

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

P. O. Box 33,
Vryheid, Natal, South Africa,
June, 1951

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings to you all, in His dear Name! The Lord is very precious to my soul today. It is a cold, windy winter day but I am so glad for the peace in my heart, that is deep and settled, and the outside elements cannot disturb it.

At this time, three years ago, Sister Campbell and I were busy preparing for Quarterly Meetings at Altona. I have never been able to attend a service there, since that time, but tomorrow, the Lord willing, I expect to go to Altona. I will visit a few days before the Quarterly Meetings start.

I cannot thank the dear Lord enough for all He has done for me. Truly He has done great things for me whereof I am glad.

I am anxious to hear the report of the D. V. B. S. and evangelistic services held at Piet Retief. Sister Campbell was in charge of this work. One of our new missionaries had planned to help there too, but as Altona school closed very early and the teachers and their families had planned to be away, the two nurses stayed at Altona and held the fort there, while Sister Campbell went to Piet Retief alone.

On Wednesday, D. V. B. S. was started at Altona and evening evangelistic services too, and they were to be held right up until the Quarterly Meetings start, next week. We do trust and pray that this will prove a good start to the Quarterly Meetings and that we shall see much accomplished for God.

We are also praying for our Beulah Camp Meetings, that many may be saved, sanctified and reclaimed and blessed, during that time.

Eugene is very busy. He has made two trips to Hartland this week, hauling materials for the new church that is to be built down that way. Last Sunday, he was near Altona for a special service and tomorrow he will go that way again. God is working. A heathen woman and three girls gave themselves to seek the Lord, at the close of the service, last Sunday. There are good reports from other places also.

Monday morning: I did not finish my letter on Saturday and yesterday we came to Altona. Had a very nice trip down and it is so lovely to be here. It felt like coming back home again, as we were here over eight years.

Eugene and Reginald went back to Vryheid, but Kenneth and I stayed. They will return on Wednesday, bringing the Sanders' family with them. It will be nice to have all our missionaries together, and we are praying and trusting that God will give us a very gracious time.

Yesterday, my husband had communion service at one of our outposts, about seven miles from here. I do trust it was a good service and that many were definitely helped.

We are thinking much about Beulah these days and we do pray that much blessing may be upon the Camp.

May God bless and keep you all in His love.
Yours, for souls

GLADYS KIERSTEAD

Calvary Mission,
July 18, 1951

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings to you all in Jesus' name! I do love Him supremely. He is my Saviour, Sanctifier and Keeper.

At this time of the year I like to be kept

very busy, because then my thoughts do not have so much freedom. Beulah time is always a lonesome time, Beulah and Christmas, but work is the best medicine prescribed for loneliness and there is plenty of work during the holidays. Nevertheless Beulah was the subject of many a prayer. Now we are eagerly awaiting letters from Beulah and we will surely be disgusted if each one writes: "You have probably heard all about the wonderful missionary meeting, so I won't bother writing that." Don't be afraid to write us **your** impressions.

The D. V. B. S. at Calvary Mission is a new venture. Sister Nina is here helping me and we both feel as if we were a great distance from civilization. It is five miles to the nearest store, telephone, indeed to the main highway, and that five miles seems ten as you clamber over rocky hills, cross the river and weave around intricate paths. As far as we look in all directions from this Mission which is situated on a rugged rocky hill, we see barren mountainous hills and vales.

It is much more interesting when I have company, especially in this spot. Sister Nina is not only company; however, she tends my register and looks after many other things for me.

Never did I think that hay-filled ticks would make a good bed. Perhaps one reason we have been able to rest comfortably is because we have been so "fagged" after our tramps over the hills.

Umfundisi Metula and his wife have given over their front room to us for this season and they have done all they could to make our stay pleasant. Their dinners are as tastefully prepared as any of you could prepare, and they make good tea. And what interest they have manifested both in the children's work and in the evening meetings! Umfundisi Metula believes in prayer as well as in work. Most of the time during the evening meetings is spent on our knees praying for a revival.

You should see the children coming in the mornings! They come charging like a herd of young steers. From the very first the interest has increased; among those attending are big boys and girls, many of whom seem to have obtained a good experience, praise the Lord! Tomorrow we have our closing, when the different ones will testify before their parents.

Preceding the Quarterly at Altona I had a D. V. B. S. in Piet Retief. Sisters Nina and Uta were in charge of the Altona Station at that time. The meetings at Piet Retief were well attended both in the mornings and in the evenings. God blessed us and gave us some victories. The week before the Quarterly we had D. V. B. S. and revival services at Altona. The time was unseasonable as the people were reaping their crops so the attendance was not too good but God did grant us a measure of success.

From here we go to Vryheid to get washed up for one more D. V. B. S. at Paulpietersburg, during which week some of our native workers are having special revival services.

Friends, as you pray, do remember us in this land. Many are our problems. When we started this D. V. B. S., not one child knew John 3:16. Isn't that ignorance? I wish you could be at our closing exercises tomorrow to hear both the little ones and the older ones memorize Scripture, the books of the New Testament and sing the choruses and hymns. Their little black faces just shine.

The Quarterly at Altona was good. Six were baptized and joined the church and one work-

er, Tulina, was restored. The crowds and interest seemed very good. One outstanding feature of the Quarterly was the presence of Sister Gladys Kierstead, her first Quarterly for three years. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

This week Sister Uta and one of the Kierstead boys have been tending the sick, looking after the services and doing the many other odd jobs at Altona. What a blessing these new missionaries are! Now we are eagerly awaiting word that Rev. and Mrs. William Morgan have set sail.

Continue to support us, dear friends, with your prayers, your gifts and especially your willingness to come if He calls.

Yours for souls,

M. CAMPBELL

OUR FIRST BUSINESS

Forget not that your first and principal business, as a disciple of Christ, is to give the Gospel to those who have it not. He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian in the great day of bestowing the rewards of service. Therefore, ask yourselves daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. Search carefully whether He would have you go yourself to the heathen, if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or, if you cannot go in person, inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is upon your property in the interest of Foreign Missions, how much you owe to the heathen because of what you owe to Christ for redeeming you with His precious blood. I warn you that it will go hard with you when your Lord comes to reckon with you, if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being sacredly devoted to giving the Gospel to the lost.—Selected.

"GO YE . . ."

"Go ye into all the world!"—and have we gone?

Are we unruffled, knowing that the dawn in heathen lands means but another day begun,

Another day without the blessed Son Of Righteousness and Peace; another day When souls who have forever lost the way Sink deeper into the dark morass of sin, Hopeless and lost, at last to enter in To an eternal night?

—Martha S. Nicholson

NOTICE

Dear Friends of Foreign Mission Work in South Africa:

In sending parcels to our Missionaries for themselves or the Natives, do not send larger than 11 pound packages at one time. It will be easier for our Missionaries to receive them through customs and they will pay much less in duty if the parcels are marked Non-Commercial Value.

A further suggestion as to Christmas Gifts for our Missionaries: Get them off the first week in October if you want them to receive them in time for Christmas.

R. H. PARKS,
Sec'y of Foreign Mission Board

God will not allow you to move on until the circumstances in which you fail become the circumstances in which He triumphs.