

# MISSIONARY PAGE

## HARTLAND MISSION STATION

Dear Friends:

We are glad for all that the Lord is doing, in spite of all the difficulties and apparent hindrances. He is the One who led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, through the wilderness, and into Canaan. What a lot of difficulties and apparent hindrances this journey involved. But God was equal to each problem as it arose. "The glory of the impossible," as some one has put it.

Within the past four months there have been quite a number of children and young people who have declared their determination to forsake heathenism, and seek salvation, and Christianity. There were six at Hartland, two at Xaba section, one at Lujojwane outpost, four at Kwabanakile outpost, and later, one more here at Hartland, making a total of 14. There were quite a number at Calvary during the Quarterly there.

We need more native workers, particularly men. There are several places that need native men who are fully saved, and willing to put themselves in the work for the Lord; to help reach their own people, winning them for Christ. If these young people could go on till they are saved and sanctified, and be obedient to "the heavenly vision," no doubt some of these very ones would later on fill similar positions of need. We are praying and working to this end. There is a regular Sunday School conducted here at Hartland, only it is not held on Sundays; we have it on Friday instead. There is a boys' meeting every Friday evening in one of the local native kraals. Then there is a girls' meeting every week or two. One of our local workers, Andrew Mtetwa, and I have a class of boys each and we are trying to lead them to get saved. And we trust that they will not stop there.

This morning a boy from our Nkembeni section called here and told me some more about meetings that he has been holding in his own home. If all he tells is true, it must be that the Lord has done something for this boy. He says that he has regular prayers in the kraal he lives in. His father died about two years ago, and left three widows. This boy is the son of one of these three. He says that he has regular service every Sunday, and besides he goes out and has prayers for sick people. Our worker for this section, Paulina Lukele, lives in the Transvaal, and hence can not get over the Pongola River very regularly, so it leaves this outpost without regular meetings. May the Lord bless this boy and lead him on to a strong Christian experience.

I have been over to Kwabanakile twice recently. The first time the river was so full that I had to have a native boy help swim me across on my way home. This was my first experience of crossing the river in this way. At this first meeting we had four candidates baptized and later taken into church membership; and later, four new seekers in the same meeting. The second trip I had a few prayer meetings in native kraals, and then an evening service at Lujojwane, or I should say a business meeting, which lasted till three o'clock Sunday morning. After about an hour's sleep I had to get ready and leave for Kwabanakile. Arriving near the top of the

hill, I was told that not many were likely to be at the meeting here, as quite a few church members would be detained to attend the funeral of a little boy of about 4 years, who was bitten by the dreaded black mamba. For some reason the snake went into the native hut, in the early evening, and the inmates, seeing the intruder, stood up and made for the door. There was a fire on the central hearth and it seems that the mamba passed very close to, or on this fire. I suppose that the sudden movement of the natives, and possibly being touched by the fire, the snake became startled, or enraged, and struck the child mentioned. By fastening a spear to a long pole they were able to stab the snake, and eventually kill it. Of course, the ordinary natives believe that some evil witch sent this mamba for the very purpose that was accomplished, and the witch-doctor will likely, later, oblige them by coming to this very conclusion.

Another sudden death occurred about ten miles from here, up on Scott's Hill, where Johan Twala, a Native man working for the Native Trust, was instantly killed by lightning. As I understand it he was walking with three other men, going Indian file, he being next to the last, when he was struck.

An overcoat that was sent out, has at last found a needy wearer, in the person of old Mqumbi Mavuso. While at Lujojwane I found this old Native man on the hill side digging out a root to use for fuel. He said that he had been working since noon, and it was then near dusk, so, I helped him finish the job and after having prayers with the old man, carried his little log to the gate of his kraal. All he had for a coat was a tattered garment which had two holes in it, to which the sleeves used to be attached. Today two little girls came to fetch the over-coat and by now he is likely comfortably wrapped up in it. He likely does not have many more days to live.

This afternoon, a poor widow came here whose son took most, or all her living, in the shape of cattle and sold them and went off with the proceeds. Poor Nomona Mdiniso asked if we could find an old blanket for her. I trust that we shall be able to find one. This will give you some idea of the use that old clothes can be after all the expense and trouble of sending them out here have been overcome.

May the Lord bless us as we toil on till we are called home, or the Lord comes. Continue to work and pray friends, the field is just about as needy as it ever was. And I suppose that there are just about as many souls yet to be saved as there were 60 years ago, and possibly more.

Yours happy in Him,

C. D. M. SANDERS.

### A SENTENCE SERMON

**GOD'S MAN  
becomes mighty  
in the power  
of the ALMIGHTY.**

—SAMUEL CHADWICK

## VRYHEID, NATAL

Dear Highway Friends:

I have just had one of our teachers to see me. He finished at the Teachers' Training College; has been teaching for a year or two and now is going back to college to further his education. He was not able to get in at the college of his choice so doesn't know just what to expect, as far as spiritual help is concerned. He asked that we pray for him and said he was determined to do right and ask help of God each day. He has been a good boy, and I do pray that God will continue to keep him from the evil, and help him always to do the right.

Summer is here, with such extreme heat, that by the end of the day we feel like the flowers look in the gardens—wilted and exhausted. But God is our refuge and strength and the past two days we have had such refreshing showers of rain. The farmers will also welcome it so much, as it was too dry to plant and some crops were dying from the awful heat.

We have five of our Altona school girls here attending High School. I believe four have gone as far as they feel they can afford to. One wishes to become a nurse and the others may attend the college here next year, to become teachers. They are good girls, four of them are baptized members of our church and are the daughters of workers. They do need our prayers as they prepare themselves to be more useful to their people.

E. T. T. C. means Evangelical Teachers Training College and also stands for its motto: "Every teacher teaching Christ." I've had enough experience with teachers to know that if they haven't Christ in their life, they are poor teachers for a mission school. We do hear good reports of many of the students who have left here and pray that God will continue to help in this great work.

Holidays will soon be here with many duties planned. We are asking God for extra strength.

Harold and Shirley have their holiday just after Christmas. They will be here for Christmas too. They hope to spend some time at Altona so Harold can help to repair the fences.

Christmas will be past before this reaches you. We pray that God will give our friends a blessed New Year, filled with His love and blessing.

Yours for souls,

G. KIERSTEAD

### A MISSIONARY'S EQUIPMENT

J. Hudson Taylor

1. A life yielded to God and controlled by His Spirit.
2. A restful trust in God for the supply of all need.
3. A sympathetic spirit and a willingness to take a lowly place.
4. Tact in dealing with men and adaptability toward circumstances.
5. Zeal in service and steadfastness in discouragement.
6. Love for communion with God and for the study of His Word.
7. Some experience and blessing in the Lord's work at home.
8. A healthy body and a vigorous mind.

—Roundtable

The King's Highway