

Twin Church Opening

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The Easter week-end was a busy but interesting time as two new church buildings were dedicated to the worship of God and set up as lighthouses in the midst of the darkness of heathenism. The first building is near the Swaziland border roughly 15 miles north from Altona; the second is at Mfene, in the Pongola valley, about 16 miles west from Altona.

The Belgrade Church (near Swaziland) dedication was preceded by a Thursday evening prayer and praise service. The little church was crowded. The dedication service proper took place on Easter Friday. The congregation was so large that only the dedicatory prayer took place in the church; the remainder of the service was held outside. Brother William Morgan was one of the main preachers of the day. An offering of \$65 paid off the indebtedness on this building. The dedicatory service was followed by the usual feast of meat and corn samp or rice.

Saturday saw the missionaries and natives riding or walking about 15 miles, then, all walking a further 5 or 6 miles down over the mountain sides to Mfene. It was rather thrilling to see 20 - 30 walkers, in single file (many with suit-cases, blankets, etc., snaking their way along the native paths around rocks, trees and underbrush. At Mfene the Belgrade ceremonies were repeated almost exactly. Brother Charles Sanders was one of the main speakers. This time the offering was about \$76 and still another building was dedicated without any debt remaining on it.

Brother Harold Kierstead was chiefly responsible for supervising and pushing the building of these two churches—especially that at Mfene which he built almost single-handed out of creosoted poles and corrugated iron.

The church members and congregations of both areas were very grateful for their houses of worship which serve the dual purpose of meeting houses and schools.

ONE DOLLAR . . .

Long years ago, Roger W. Babson very graphically reminded us:

"One dollar spent for a necktie lasts five weeks.

"One dollar spent for a cap lasts five months.

"One dollar spent for an automobile lasts five years.

"One dollar spent for waterpower or railroad grade lasts five generations.

"One dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity."

It would be interesting for each one of us to use a paper and pencil to find out just what portion of the money we spent goes for things that last.

One thing is sure, the goods of eternal value have no reasonable hold upon our material resources. It is wonderful that a dime or a dollar which is so very earthly in its usual trends and errands can lay up for us treasures in heaven.—The Free Methodist.

"What we give determines our wealth, not what we get."

MRS. W. MORGAN WRITES FROM LOUWSBURG

Greetings from the Morgans in our new home at Louwsburg. The house is far from being new but it is new to us as we just moved here last week. Louwsburg is the mission station where the Sanders were before they left on furlough. It has been decided in our mission to start a Bible School for the training of our native workers and of course anyone who wants to attend. Louwsburg was the place decided upon for the school and Bill was chosen to start it and do the teaching, thus we moved to Louwsburg. The mission station is right in the town so we have lots of white neighbors. At Hartland we had the Zulu natives for our neighbors. The native location is about a mile out of the town; this is where the Bible School will be held. The school will open in February, 1955, which is the beginning of the school year out here. There is much work to be done in getting a church built at the location, also living quarters and class rooms to be fixed and repaired before school opens. There is an old house that will be used for the living quarters and class room but it needs much work done on it. We found out less than a month ago that we were to come here so we've really had to work fast to get moved so soon. It was necessary that we come quickly because of the work that must be done in preparation for the school.

There are many outposts in this area, about eight I believe, which will also be part of Bill's work as well as teaching in the school. I think the plan is to use the students and send them out around to these outposts to hold services.

We desire an interest in your prayers that the Lord will especially help Bill with the language as he begins teaching in the Bible School. He has the language quite well considering the time we have been out here but there is much more to learn to carry on a Bible School.

Continue to hold us up in prayer. The devil tries to destroy but we are conquerors by God's help and we intend to win.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

There's a Gospel according to Matthew, To Mark, and to Luke and John too;
There's another that many are reading—
The Gospel according to YOU.

All the teachings we find in the Bible,
Are but facts we believe to be true;
You must live them to make them the Gospel—
The Gospel according to YOU.

Every day you are writing your Gospel,
In this life you may never know who
May be helped or hindered by reading,
The Gospel according to YOU.

Many read not the words of the Bible,
I will tell you what some of them do:
They are reading the book you are writing,
The Gospel according to YOU.

There's a power in the minister's preaching,
So you say: I believe this is true;
But the thing that may tell most in others,
Is the Gospel according to YOU.

God help you to Christ to be faithful,
And to live all His teachings so true,
So that all may be seeing His spirit,
In the Gospel according to YOU.

—Anonymous

Exchanging Our Money

When we make a trip to another country we are obliged to exchange our currency into the money used by the country we intend to visit. Our money is good at home but worthless there. If we intend to do any business or make any purchases we must be in possession of their money. Regardless of the country, if one has a plentiful supply of their money, one can get along nicely. On the other hand, if one does not have money he will be embarrassed and soon be stranded.

Just ahead we are going to exchange countries. As Christians we plan to reach Heaven's shores. There material currency will not exist. Gold and silver will have little or no value there. If gold does exist, they will use it for paving the streets of the New Jerusalem.

The thing of value on the Golden Strand will be the souls of men made perfect in this world by the power of the Blood shed on Calvary nineteen centuries ago. Souls are valuable here. Jesus Christ, when here among men, said one was of more value than the wealth of the world. Now we find it difficult to fathom such a statement. It is true because God made the evaluation. Souls are valuable now. To say the least, they will not decrease in value when housed in the Eternal City.

In our plans to move into heaven the only exchange we can make is to exchange our money for souls. We will not take our money with us. If we have little or much of material wealth, we will leave it behind. While we live we can exchange it for souls. We will meet redeemed souls on the other side. If we have any wealth it will be in souls.

According to the accounting of men, we may possess little here. That will be true with the most of us. But we can have riches there. Men enjoy wealth here but a few brief years. We will enjoy our wealth there forever and forever.

It looks like the part of wisdom to follow such a course. Solomon said, "He that winneth souls is wise." It is also true that he that makes it possible for others to win souls is showing the part of wisdom. We may not be able to go ourselves, but we can support and hold the ropes for those who do go. Thus by our prayers and money we can have a part in all those won by the missionaries and national workers. They will claim their inheritance but we will share with them and claim our possessions in a world where we will enjoy our wealth forever. The only thing to do is to exchange our money for souls.—C. Warren Jones in Other Sheep.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

* You can live up to your profession as a Christian seven days a week.

* You can pray for those who know not Christ.

* You can speak to the lost about the Savior.

* You can write a letter to a distant friend and tell him about the plan of salvation.

* You can distribute Christian literature to your unsaved friends.

* You can invite the unsaved to church where they may find Christ.

* You can enlist others in active work for the Lord.

* You can contribute your tithes and offerings to further the Kingdom work of the Lord Jesus.