

MISSIONARY PAGE

FROM THE FIELD

HARTLAND MISSION STATION

Dear Friends,

We have very much to praise God for. He has done great things for us, helping us in time of need.

He has given us a new daughter, Joy Louise, who was born on the 5th of this month.

As Myra has not been well, we planned that she should stay at a boarding house, or hotel, in Vryheid; so as to be near her doctor. But instead, she has stayed with the Kiersteads, for a month, before the 5th. During this month there was the Calvary Quarterly for me to attend and how were the other two children to be cared for, while I was away? Once again Mr. and Mrs. van Rooyan, have acted as foster parents for Pamela and Esther, for about three weeks. In this also we see that God has wonderfully supplied our needs. After we had made this arrangement for the children's stay, we found out that the two Missionary ladies, Misses Chase and Smith at Altona, had prepared to take them for us. We do appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Miss Campbell has been very kind in using her car to get Myra part way to Vryheid, and also to the Hospital. A neighbour took her as far as Paulpietersburg.

I was able to go down and see Myra and Joy on the 6th, returning on the 8th. Pamela and Esther came home on the 9th. So we are now looking forward to the full reunion of our family which will probably be next week. And we are praying for the continued blessing and help of the Lord as we continue to work in this very needy area. It is a rather tough area but even this is but further proof of its deeply seated need.

The Calvary Quarterly was blessed by the presence of the Lord. We trust that as a result of our business meetings, the local work at this point will continue to make good progress, and that some of the obstacles to success, have been removed.

One evening the men and boys started singing, in their room in the parsonage, and they seemed to be enjoying themselves very much, as they sang the songs of Zion. A little later the children started up and were singing the choruses that Miss Campbell taught them at the last D.V.B.S. she held at Calvary. I was surprised to hear how well they had memorized these Zulu, and even English choruses. Well the little people kept at it till they seemed to outsing the men. Pretty good for little fellows don't you think?

We did not have any baptisms this time, as the ones who were to be examined for baptism did not show up. We were rejoiced to know that 4 children gave themselves as seekers in the Young Peoples meeting on Sunday. Then again in the closing service, Sunday afternoon there were many who gave themselves as seekers, who felt a soul thirst for the water of life.

More of our people would have attended this Quarterly if means of travel and local accommodation were available. We trust that these difficulties will continue to be overcome

as time goes on. Those who are praying for this Missionary work, will be glad to know of new seekers, and you will, no doubt, put these in this section, on your prayer list: as there is need of these children and young people going on till they get saved and sanctified.

At Sunday School (which we now have on Friday afternoon) we are taking the life of Esther, and also learning Matthew 3. There were 48 present yesterday, which included two little visitors, a little Native boy and girl who came to ask for some mulberry fruit. Most of those attending the Sunday School are scholars from our local Government Aided School. After the lessons were over and the school was closed yesterday, I was thinking of the possible value in future years, of this one hour a week, spent with these children who come from many homes. The history of the effect of the word of God upon people who were taught it in their early years, should encourage us to keep on trying to reach the young, in every way possible, and as much and as long as possible. God has said: "My word shall not return unto me void."

Night before last I felt tremendously burdened for the needs I face: my own soul need, the need of my family, and the need of this work. The Lord gave me rich blessing in the thought of Divine love, "Charity." If you will look up, and read, these six verses I think that you will be blessed too: 1 Peter 4:8, Gal. 5:22, 1 Cor. 13:13, 1 Thes. 1:3, 2 Tim. 2:22 and Rom. 13:8. After thinking of these wonderful texts I went to prayer and unburdened my heart to God, and after some time, I felt much relief and blessing. There is so little that we can do in our own strength, and yet we find that there is so much that God can do through surrendered lives. May we see the revival that we are praying for.

Yours glad to be in His Service,

C. D. M. SANDERS.

VRYHEID, NATAL

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings to you all from us all in Vryheid, in His dear Name.

The days are getting warmer and longer. Soon will be the time for planting corn. As we think of the time for sowing the seed, we remember the parable of the sower and ask God to help us to sow well the word of the Lord, while we have time and opportunity, for we realize that very soon that time will be past and the night will be upon us, when no man can work. What a great responsibility is ours! May God help us all to keep at our best for Him, I pray.

This is the time for the Quarterly Meeting at Calvary Mission Station. We have been praying that God will graciously pour out His blessed Holy Spirit upon those assembled up there and that many will be helped and blessed.

We understand that one of our workers, from Calvary, is not at all well. He is a young man and married to Rev. Alfred Metula's oldest daughter, Nesta. His name is Aaron Mbate. We do pray that God will undertake, for we do need our workers. We are glad that God knows and understands all the problems,

and it's His work and we are in His hands.

Our younger lads, Reginald and Kenneth, have been going out kraal visiting Saturday afternoons, and having children's services in two different places. They take one of the students, who knows the Lord, with them to help out, and so far have felt that the Lord has blessed their efforts. They meet with all kinds, as they go from kraal to kraal, visiting the children. Some are drunk, some so hard and indifferent, etc., but they all need Jesus. Sometimes I feel nervous to let them go, as they are still so young, but then I feel that God will protect them and if they can do a little for Him, I am glad.

My husband went to Altona Tuesday evening and brought up a truck load of people for the services at Calvary. While there he learned that there had been a heathen wedding and beer drink nearby, that ended in a big fight. Some of the wounded had been brought to Altona and tended. The doctor was sent for and several bad cases, fractured skulls, etc., had been taken into the Piet Retief hospital.

The devil is busy but we thank God for His good, faithful workers. Our new missionaries are surely kept busy and are doing a good work for the Lord.

The work on the Lyojwane Church is at a standstill at the moment for need of some one to plaster, but we trust this will soon be taken care of and the building will be completed.

We thank all who have written us about Beulah; we thank God for the good camp meeting. I would have especially enjoyed being at Riverside Camp Meeting this year, and hearing Rev. Bona Fleming again. He was the evangelist at Beulah my first year there and I never shall forget how I enjoyed his ministry.

May God bless and be with you all. Pray for us.

Yours for souls in Africa,

GLADYS KIERSTEAD

CHRIST'S CALL TO YOU

By W. Graham Scroggie

For the care of sheep Christ needs shepherds; for the ingathering of the harvest He needs reapers; for the worldwide proclamation of the gospel He needs missionaries. Christ needs you and me, because He chooses to employ means to ends. He does not will to do everything Himself, but to work in and then through people whom He qualifies.

It is to be feared that the Master has a lot of poor material with which to work, but it is most wonderful how He uses it. The power of accomplishment is not in the human instrument but in the Divine Workman, yet His skill is revealed through the instrument. The twelve Apostles were a queer lot, judged by human standards, but they out-loved, out-worked, and out-lived the might of Rome. Christ wants you, today.