

MISSIONARY PAGE

Why? Why?

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This morning I awoke with this urgent question burning itself into my very soul and mind: WHY do holiness mission boards at home have long lists of prepared missionary candidates waiting to go to the already whitened harvest fields of earth's unevangelized souls? All the holiness missionary organizations which we have seen working in the islands of Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, and the Bahamas are under-staffed. Not a few missionaries on the fields are working far beyond their physical ability and are breaking under the strain. I know it is no different on the far-flung battle lines.

Our precious Lord, before He went into Heaven, gave one Great Commission to His church. That was, and still is, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."—Matt. 28:18-20.

The Lord of the harvest has called; youth have responded and have prepared to go. Some, with sacrifice, have worked their way through Bible Schools; others were supported during their years of training by the offerings of God's people; still others have used their savings or inheritance money to prepare themselves to fill this urgent call; a very few have had their expenses fully met by parents or loved ones. I believe, generally speaking, that these young people have given their all, they have gone as far as they can of themselves. Some have applied, not only to one, but perhaps to several mission boards; and yet they wait. WHY? Time is fleeting, and millions of souls are perishing in heathen darkness; the Savior's coming is at the door. WHY stand these would-be laborers idle all the day when it is the eleventh hour and later? Answer: "Because no man has hired us."

A. B. Simpson, that great missionary-hearted man with a world-vision and passion for souls, wrote, "We owe to every man of sin one chance, at least, for hope of Heaven." How many chances have you had? How many opportunities of hearing the Gospel message do you have weekly? How much have you prayed, labored, and given to make it possible for others to hear, that they too might be saved? Consider these words: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? 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!"—Rom. 10:13-15.

Why are the consecrated youth not on the fields? WHY? Is it not because members of holiness churches in general are asleep and selfish? We heap to ourselves this world's goods and comforts of life, but one of these days such things will perish and be swept

away. We will be paupers in Heaven for failing to lay up our treasures there. Saved? Maybe, so as by fire, but where is the reward for our works? The fire will prove them to be hay, wood, stubble, and they will be gone. You may ask, "Is not God's child entitled to the best this world has to give?" No, not in this life; not while you have failed to fulfil His commission to the utmost of your ability, and while one soul, whom you could reach, remains without the knowledge that God's Son died to save him.

While on earth, Jesus became poor that we through His poverty might become rich. Is the servant greater than his Lord? Remember that what you are, you are by the grace of God. What you have of good has been a free gift from above. Let such as have no hope of future blessedness with Christ enjoy the present benefits of this life; but let us who claim to be His followers remember that we are only pilgrims. Some of us act and build as though we would stay here forever.

Most of us can hear the Gospel preached twice on Sunday and a couple of times each week, if we attend church faithfully as we ought. Then we sit through a couple revival meetings during the year, where God's servant pours out his soul endeavoring to revive us who are sick already from being overfed and failing to walk in the light. In many cases, by the time the church is revived it is time to close the meeting and the sinners have not yet been reached; they do not come in and get saved until the church is in condition to carry a soul burden and pray them under conviction for sin.

Then you look forward eagerly to one or more camp meetings as they are held within

RESOLUTION THROUGH THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD FROM THE MEETING HELD IN FREDERICTON DECEMBER 29th, 1954

Resolved that our Secretary request through The King's Highway that all individuals and churches supporting native workers in South Africa notify him and state the name of the native they are supporting and the amount of the support.

R. H. Parks, Calais, Maine,
Secretary of the
Foreign Mission Board

BIRTHDAYS OF OUR MISSIONARIES AND FAMILIES

January 26	Reginald Kierstead
February 13	Pamela Joyce Sanders
February 14	Harold Kierstead
March 2	Nina Jean Smith
April 11	Mrs. Elsie Morgan
April 19	Mrs. Gladys Kierstead
April 25	Glendon Kierstead
May 3	Jennifer May Kierstead
May 5	Esther Susanna Sanders
May 27	Shirley Kierstead
June 22	Rev. Chas. Sanders
September 4	Mrs. Myra Sanders
October 5	Joy Louise Sanders
October 8	Rev. Eugene Kierstead
October 11	Rev. William Morgan
November 17	Thelma Rose
November 26	Kenneth Kierstead
December 13	Mary Aileen Campbell

your radiance. You hope to get your soul fed and built up in the faith. You listen to the Gospel messages each day, and you should attend the early morning prayer meetings. All of this has been taking care of self.

Most camps give at least one afternoon, or perhaps two or three services on one day, or a short period each day, for missionaries to give God's people a little glimpse of their responsibility to the lost of earth. It is not unusual for several missionaries to be present with their hearts overflowing and burdened with the needs of the unevangelized in their respective fields, but in the full program of the missionary service, they don't even get a good start when it is time to stop. Then the offering is in proportion to the vision the people receive. A limited vision produces a limited offering; large vision produces a large offering. The other services of the camp are often given over to stuffing ourselves with the good things from God's spiritual table which is spread before us. God have mercy! Do you see WHY prepared, consecrated youth are waiting, waiting? We are selfish with the Gospel.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35. After Jesus saw the multitudes fainting for lack of bread, and scattered abroad as sheep without a shepherd, He was moved with compassion, not simply pity. He left one prayer request, only one, with His disciples. Here it is: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."—Matt. 9:37-38.

As you pray, will you keep your ear open? He may gently whisper to you, "My child, sell that fine home, or car, and get along with a cheaper one. The proceeds from it may support a missionary in some heathen land for three, four, and perhaps more years." One day a young man came to Jesus and asked what good thing he should do that he might have eternal life. Jesus' final word to him was, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."—Matt. 19:21-22. According to the verses that follow there is no hope that the young man made it into the kingdom of Heaven. Let not the same be said of you, but "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."—God's Revivalist.

PRAYER PLUS

The Watchman-Examiner recalls that upon one of D. L. Moody's journeys across the Atlantic there was a fire in the hold of the ship. The crew and some volunteers stood in line to pass buckets of water.

A friend said to Moody: "Mr. Moody, let us go to the other end of the ship and engage in prayer."

The commonsense evangelist replied, "Not so, sir; we will stand right here and pass buckets and pray hard all the time we are doing so."

How like Moody this was! He believed that prayer and work were like the two hands of one person, in that they should never be separated.—Selected.