

MISSIONARY PAGE

MISSIONARY OBJECTIVE FOR 1955

Our Foreign Mission Board held sessions at Fredericton Dec. 29th. Many important matters related to our missionary work were considered and some decisions made were as follows:

(1) That we send to Africa immediately \$1,200 that had been set aside for the native school project. This money will be used to erect a building to house teachers and staff members of the school.

(2) That we establish a "Rosamond Dow Memorial Fund," the money realized from this special fund to be used in the building of a church in Africa in memory of Rosamond. (A fuller explanation of this plan appears on this page).

(3) That we plan the return to Africa of the Charles Sanders family this year, probably in midsummer.

(4) That we plan the building of a mission house at or near Ermelo. This new house will be the home of the Charles Sanders family who, at the recommendation of the superintendent of our African missionary work, and the agreement of the missionaries concerned, will be stationed in this area on their return to the field.

(5) That we ask the churches and people interested in our foreign mission work to plan for a special Easter offering for foreign missionary work, and particularly in support of the Sanders passage fund and the mission house building. Brother Kierstead has informed us that a new house for the Sanders family is a "must" before their return to the field, so we must undertake this project along with the passage fund demands at one and the same time. It is estimated that \$5,000 will be needed to care for these needs. We hope that all who are interested will plan a generous missionary offering at Easter time.

(6) That we plan to send Lic. and Mrs. Karl Gorman, and Lic. and Mrs. Glendon Kierstead to Africa not later than 1956. The heavy demands of the building project and the passage fund for the Charles Sanders family may necessitate our keeping these ready and willing missionaries in the homeland until 1956, but it is the desire of the Board to send them out just as soon as possible. It seems too bad to keep these workers on the waiting list when they are so anxious to obey the Master's call and could make such a fine contribution to the advancement of our foreign mission work. If the Lord lays it on the hearts of those who are able to give large sums of money, and they respond, while those who cannot give so much do what they can, we may be able to arrange for the sailing of the last mentioned missionary candidates sooner than we think.

The Foreign Mission Board of our Church requests of all who read this report that you **PRAY FOR THE BLESSING OF GOD UPON PLANS MADE AND IN THE MAKING.**

PLAN FOR A SACRIFICIAL, RECORD-BREAKING EASTER OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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PLANNING FOR THE EASTER OFFERING

Any church hoping for a special offering for foreign missions on Easter Sunday will have to make special plans for it. If every pastor and church group would begin to plan now, and work towards a record-breaking missionary offering, we would reach our objective. Since Easter Sunday of this year is April 10th, we have more than two months to plan and work. The time to begin is NOW.

It is doubtful if one suggested plan of promotional and preparatory work would be adapted to the needs of every church. Some suggestions might be helpful to the working out of a plan, however. The following are presented for consideration in the hope that they will serve to assist those who want to make a real success of the Easter Offering.

(1) The use of "mite" boxes for a two-month period with all interested parties, young and old, requested to have a box, dish, bottle, etc., in which to place money through the weeks preceding Easter, the boxes to be brought Good Friday or Easter Sunday.

(2) A penny-a-meal plan for every home, with a container placed on the table every meal time, (and lunch time too!) all the family taking part in the plan as finances permit, the money to be brought in and reckoned with the Easter Sunday's offering. This plan brings all members of the family into the interest and enthusiasm that may be built up for the Easter Offering.

(3) Planning ahead to give all offerings of Easter Sunday to foreign missions and this special effort. This would call for some practical planning on the part of the pastor and church. Churches having pastors on salary would only need arrange for sufficient in the treasury previous to Easter Sunday to take care of the salary payment for that Sunday. Churches supporting pastors through the giving of Sunday offerings could arrange to provide for the pastor an average (or above average) Sunday offering to be held in reserve for that day. With two months to plan for this it could be done without strain or unreasonable demand. Pastors who are supported by receiving the Sunday offerings, whatever the amount, could hardly promote the idea of all Easter Sunday offerings for missions unless some arrangement were made to care for their support, enabling them to meet their weekly obligations. It would be a fine thing if the laymen would take the initiative in such churches.

(4) A special effort in the Sunday School, an attendance drive, an Easter programme, etc., with a special offering to supplement the all-day effort.

(5) Set a financial goal for the day. People usually work with more enthusiasm and realize more satisfaction when a goal is set for them.

(6) Pray earnestly and unitedly for the success of our denominational as well as the local effort. This is one suggestion of the group upon which we should be unanimously agreed.

May the Lord give us the vision necessary for a record-breaking effort!

THE ROSAMOND DOW MEMORIAL FUND

At the time of the death of little Rosamond Dow, daughter of Clarence and Emma Dow, of Calais, Maine, many sympathetic friends sent flowers as a tribute of love and respect to Rosamond. After a certain number of floral pieces had been received, Brother and Sister Dow requested that other friends who wished to pay like tribute to Rosamond, please send them the money they planned to spend for flowers, and what was received would be given to missionary work. Two hundred dollars was received and this money has been made available to the Mission Board to establish a Memorial Fund to Rosamond's memory. The objective of the fund will be the building of a church in Africa which will be known as the "Rosamond Dow Memorial Church."

This project will be presented to our Junior Crusader and children's groups as their special interest. The juniors will be given opportunity to undertake the raising of the money needed for the memorial church. The estimated cost of the building is from \$500.00 to \$800.00 or \$900.00, so there will be the need of several hundred dollars besides the \$200.00 now available. We are sure that our boys and girls and the leaders of our junior groups will be glad to support this project.

Rosamond was a little missionary herself, one who loved the Lord Jesus with all her heart. She had a remarkable interest in missionary work and a church in Africa to her memory will be a fitting memorial.

NEWS FROM THELMA ROSE

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the faithful Name of Jesus. "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory . . ."

Since I left Haiti in May God has in many and various ways set His seal upon this venture in deputation work, and many prayers have been answered. I had planned to return to Haiti in six months, but now eight months have already passed and the most of this time has been spent "living in a suitcase," and at the present time travels in the interest of Haiti continue.

The increased interest in Haiti is sufficient reward for these wearisome travels, and we are confident of a stronger prayer support as we face again the foreign field in the very near future.

Before leaving Port Maitland, it was a privilege to spend a happy Christmas season with my home folks. Many personal needs, and some desires, were supplied by their gifts. A wonderful farewell party was arranged by them the night before I left.

Though I've acknowledged all Christmas gifts by letter, yet I wish again to say "Thank you" to societies and friends for useful gifts and beautiful greetings.

I'm indebted to pastors and people of the Reformed Baptist Churches, and to many other friends along the way, who have shared their homes, as well as cars and other means of assistance which have helped not only in personal conveyance, but in the transportation of "accumulating" and cumbersome luggage

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The King's Highway