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NEWS FROM VRYHEID

By Mrs. G. M. Kierstead

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in His Name!

This is a beautiful fall day and we feel that we have so much to thank God for. Truly, He is good to His children!

The month began with eight days of special services here at the college, with Rev. Charles Sanders as evangelist. We are so glad that many of the young people were helped and strengthened. Some received definite help, and we trust that the results will be lasting—only eternity will reveal it all.

We are glad to have Sister Campbell back with us. We didn't expect her so soon, but she surely made good connections. She left Halifax Feb. 7th and arrived in Vryheid March 7th. Her things were all here, so she has been busy getting things in order and ready to start on a strenuous program of work, among the children and young people, etc., and also in the schools.

We are having our first missionary conference beginning next Thursday. We are now a missionary family of seventeen and we are praying for a gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon us, during this Easter season. Sister Morgan is to have charge of the children's meetings, twice a day, and we expect to invite the missionary children on the campus to attend also.

Good reports are coming from our students at the Bible School at Stegi and also from others of our young people in nursery schools, etc.

We recently had the pleasure of visiting at Piet Retief location and also at Altona Mission Station. We were so glad to learn that two young people have given themselves to the Lord, at Altona.

The work is promising but we do need His help, every step of the way. We are praying that the winter months will be well used for His glory and that the needed buildings too will be built, as well as many souls reached for Him. Pray for us, dear ones.

Yours for souls,

GLADYS M. KIERSTEAD

GLENDON KIERSTEAD TO VISIT CHURCHES

Brother Glendon Kierstead is to tour our churches in June in the interest of our Foreign Mission effort in South Africa. He has the unanimous approval of the Foreign Mission Board in this venture and we would solicit the interest and co-operation of all our churches. Those wishing to share in his services contact him at once at Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, N. S.

Miss Uta Chase is being returned home under doctors' orders due to her inability to adjust physically to the climate of our Mission Area in South Africa.

R. H. PARKS,

Secretary of

Foreign Mission Board

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OUR FIRST MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

By Mrs. William Morgan

Below is a report of our first missionary conference ever held in the history of our work here in Africa. During the Christmas Quarterly at Altona, we as a missionary group expressed a desire and felt the need of having a time of spiritual fellowship together. Thus we formed the "Reformed Baptist Field Conference," with our Superintendent, Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead as chairman. The first conference was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. M. Kierstead in Vryheid, April 2-5. Truly the Lord was with us from the very opening of the first service, on Thursday evening, right through to the closing service on Sunday evening. The Lord met with us each one in a very gracious way and blessed and refreshed our spirits.

I don't believe you friends in the homeland can really realize just how much we needed to get together such as I have mentioned. You are being continually fed in your Prayer Services, Young People's Service, Regular Church Services, Beulah, Quarterly Meetings, etc. We as missionaries very rarely see each other with the exception of Quarterly Meetings. While these Quarterlies are good, yet they are planned especially for the benefit of the native church. I do not mean to limit the power or the grace of God as it is marvellous and truly wonderful how the Lord meets our spiritual needs daily. But, oh, how often we do long for the fellowship of our Christian Church such as we enjoyed in the homeland. We did enjoy a large portion of this fellowship during our short conference last week-end.

We have planned another conference to be held here at Hartland in October of this year. These conferences will be held yearly, but as Easter is not too suitable a time, the date is being changed to October, thus two conferences this year.

Thursday evening Mrs. Eugene Kierstead spoke from II Chron. 20:1-17, emphasizing the great need of much faith and trust in our daily lives. Friday morning began with a prayer service at 7 o'clock led by Miss Nina Smith. At 9 o'clock a meeting for the children was conducted by Mrs. William Morgan. 10.30 preaching service by Rev. Eugene Kierstead. He brought a very effective message, using the outline, "GO—PREACH—TEACH." Then with the first letter of each word erased he emphasized the purpose of this commission: "O! REACH EACH." Friday afternoon Mr. Harold Kierstead spoke on the theme of "Friendship with God," and illustrated by the life of Abraham how this might be accomplished. At the close of the afternoon message, a business session was held. During this business meeting, Miss Mary Campbell gave a very interesting report concerning her activities while on furlough in Canada.

Friday evening at 7 o'clock preaching service by Rev. Charles Sanders. His message was taken from John 17: "The Prayer of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane." He spoke of Christ's desire to return to be with the Father; His desire for the disciples that they might be unified even as He and the Father are unified; His desire for all believers that they might be sanctified and be with Him. Satur-

day morning prayer service at 7 o'clock led by Miss Mary Campbell. At 10:15 Saturday morning, business session, during which reports were heard from each mission station. Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock business meeting during which our Superintendent, Rev. Kierstead, reported on his field work and placed before us some of the difficulties and challenges that are facing us. Saturday evening at 7 o'clock we had Rev. Bohler, of the Evangelical Teacher Training College, Vryheid, as guest speaker. "Be not carried away with the error of the wicked but grow in grace." II Peter, chap 1, was the theme of his message. He stressed primarily the need of continuous growth in grace. Sunday morning a time of prayer and fasting at 7 o'clock led by Mrs. Charles Sanders. Children's meeting at 9 o'clock by Mrs. William Morgan. Children of missionaries connected with E. T. T. C., also attended the children's meetings. The morning message was brought by Rev. William Morgan. "The Power of the Resurrection," Matt. 28:6 formed the basis of his message. Rev. Charles Sanders brought the Sunday afternoon message from John 19. "Contact with God and its effect on our lives." Sunday evening Rev. Eugene Kierstead brought the closing message, using the theme, "Holiness."

I believe I express the thoughts and feelings of all our missionaries when I say that we all returned to our stations much better equipped and with renewed strength to go out and fight against the armies of Satan that are arrayed against us on every side.

THE TRIP TO A KRAAL

By Nina J. Smith

The other morning a woman arrived at our back door wanting medicine for a sick baby. The baby had been ill for three weeks, and from the way the woman talked was really bad. I suppose the native doctors hadn't been able to help, so they came to me as the last resort. I do not give out medicine, unless it is absolutely necessary, unless I can see the patient.

I decided after talking to the woman that I would go to the kraal with her. I had no one to go and interpret for me, but decided to try and do the best I could with what little Zulu I knew and understood. I got some medicine ready, a thermometer and a stethoscope and put them in a purse, and with my walking stick started off with the woman.

We walked about a quarter of a mile along the road, and then took a native path up a hill, over a stonewall at the top and down over the other side of the hill. We walked for about a mile over a fairly level area, which gradually declined to a river. We crossed two dongas which were not very deep, for this I was glad as the sides were almost vertical. (Dongas are clefts in the earth caused by erosion.) The grass was nearly as tall as I was in most places and had to be pushed aside as we walked along the path in single file. We didn't cross the river at this point, but circled around the bend and up another hill. We followed the path through a mealie patch and on down to the river. We crossed the river and started up a steep hill to the kraal. I was glad there was only a short climb.

We got to the kraal and the woman showed me into a hut. I seated myself on a mat on the floor. I was glad for a chance to cool off. I

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