

## MISSIONARY PAGE

### CHILDREN'S WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mary Campbell

Another holiday season has ended and with it the busy round of Daily Vacation Bible Schools. It was a busy, but thank God, a profitable season.

The so-called D. V. B. S. at Msobotshini was improperly named. How could one have a Vacation School when vacation had not come! But what a round of evangelistic services, children's meetings, etc.! Since I went there on Saturday and left on Friday the people didn't get so tired of me that they didn't wish me to return. From there I went to Piet Retief. While I was there Miss Smith was conducting a D. V. B. S. at Entungwini. This meant a thirteen mile ride on her motorcycle and over a road that was anything but hard-surfaced. After my closing on Friday I hurried out to Altona. The teacher, Kenneth Kierstead, and Miss Smith were surely glad when that Prefect bumped along into the yard as that was likely to mean a ride to their closing which was the next day. Immediately after the Quarterly and the Fifteenth Anniversary services at Hartland, Nina started another D. V. B. S., this time at Altona. I went out to Paulpietersburg. Unfundisi Sibiya and Mina Ukosi at Kwabanakile. The next week Nina was at Kipunyawo—a seven mile ride over a native path, crossing a stream or two—I was at Grootspuit and Myra and Charles one at Louwsburg. From Grootspuit I went down to Lujojwone which ended the D. V. B. S. work for this season.

How many lasting victories there were, I could not be sure. Thank God, though, some came to an altar of prayer and seemed to get real victory. At the evening meetings held in different places, some "chose the Lord," some seemed to get the definite assurance of sins forgiven and all declared that the meetings had been times of blessing and help.

Good reports came in from Louwsburg and Kwabanakile, also Altona, Kipunyawo and Entungwini. At Kwabanakile, there were seventy-one attending. If the opportunity affords itself I do hope to get over there during the next July holidays.

Now the regular round of Sunday school work occupies my time. When I am not "on the road" or in Sunday school, I should be studying.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you too for the pencils (the children love them), the cards, needle books, scrap books, different things made by children in their meetings. Everything was so helpful. God richly bless you all.

P. S. The Mfene Church is at last completed. It will not be officially dedicated until later. Harold is supervising the building at Msob-taheni.

May God help us to continually look forward and upward.

We are so thankful that you had a good Beulah Camp and that the missionary programme was such an improvement on that of last year. Still the total amount raised for foreign missions is not even one-tenth of the total amount raised.

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### D. V. B. S. IN SOUTH AFRICA

Nina J. Smith

Kenneth Kierstead, Teacher Nkosi and I began our first D. V. B. S. on June 29th at Entungwini. This was our first attempt at D. V. B. S. It is twenty-two miles round trip to Entungwini. Teacher had to take quite a bit of the responsibility as I don't know the language very well. I gave the flannel graph lesson, the teacher interpreting. Kenneth had the pre-school children and was helped by a young man who was home on holidays from Bible School. We had an average of thirty-five children and felt that the work was very profitable. We closed on July 4th with a good service and twenty-two children coming forward for prayer. Do pray for these children.

July 14th we started D. V. B. S. here at Altona. Teacher, Esther and I were the workers here. Esther taught the pre-school children. We had an average attendance of around eighty, the majority of the children coming from heathen or nominal Christian homes. Many of them came in their heathen dress. They were an interesting group of children and they listened nicely to all they heard. There were several boys around twelve and thirteen who came every day and seemed very interested, as far as I know they had no church connections. We closed here on July 19th with about a hundred children in attendance.

July 21st we started at Kysunyawo, a place about seven miles from Altona. Our average attendance here was around forty and the interest was good. We closed on July 25th.

I travelled to these places with the aid of a bicycle which has a half h. p. motor attached to it.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

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### OUR MISSIONARIES

**Forget not them, O Christ, who stand  
Thy vanguard in the distant land.**

**In flood, in flame, in dark, in dread,  
Sustain, we pray, each lifted head.**

**Be Thou in every faithful breast;  
Be peace and happiness and rest.**

**Exalt them over every fear;  
In peril come Thyself more near.**

**Turn Thou the hostile weapons, Lord—  
Rebuke each wrathful alien horde.**

**Thine is the work they strive to do—  
Their foes, so many; they, so few!**

**Yet, Thou art with them, and Thy name  
Forever lives, is aye the same.**

**Be with Thine own, Thy loved, who stand,  
Christ's vanguard in the storm-swept land!**

—Margaret E. Sangster.

### He Calls! Will You Answer?

By Grace Russell

"Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy voice."

How often one hears the statement, "God called me to be a missionary," but for some reason that call was never answered.

In thinking of a number of cases that I have known personally, the choosing of a life companion has been the thing that has kept many from doing God's will and having His best for their lives.

J. Oswald Smith says, "A young person called to the mission field has no right to keep company with one who does not have the same calling." If young people would heed this admonition many of them would be saved from an unhappy life.

One woman of my acquaintance felt called as a missionary when she was a young girl, but she became infatuated with a young man, ran away to marry him, and today is regretting her mistake.

Not long ago I heard a woman testify that God called her to the mission field when she was in high school, but she failed to walk close with the Lord; she married an unsaved man and today has a family of unsaved children.

A girl with whom I went to high school felt definitely that God wanted her on the mission field, unfortunately married a man with several children. He was so ungodly that he took her into a region where she could not even have the companionship of others.

A young man once said to me during a revival, "I believe God wants me to be a medical missionary. What shall I do?" I advised him to do as he felt God would have him. The vision grew dim. He married an unsaved girl and today is far from God.

The unhappiness of such as these is sad, but what of the souls that will be lost because they failed to go?

Isabel Kuhn, in her book, NESTS ABOVE THE ABYSS, says, "I believe that in each generation God has called enough men and women to evangelize all the yet unreached tribes of the earth. Why do I believe that? Because everywhere I go I constantly meet with men and women who say to me, 'When I was young I wanted to be a missionary, but I got married instead,' or 'My parents dissuaded me,' or some such thing. No, it is not God who does not call. It is man who will not answer."

But why have so many failed to answer? I believe it is because they have failed to pray and wait on God until they have felt definitely His leading. Someone has said, "If one is not sure of the will of God it is better to do nothing than to do the wrong thing and feel condemned." Someone else has said, "We need to know the will of God, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else."

I believe there is no higher, holier calling than that of being chosen for the mission field. It is true, not all young people are qualified, but the Lord has a place for each one who will definitely seek His will. I would like to say to all young people: If God calls you to be a missionary let nothing stand in your way. He will open closed doors, make a way where

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