

MISSIONARY PAGE

HARTLAND MISSION STATION

Dear Highway Friends,

We wish you all New Year greetings. May the Lord help each of us to do more for His glory this year, and to see more souls saved, than any year before.

Early in December Myra took seriously ill. The doctors have diagnosed her condition as anemic and have ordered her to have complete rest. God helped us in this time of need by allowing Miss Smith to come and help us. So we were able to have the Quarterly here at Hartland, and also the Native Christmas, as well as our own Christmas. We were glad that Myra was able to be with us for Christmas. For a while it looked as if she would have to go to the Nursing Home or Hospital. Above all else we appreciated the presence of God with us. He is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother. We do praise Him for all he is to us, and all He has done for us.

The Christmas parcels from the homeland began to arrive early, and continued to do so almost up to Christmas day. It was hard for Pamela and Esther to wait for Christmas day to dawn. Esther especially kept on asking when it would be, how many times she would have to sleep and wake up before Christmas morning. And how excited they were when we went in on Christmas morning, and saw the beautiful Christmas tree, that Miss Smith decorated so nicely, with the many presents placed beneath it. We had a very happy time opening these, and found that we had been given more than usual this year. It makes us feel that God is very good to us, giving us more than we would ask or think. So we take this opportunity to thank you all very much for the kind remembrances, and wishes, that we have received from you this year. May the dear Lord bless each one with a special blessing from His great heart of love.

The Quarterly was blessed by the presence of the Lord and we enjoyed some very good messages from God's servants. The reports were encouraging. Since the end of September there have been 16 new seekers, or backsliders coming back to the Lord, four baptisms, 12 babies dedicated, and two new pledges for the Friday Prayer Crusade. We missed Johansi Nkosi very much. He was in the Piet Retief Hospital having had an operation. We are glad to hear that he is improving nicely.

The Christmas gathering was larger than usual. As usual we gave out a small match box for each one that came. The total number of boxes that were given out was 715. We pray that the two Gospel messages that were preached on that afternoon, may grip hearts till they come to the Lord.

Plans for the new year, include the church opening at Lujojwane, the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Morgan, and the moving of two of the lady Missionaries to Lowsburg, to occupy that new Mission site. We are looking to God for special help and blessing for all these, and many other undertakings that we hope will materialize this year.

Harold Kierstead was here and gave his testimony in the closing service of the Quarterly. It was encouraging to hear this young man tell how God had called him to work for Him in this Missionary work. And we felt that it

would be good if he could start right in working for the Lord, on this field.

We are glad to have Miss Campbell here with us for a week's D.V.B.S. which she has been conducting since the Quarterly ended.

One of the young people who gave themselves as seekers in our July revival meetings, was baptized during this Quarterly, and taken into church membership.

We have had several violent storms this year. Two Natives, and several cattle, have been killed by lightning. God has protected us from harm and danger during the tempest and storm. He also protected us from a very severe hail storm that passed within about a mile of us. Several goats were killed by this storm, and the grass on one hill seemed to have been cut to the ground, so that the hill appeared quite red, in large patches.

There has been a lot of measles around us in the past few months, and quite a few children have died as a result. One of these was buried on Monday, the day after the Quarterly, on the Government portion of Balmoral farm. God has also given us protection from this disease.

Yours glad to be in the Master's service,
C. D. M. and MYRA SANDERS
and FAMILY.

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Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings to you in the homeland from South Africa.

The Old Year is gone and the Lord has allowed us to see another New Year. It hardly seems possible that 1951 is in the past. Time is swiftly passing by and there is still plenty of work to be done for our Master.

It only seems like last week that I was preparing to leave for Africa, but nearly a year has gone since that time. Then with this past year many changes have taken place. I left St. John during one of the coldest spells of the season and arrived in Africa in their early autumn. It was a complete change in climate and as yet I haven't got altogether use to this climate. The heat hasn't been as bad as I expected, but it has been bad enough. I haven't found this country as bad as I expected.

I have visited many of the stations and outposts, since my arrival in this country. The first two months were spent in Vryheid with the Kiersteads. Then Sister Uta and I were at Altona together until the first of December when I came over here to Hartland. It seems that I am never to be settled down in one place for very long, but I praise God for the privilege of serving Him wherever it may be. I want to be faithful to the Trust He has given me.

I want to try and express my appreciation to all the many friends who remembered me with Christmas cards and gifts at this season. It is so wonderful to know that you are remembered by friends at home, although you are far away. I will try and acknowledge personally all Christmas gifts received. I received several gifts from people I do not know, nor do I know where the parcels came from. The gifts were sent to me from either Altona or Vryheid and I don't know from which church they were received. Therefore under these circumstances I will take this medium to thank you all.

HAVE YOU SOUGHT?

Have you sought the sheep that have wandered, far away on the dark mountain cold? Have you gone like the tender Shepherd, to bring them again to the fold? Have you followed their weary footsteps, and the wild desert waste have you crossed, nor lingered 'til safe home returning, you have gathered the sheep that were lost? Have you been to the sad and the lonely whose burdens were heavy to bear? Have you carried the name of Jesus, and tenderly breathed it in prayer? Have you told of the great salvation He died on the cross to secure? Have you asked them to trust in the Saviour whose love shall forever endure? Have you knelt by the sick and dying, the message of mercy to tell? Have you stood by the trembling captive alone in his dark prison cell? Have you pointed the lost to Jesus, and urged them on Him to believe? Have you told of the life everlasting that all if they will may receive? If to Jesus you answer these questions, and to Him have been faithful and true, then, behold in the mansions yonder are crowns of rejoicing for you. And there from the King Eternal your welcome and greeting shall be, "Inasmuch as 'twas done for 'my brethren,' even so it was done 'unto me.'"—Fanny J. Crosby.

"FOREIGN MISSIONS"

William Adams Brown, whose name is almost synonymous with "foreign missions," used to silence all thinking objectors in his audiences with this striking apologetic:

- (1) Every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary.
- (2) Every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to a convert of a foreign missionary.
- (3) Every epistle in the New Testament that was written to a church was written to a foreign-missionary church.
- (4) The disciples were called Christians first in a foreign-missionary community.
- (5) Of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, every apostle except one became a missionary.
- (6) The only one among the twelve apostles who did not become a missionary became a traitor.
- (7) The problems which arose in the early church were largely questions of missionary procedure.
- (8) According to the apostles, missionary service is the highest expression of Christian life. —Selected

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

The moment your foot touches the ground off your front doorstep, you are already in that world to every creature of which Christ has sent us with His gospel.—Dr. Ambrose M. Bailey.

I enjoyed a Merry Christmas here at Hartland with Brother and Sister Sanders and the children.

I praise God to-day for the many blessings He has shed across my pathway and I want to go all the way with Him.

Yours in His Service,
NINA SMITH.