

MISSIONARY PAGE

Thank You

By Mary Campbell

Yes, dear Readers of the Highway, as the Africans say when we give them clothing, "Ngi swela umlamo wokuhonga" — I need a mouth to give thanks, or I cannot find words to express my thanks.

Was ever a plea answered as was that sent out for cards! Were I given to exaggerating I would say that I had been receiving hundreds of parcels of cards. Suffice it to say that one end of my dining store room is becoming well stacked. Keep up the good work. The pile soon dwindles when we give them out by the hundreds.

The needle books too, the children love to receive. All of you would feel amply rewarded could you see the smiles and hear the oh's and ah's as the children look at their cards and the little squeals of joy when they see needles and pins. Probably the parents benefit the most from the needles but in the following day or two we see the safety pins appearing as prized brooches.

In reply to a letter received recently, I am the greatest user of these things, so probably need more than the others but they all need some. Mrs. Morgan at Louwsbury, Natal, has, I think, three Sunday Schools; Kenneth Kierstead has two; Mrs. Harold Kierstead is in charge of three or four. All of these leaders need cards, pictures, etc. Mrs. Haywood (Nina Smith) being settled at Altona cooperates with me in keeping Altona and surrounding Sunday Schools (9 or 10 in all) supplied with cards.

Re Quarterlies, S. S. papers, work books, we have so little use for them at the moment that it scarcely warrants the expense of the postage and the trouble in getting them ready to be sent. Thank you just the same for what have been sent. I realize the love that was packed into those parcels.

Won't you one and all please consider this your personal "thank you"? I could not say more were I writing personally.

"Bless the Lord, my soul; and all that is within me, Bless His holy name!"

P.S. Same mention should be made of the lovely book marks and the combs. These are special prizes.

HE DID WHAT HE COULD

A young man, accepted for the African missionary field, reported at New York for passage, but found on further examination that his wife could not stand the climate. He was heartbroken. But he prayerfully returned to his home and determined to make all the money he could, to be used in spreading the Kingdom of God over the world. His father, a dentist, had started to make, on the side, an unfermented wine for the communion service. The young man took the business over and developed it until it assumed vast proportions. His name was "Welch," whose family still manufactures grape juice. He has given literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to the work of missions. Every job is missionary work when we interpret it by stewardship.—**The Presbyterian Advance.**

THE CHIEF END OF THE CHURCH

By S. S. Nelson

Many have the idea that there are many "churches" in the world; but they have confused the Church with denominations. There is but ONE Church, but many denominations. No one denomination is the Church of God. The Church of God is composed of ALL Christians of all denominations; and if there be any Christians who are not members of some denomination, they also, are included in the Church.

The place or building where Sunday school and preaching services are held is often called the church; but such, correctly speaking, is only the meeting house. People enter the true Church by being born into it, and not by joining it. This New Birth is the birth of the Spirit, and not the natural birth. There is no other way to become a member of the Church of the Living God.

The object for which God designed His Church is not that its members may merely be blessed and get happy, and not solely that they may reach heaven in the end. While the life of the Christian eventually leads him to heaven and to an eternity with God, after this life, yet the design of the Church is service. The service is to be unto God. Yet in serving the Lord we also serve our fellowmen. There are millions of people today who are out in sin, and it is the business of the Church to go out after men and women who are sinners, and bring them to Christ. The field of the Church is the world. There are thousands of drunkards. It is the business of the church to reach out and do all that is in her power to cause these unfortunate ones to come to Jesus. The grace of God makes a marvelous change in the life of a drunkard, and in his home. There are those who are living immoral lives. It is the business of the Church to tell these about the Living Water, as did Jesus to the woman by the well near the city. Again, there are millions who are in the darkness of heathenism, and the only hope for them is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When we think of more than fifty millions in Latin America, and of the more than two hundred million in the Dark Continent of Africa, and the hundreds of millions in Asia and the islands of the sea, we cannot realize the enormity of the task which the Church has before her. There in the vast heathen fields are tasks that will tax the resources of the Church to her utmost capacity; yet this is the very work which the Lord has designed that the Church should do.

It is the business of the Church to push forward everywhere and into every field. This was Christ's Commission to His followers. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," (Mark 16:15). The Lord intended that every person should have a chance to force people to become Christians against their will, but the Lord intends that the Church make a way whereby every person who lives today can have an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

It is the business of the Church to send out missionaries and preachers everywhere, to give all people an opportunity to hear the Gospel and call upon the Lord. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believ-

ed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:14, 15).

While it is beyond the power of the Church to force men and women to become Christians, yet it is her duty to give all an invitation. The Church can send forth the invitation to the ends of the earth, for Satan cannot keep people from giving an invitation to every one to come to Christ. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," (Rev. 22:17).

The business of the Church, as many have seen it, is to centralize and build costly houses of worship and great institutions of wordly learning, but where attention has been largely turned to these things, the Church has largely failed. Neither is it the business of the Church merely to produce an eloquent and learned ministry. Nor is it the business of the Church to spend her money and energy in welfare work to carry civilization and education to the heathen nations. But the chief objective of the Church is to give the Gospel to every person in the shortest possible length of time.

It is the business of the Church to bear witness with the Gospel everywhere before the end of this age—and this is the chief work of the Church. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come," (Matthew 24:14).—Church Herald

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 Saviour.

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.—"Herald of His Coming."

THINK OF THESE THINGS

- * When a church member rests, he rusts.
- * The Lord's big job is to get His Church into the world without getting the world into the church.
- * The biggest liar in the world is the Christian who gives excuses for not doing his duty.
- * Rip Van Winkle is the only man who ever became famous while he was asleep.
- * The devil is an artist. He paints sin in very attractive colors.
- * Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.
- * Do what you should and you will have no time to do what you should not.

—The Evangel

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