

MISSIONARY PAGE

LOUWSBURG

HARTLAND MISSION STATION

Dear Highway Friends:

Greeting from Africa in Jesus' wonderful name! Scanning the Missionary page of the July 15th Highway which we have just received and noting that there are no missionary letters reminds me that I have not written for some time.

I believe that since I wrote last, the July Quarterly convened here. We were happy that Brother and Sister Sanders were able to remain here on the Station until after Quarterly as they were a great assistance to us in making preparations. The Quarterly itself was a time of blessing. It was my privilege to baptize two young men. Four new members were added to the church. A D. V. B. S. was held during the entire week with an enrollment of over seventy. We appreciated the assistance of Sister Nina Smith and Brother Glendon Kierstead in the D. V. B. S.

On the closing Sunday of the Quarterly everyone went to the outpost at Lujojwane, where the new church building recently completed was to be dedicated. Before the service was concluded the crowd overflowed the church to such an extent that it was decided to move outside to conclude.

About two weeks after the Quarterly the Sanders took their departure for Louwsburg. We trust that God will give them a rich harvest as they labour in that field.

Almost immediately after they left, work began on the house in which they were living. This house is being remodelled and when finished should provide a very comfortable and much more healthy mission house for many years to come, having higher ceilings and better ventilation. Work is progressing favourably and we hope to be able to move in by Christmas.

Today I was to the outpost at Opuzane which is about eight or nine miles distant. This was the first time I have visited this outpost. I think we had about twenty to the service. The sad thing about the work here is that so few come to church, though there are so many who could come. Another sad thing is that so many fall prey to false doctrines. This area seems to be infested with "isms," the greater portion of them only incorporating enough of the Bible to give them an excuse to call themselves Christian, and the rest is heathenism. One is reminded of the Scripture "having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof." Only one thing can overthrow the increasing spread of this anti-Christian and evil thing and that is a Holy Ghost Revival. We pray that God may send it upon us. Many people are content so long as they belong to something that will brand them with the name of Christian; they care little about the heart experience of salvation. The rugged way of death to sin and self has little attraction to them.

Truly this is a land where one sees the subtlety and power of the enemy displayed in the lives of men, seemingly to the limit. There is much work to be done. There is need of workers, but there is a crying need for PRAY-ERS. It would seem that the efforts of the workers are not being utilized to the

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Dear Friends in Christ:

Greetings from us all, in His precious name. July is nearly finished and that means that Beulah is also over. I'm so glad for the good reports we have heard and we are just hungry to hear more.

Our July Quarterly Meeting out here was also good, from all the reports I have heard. We do especially thank God for the Lujojwane church that was dedicated on the last Sunday. May the Lord bless the people of that area, we pray, and may many heathen come to the true light, which is Christ.

The past week the South Africa General Mission has held its yearly conference on the campus here. A large number of missionaries were present and the evening services were open to the public. The special speakers were Mr. Katz, a converted Jew, from Germany, and Mr. Robinson, of the China Inland Mission. I heard Mr. Katz on three occasions and do thank God for the opportunity. The night he told of his conversion, escape from Germany, etc., it was wonderful! I saw pictures that Mr. Robinson showed of the life of a girl from Tibet. She came, a leper, to one of their hospitals in China, was cured and is married, with three little children. Their burdens and trials are great and they do need our prayers. When the service was over Mrs. Katz said to me: "This is good for us. We often get so interested in our own place of labor, that we forget that the whole world is His mission field." I had been thinking the same thoughts.

We may not need the same help as they do in China or Korea or some other countries, but we surely need your prayers. So very often the words of Paul to the Ephesians comes to my mind, that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, etc., and I'm so glad that there is a most suitable armour that we may have, to fight this great battle. Then I notice that after we have the armour well in place, verse 18 of chapter 6, says, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit and watching." If we follow the directions we'll be able to wrestle against the foe.

I do pray that God will help us all to pray much and use every opportunity that comes our way, to be of service to Him. It's day now but the night may come, sooner than we think, and our time for service will be over.

May God bless you all.

Yours for souls,

GLADYS KIERSTEAD

full because so many refuse to avail themselves of their privileges in the gospel. Perhaps you cannot come to Africa. Then pray for Africa. Today there were about twenty at the service. The majority were children. Last Sunday there were four. At each of these services there could easily have been a hundred.

Will you pray for Africa?

Yours to gather in the harvest,

Bill and Elsie Morgan.

Dear Friends:

We appreciate all that God has done for us during our moving here, and the way He has supplied our needs since the family has arrived. Quite a few of our neighbors have sent us vegetables and came to visit us. They have told us how highly they thought of George when he lived here.

Yesterday I went to our Gobein outpost for my first meeting there. The place where we have services here is in the kraal of a native who has five wives. The mother of this man lives with her son. These five wives have a total of seventeen living children, and ten who died in infancy or early childhood.

Instead of the usual preaching and testimony service we have preaching and then a class meeting with the missionary getting acquainted with a group of seekers we had in this kraal. Four of the wives became seekers while George was here; also the eldest daughter gave herself to seek salvation and church membership. The old mother belongs to another church. All of these women have a strong bondage enslaving them, to some extent, to ancestral spirit worship. Just to illustrate how strong this bondage is, one woman who still drinks beer said it would be easier for her to give up beer than to break with ancestral spirit worship. What makes this wicked idolatry still harder to break away from is the fact that quite a few so called churches weave ancestral spirit worship into their preaching and christian worship. These five women must needs break with devil worship before God will have anything to do with them. They all need to be converted, including the daughter and the school teacher.

Two smaller girls attended our second class meeting which was conducted for the girls. They are about seven and eight years old. I was glad to learn that they have daily secret prayer out in the grass out above the kraal. It seems about all the smaller children join in this devotional service. These two small girls have not yet given themselves as seekers, but it appears that they have more real interest and active practical seeking than all the rest. So I told them to ask permission of their father so that they can give themselves as seekers. There are about eleven neighbouring kraals, or native homes, who send children to our Gobein Private School which has an attendance of twenty-five children. I was pleased to learn that the teacher has Sunday School every Friday afternoon. My next meeting at Gobein will be Sept. 14th. We hope to have a greater effort for that week-end, and to visit some of the other homes in that area.

Going down to Gobein by bicycle took one hour, but coming home was quite another matter, as most of the way was up hill and a lot of it one had to walk as it was too steep for riding. This took me two hours and twenty minutes of hard going. It is a very pretty ride as one descends or ascends the winding road which gives beautiful views of rugged scenery. One thing that impressed me on this trip was the many native kraals nearby and off in the distance. The harvest is very great. When and how is it to be reached and reaped?

Yours, happy in Him,

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