

MISSIONARY PAGE

VRYHEID, NATAL

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Saviour from your missionaries in Vryheid.

Today is cold and cloudy and reminds me a bit of our November days in Nova Scotia. I trust you are enjoying beautiful summer weather in Canada. It is good to know that, whether the days are cold or warm, it makes no difference to God's love and care. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. Praise His name!

Brother and Sister Morgan are getting settled at Hartland. I can imagine how glad they are to get settled in their place of labor, for the Master. I well remember how good Altona looked to me, after breaking up house-keeping, nearly a year before, and going here and there with three little children. But God always gives the strength to meet each situation, as it comes to us. As I wrote a friend, not long ago, God never calls but He furnishes all we need to answer that call. I'm sure we have all found it so.

This is a busy time of the year for our teachers. The young people from our different churches, who are attending school here in Vryheid, are looking forward to holidays at home. Our first girl to go in for nursing, is doing very well, I believe. She called here a few days ago, and seems so happy in her work. She said every nurse in training was a Christian and there is much stress given the spiritual part of their training. They are taken out kraal visiting on Sundays and given opportunities to witness for Jesus. I was so glad to hear all about it. We do thank God for opening the way for Lefina to go to such a good place to take her training.

I understand that two of our girls who are attending school here are planning to start nurses' training, after the school year is finished. Please pray for these dear young people, friends, there are so many pitfalls laid for their young feet.

We are thinking of Beulah and praying that it will be a good Camp Meeting again this year.

In closing I'd like to send the following verses. They sum up my thoughts, as I daily pray for you loved ones at home.

I like to feel in all the work
Thou hast to do,
That I by lifting hands of prayer
May help thee too.

I like to think that in the path
His love prepares,
Thy steps may sometimes stronger prove
Through secret prayers.

I like to think that when on High
Results we see,
Perchance thou wilt rejoice that I
Thus pray for thee.
Yours in Christian love,

GLADYS KIERSTEAD

"THE BEST REMEDY FOR A SICK CHURCH IS TO PUT IT ON A MISSIONARY DIET."

MAKING THE CHILDREN MISSIONARY MINDED

By Carrie Dake Kline

In considering the training of a child "in the way he should go," we should not forget the training that will make him missionary-minded. To be sure we run the risk of being partly responsible if he subsequently chooses life service in some mission field but it is worth the risk.

In the first place if we want our children to be missionary-minded we must be so minded ourselves. A sober acceptance of the fact of Christ's command to every disciple of His, to go into the world and tell the good news and teach His commandments by example and precept, constitutes a missionary even if we never leave the boundaries of the county in which we were born. This concept of Christian living on the parents' part will make them the missionary-minded individuals necessary for training the child.

OTHERS

Lord, let me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way,
That, even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer shall be for Others.

Help me, in all the work I do,
Ever to be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for Thee,
Must needs be done for Others.

Let "self" be crucified and slain,
And buried deep, nor rise again;
And may all efforts be in vain,
Unless they be for Others.

Ant when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heaven begun
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of Others.

Yes, Others, Lord, yes, Others.
Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for Others,
That I may live like Thee.

—Chas. D. Meigs

Every house has many callers in the course of a year, friends, neighbors, salesmen, tramps. The opportunity of witnessing Christ to them is double edged. By kindly courtesy and response to the need, by direct testimony of printed leaflet the caller is ministered to. And at the same time valuable lessons are being ingrained into the growing minds of the children in the home. To illustrate. It was Thanksgiving Day, a warm, hazy, late fall day. The family were back from a union Thanksgiving service. Dinner was being hurried on, company was present, a trip had been planned for the afternoon. In the midst of it a tramp knocked at the kitchen door and asked for something to eat. Could the time be taken to meet his need? Yes, doubly so on this day. A good sack lunch was prepared, a Gospel of St. John tucked in with a prayer, and a son of the family delegated to deliver it. As the child handed it to the poor man for whom Christ died, he said, "Here is your Thanksgiving dinner, sir, and God bless you." A missionary

CONQUER BY PRAYER

David Brainerd did his greatest work by prayer. He was in the depths of the forests alone, unable to speak the language of the Indians, but he spent whole days in prayer.

What was he praying for? He knew that he could not reach those savages: he did not understand their language. If he wanted to speak at all he must find somebody that could vaguely interpret his thought. Therefore he knew that anything he might do must be absolutely dependent upon the power of God.

So he spent whole days praying simply that the power of the Holy Ghost might come upon him so unmistakably that these people should not be able to stand before him.

What was his answer? Once he preached through a drunken interpreter, a man so intoxicated that he could hardly stand up. That was the best he could do; yet scores were converted through that sermon.

We cannot account for it, only that it was the tremendous power of God behind him.

After he was dead, William Carey read his life and went to India; Robert McCheyne read his diary and went to the Jews; Henry Martyn read his journal and went to India.

The hidden life, in communion with God in trying to reach the source of power, is the life that moves the world.—A. J. Gordon.

in the making!

The reading table and book case are potent factors. Attractively bound missionary stories and children's editions of great missionary heroes' lives should have their permanent place there. There is no more interesting, gripping reading to be found for children, and no better way to create sympathetic missionary life attitudes.

The family altar has a powerful place in this training. The simple reading of the stories of great Bible characters, the retelling of current missionary events and discussion of the same in which all take part—such times are never forgotten.

A most important phase of all this is the teaching concerning tithes and offerings and self-denial money. These should be made a vital part of the child's life. For instance, Self-denial week should be a family affair and an individual affair as well. It is all right to do without butter and sugar and meat for a week as a family. Let each child in addition choose some personal way in which he can deny himself and add to the sum saved. Another phase of self-denial and missionary-mindedness that comes in very admirably right here can be centered around the parents' teaching concerning the movies, choice of radio programs and other tempting things. It is not enough just to say "No" to them. A reason must be given. The reasons that center around the moral issue must be explained kindly and persistently. But the child has no experience with which to grasp the moral issue fully as yet. To place along side this moral training, the lure of denying oneself of these things for Jesus' sake, and saving the pennies and dimes for His great cause, is to make that denial of self a privilege and in many cases a pleasure. Furthermore, here is a golden opportunity to train our children to choose the right for themselves—but that is another subject.

All of this calls for much from parenthood. It is a "blessed task" indeed and one that has rich rewards in Christian character and life.

—Exchange.