

MISSIONARY PAGE

MISS THELMA ROSE LEAVING FOR HAITI

It has been requested that a letter be written to our people regarding God's dealings which finally revealed His will, that I make definite plans to leave for Haiti, the last of September. My heart responds to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and each movement in this direction has been sealed by His approval.

Time and space will not permit details, but in the last two months God has been working speedily in the revelation and fulfillment of His plan, that I work under what is now the Haiti Inland Mission. This is a spiritual body of Holiness people which has close contact with the Oriental Missionary Society.

Gratefully I've received wonderful co-operation and encouragement from our Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Baptist. Both they, and the Haiti Inland Mission have co-operated with God in this matter, and it has been miraculous how God has been taking care of details to make my going possible.

As many of you know, for about ten years I've felt a definite call to full time service in God's vineyard, but only since three years have I realized a call to foreign work. Looking back, it appears that at least the last ten years of my life have been filled with experiences which God meant to help prepare me for foreign work. The three and a half years as a missionary in the hills of Kentucky was not the least of these experiences, nor the training here at Booth Memorial Hospital which was completed last March.

I'll be working here at the hospital until the last of August. Plans are that I'll be leaving here for my home in Port Maitland, N. S., the first night of September on the Boston-Yarmouth boat, to return on her last trip from Yarmouth Sept. the thirteenth. I expect then to make promised visits to friends and relatives in Boston and vicinity, where I'll leave not later than September the twenty-second on my way to Intercession City, Florida. It seems best that I spend a few days there on a shopping expedition, rather than take so much baggage all the way from here. Miss Chandler agrees that this would be a good plan, and will help me with necessary purchases.

Miss Chandler is the field representative of the Haiti Inland Mission, and has been in the States for several months. She, by correspondence, has been very helpful with instructions and suggestions regarding my preparations. We plan to go to Haiti together by ship.

Perhaps many of you, like myself, have forgotten much you ever studeid about Haiti, so I'll pass on a few facts gained since God has been leading that way.

Haiti is one of the islands of the West Indies, its area being 10,748 square miles. Quite recent statistics give the population of this island as 3,500,000, of which ninety per cent are negroes and ten percent mulattoes. Ninety per cent of the people live by agriculture and about ten per cent are city dwellers.

Haiti is bounded on the northeast by the Gulf of Mexico. Jamaica and Central America are eastward, and it is surrounded by the



A NEW MISSIONARY—A NEW MISSION FIELD!

Sometime late this month, Miss Thelma Rose will leave Canada and the United States for missionary work on the island of Haiti. She will be working under the Haiti Inland Mission, a group that will soon be officially affiliated with the Oriental Missionary Society, but will be supported by our people, so that she will be our missionary working under another group.

Miss Rose's going to Haiti means that we not only have another missionary representing us, but we have a worker on a field entirely new to us. This is the first time in the fifty years of our foreign missionary work that we will have a missionary on a field other than our South African area. We rejoice that this forward step has been taken by our Foreign Mission Board and are sure that our people will welcome the opportunity of supporting a new missionary on a new field. We trust that this will be but the beginning of an expansion of our missionary endeavour which will be followed by the going forth of God called workers to herald the news of salvation throughout the world!

Caribbean Sea. Quite directly south is South America.

French is the official language of this negro Republic, but Creole is spoken by most inhabitants. This language is a mixture of French, Spanish, English, Indian and African. English is taught in some schools.

Haiti has freedom of worship, but Roman Catholicism has been the predominate religion since the early days of the Spanish settlers.

Other descriptions can be better given after I've seen that land and people myself. Our greatest interest should be the great spiritual need of this people, for on most parts conditions are as primitive as Africa. In fact, Haiti has been called "Little Africa," and is similar in its customs and need.

Some months ago the Holy Spirit quickened to my heart Isaiah 42:6-7: "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light to the Gentiles. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them

ALTONA MISSION STATION

Dear Friends in Christ:

Greetings in Jesus' name from South Africa. Winter is here, but it is not as cold as last year. It has been warm and I thought spring was here, but I guess it changed its mind as the past few days have been cold. There has been snow in some parts of the country.

The mulberry trees are putting forth their leaves, therefore spring will soon be here.

Today Miss Chase and I, with native women went kraal visiting. We had visited this kraal some weeks ago, but the death angel had since been there and taken a young woman. We had a short service in one of the huts. Miss Chase spoke from the first fifteen verses of John 14. We sang and had prayer. We tried to bring comfort to the sorrowing and strentgh at this time. We understand that the young woman had given her heart to Christ before she died. We pray that the Christians in this kraal will receive comfort from God and those who are not, will turn to God in their hour of sorrow.

Death is no respecter of persons, the young are taken as well as the old, therefore we must be ready to meet our Lord and Saviour. We must be prepared at all times, for no one knows what tomorrow may bring. Should Christ come for His church tomorrow, will He find us ready and watching? There is much ground yet to be conquered and souls still lost in darkness and superstition. Yes, and people are still taking it easy, thinking there is plenty of time, when we do not know what tomorrow may bring. May God arouse each one of us to the need at home and abroad. We will all, one day, stand before our Lord and Saviour, what will our sentence be? We will have to give account of things done and of things not done. Let us work while there is still time to work.

I thank my Lord and Saviour for the privilege He has given me. I want to be at my best for Him.

Yours in Christ's Name

NINA SMITH

that sit in darkness out of the prison house."

And then God's promise in verses 16 and 17: "And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I wilil lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

"They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, ye are our gods."

Will you join me in prayer that God's first calling be fulfilled, and that as a consequence, darkness will be made light to those who have not the privileges and blessings we know because of the Gospel.

My first desire is to do God's will. May God bless each of you as you fill your respective places. May His will be sweet to your souls, and your lives lived for His glory.

Yours to serve Him,

THELMA ROSE

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