintaining the school. The chief drawback is that this outpost is in such an inaccessible place, so far as cars are concerned. And the inspectors do not fancy travelling by horse, or by foot.

We shall soon be farewelling Brother and Sister Parks, as their time for returning to Canada is drawing near. And we trust that Sisters Smith and Chase will soon be arriving. In it all we feel that the cause of Foreign Missions is being advanced. May the Lord bless, and continue to lead, those who are yet in the homeland preparing for work in this land. We are grateful for all that our denomination is doing for this field, and we feel that you are expecting to do more than ever before, as the needs are placed before you, and information is supplied that will give you a true picture of this work you are carrying on, in what seems a distant land. Outgoing missionaries, return missionaries, and the visit that the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board has paid this field, should give you added light on the problems and possibilities of this work.

Yours for greater things in Him,

C. D. M. SANDERS

CORRESPONDENCE

Rockville

Dear Highway Friends:

I am writing to say I would like to subscribe for your paper, the King's Highway. I enjoy reading them so much. A friend of mine loaned me his to read, and I seem to receive a blessing all the while I am reading them.

We went to Port Maitland to the revival meetings when Mr. Mullen and Mr. Schamehorn were there and we all received a blessing.

My husband and my son, who is fourteen, were both saved in October, when we had revivals in our church, and I rededicated my life. And we have been so happy ever since serving the Lord.

It's wonderful to be serving the Lord. When we are on the Lord's side we seem to have so many friends.

Please let me know about the paper.

Yours in the Lord,

MRS. EDWARD NICKERSON

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed please find postal note for \$2.00 for subscription for The Highway for year, as we like it very much and do not want to be without it.

Yours for Scriptural Holiness,

STANLEY E. PRYOR

THINGS TO DO FOR MISSIONARIES

By Ken Anderson

The United States Government took special pains in ferrying to GI's the tons of gift packages Americans sent them. Thousands of dollars went into funds to provide all kinds of leisure for the boy and girl away from home.

Why? Because these men and women had left the comforts of civilian life to do a job that had to be done. Sometimes the price meant death. Often it meant serious deprivation and physical suffering. Always it meant loneliness. The missionary has also gone to war. He pays a price. Insurance companies take note of the fact that missionaries seldom live beyond their sixties. So why not lighten the load of these spiritual warriors by sharing some of the things you enjoy at home?

What can you do?

Write letters, of course. But not just the "How are you? I am fine" type. You might, for example, make it your hobby to compile a weekly or monthly news letter to be sent in duplicate to several fields. Perhaps you could pattern the idea of a chap who sends athletic reports to a former college fan. Find out the field of your own missionary's interest, and map your correspondence accordingly.

But letter writing should only be a warm-up drill. Here's another idea. Sometime this fall, conduct an old-fashioned name drawing in your church. Only instead of drawing each other's names, participants will draw the names of missionaries now on the field. They will then send gifts to those whose names they draw.

In consultation with your mission board, you might post some suggestions as to what would go well on the various fields. And try to discourage the mere sending of clothing. Missionaries are human, and they like a few legitimate frills now and then.

Have your church keep birthday and anniversary dates, too. When a missionary reaches

another annual yearstone, send him a remembrance of the occasion. Remember, too, that couples on the field observe the passing of each wedded year just as couples do at home.

You might do something on a denominational scale with this matter of anniversaries. Solicit through your official organ the names of homesters who would like to be given two or three gift assignments each year. Then secure the birthday and anniversary data of your missionaries, and work out a system which will see each remembered appropriately as the occasion arises.

Another possibility is to act as purchasing agent for some missionary or group of missionaries. For example, suppose a missionary is a camera enthusiast. He may have specialized photographic needs which no mission board could possibly attend to. Offer to be his U. S. representative, keeping him supplied with film difficult to purchase.

A woman on the field might be a skilled seamstress. Now and then she may need information as to cloth, patterns and the like. Mail order houses supply catalogues for such folk, but often a bit of assistance from home can effect a much more satisfactory transaction.

And don't forget the children. Missionary dads can't come home at night with their pockets hiding surprises, because jungles are seldom supplied with ten cent stores. Still, about the only difference between your children and those of a missionary is that yours have many more advantages than the others.

For an unforgettable lesson in stewardship, suggest that your children go without treats for a week now and then. Take the money thus saved and, for instance, buy some candy which can be shipped long distances. Toys wear out on mission fields, too, and missionary salaries seldom allow for much restocking.

The story is told of a young couple who, with their four year old son, went to China to pioneer as missionaries far into the interior of the great continent. Mail came infrequently, and sometimes there wasn't very much when it did arrive.

One day the youngster was talking with his mother. "I get lonesome sometimes," he said.

"We all do," his mother told him, adding that they had come to spread the good news of salvation and that lonesomeness didn't really matter when one had the Lord always nearby.

"It's awfully far back to where we came from," the lad mused philosophically. He thought a moment. "Do you suppose they still love us, Mommie?"

Why don't you answer his question for him, so he'll not have reason to ask again!

Missionaries in China tell of native fascination with American inventions. Scrapbooks that show pictures of trains, airplanes, buses, automobiles, trucks, mechanisms of all types bring happiness to war orphans or shut-ins. Scrapbooks with American scenery are of special interest.

And remember, missionaries do not have ten cent stores around every corner. Notions which Americans take for granted are scarce and almost unobtainable in many sections of the world. Why not try a shower of notions to be sent to some missionary? Boxes containing soaps, shoe laces, safety and common pins, scissors, thread, needles, combs, cleansing tissues, yarn, buttons, thimbles, and measuring tape may be packed attractively