

MISSIONARY PAGE

FROM LOUWSBURG, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Highway Friends:

It occurred to me that the readers of the Highway might be interested in knowing how we fill in a week at the Bible School. I sometimes think the students feel the week is too full.

Classes are held on Saturday instead of Monday. Each school day begins with breakfast at 7 o'clock and classes at 8.15 with a 15 minute chapel service. A short devotional message with song and prayer make up this service usually. On Saturday morning our chapel service is devoted entirely to prayer for the blessing of the Lord on the Sunday services at the outposts. Often we overrun our 15 minute period.

All classes are opened by prayer by a student or teacher and our minds are kept busy in study until 12.30 on Thursday and Friday and 12 o'clock on the other days.

From 2-4 o'clock daily is work period for the men. The women have no set time for work period but have certain jobs that they must do, such as cook, clean the church and yard and other things. Saturday afternoon and Monday the men are free to pick up jobs and gather in a bit of spending money if they are not away to an outpost. Wednesday afternoon is always the day to split enough wood to last a week. Thursday is kraal visiting day. Sometimes the students go by themselves and when Elsie and I are free we go also. The students enjoy that day because they not only enjoy visiting in the kraals but they also get free from their work period.

Every day at 4.30 is time for family devotions. From 6.30 to 8.30 is study time and lights are out at 9. Wednesday evening is student prayer meeting, one of the students leading the service.

And so we go through the week. There are few idle moments for those who do their work well. Our June examinations showed good progress. It was rather a bitter pill for the men to be beaten by a woman but such was the case, Mrs. Zikalala leading. It was a revelation to them to see that their women can grasp intellectual things on a par with the lordly men! Perhaps it will make the men pick up their ears and dig in a bit more lest this humiliating experience occur a second time.

There are certainly problems connected with the administration of our African Bible School but the joy of seeing these people increase in knowledge is so great that one does not have to think about it too long before his discouragement over the problems are forgotten. One of their favorite subjects last term was Bible Drill in which an effort was made to learn many of the great verses of Scripture, speed in finding any particular book or verse as well as knowing by heart all the Books of the Bible. At the beginning of the term I don't think there was one who could even repeat the Books of the New Testament. Before the end most of them could repeat them forward and backward rapidly and all the Old Testament forward, even that long list of Minor Prophets. Can you? The highlight of that class was that we often made it a game—finding certain books first, giving a correct reference

to a certain verse, etc. They never tired of it.

Among the subjects being taught this term I think they like Church History best. We have been studying about the persecutions under Nero recently and it is affecting them deeply. So many of them are so weak. They fall so easily. It is helping them by seeing what Christianity meant to those early Christians.

The year is drawing to a close. Though we have been few God has blessed us. It has been a profitable year. The effort and dollars invested will not bring back their full return today. We must wait until tomorrow. In the meantime let us not grow weary in well doing. Two more students at least plan to attend next year and all who are here this year plan to return. We hope others will be found also. Pray with us to this end. We must have leaders grounded in the Word if we are to have a church that will stand the certain storms and upheavals that are looming up on the African horizon. Do not fail us. We depend on your prayers and your gifts.

Yours for the ingathering of souls,

Bill and Elsie Morgan

HAVE YOU THE BURDEN?

Oswald J. Smith, missionary
statesman, Toronto, Ontario

Alexander Duff, that veteran missionary to India, went home to Scotland to die. In great feebleness he stood before the Scotch Presbyterian Assembly and pleaded for missionaries for India. In the midst of his appeal he fainted, and was taken into another room.

After physicians had worked over him for some time he finally recovered consciousness and, when he realized where he was, he said, "I didn't finish my appeal; take me back and let me finish it." But they told him he could do it only at the peril of his life. He said, "I'll do it if I die"

So they led the white-haired veteran into the assembly hall, and as he appeared at the door they sprang to their feet as one man to greet him, and then sat down and listened in tearful and breathless silence to the grand old hero of the Cross.

With trembling voice he said, "Fathers and mothers of Scotland, is it true that you have no more sons to send to India? There is money in the bank to send them, but where are the laborers who will go into the field? When Queen Victoria calls for volunteers for her army in India, you freely give your sons and say nothing about the trying climate of that land. But when the Lord Jesus calls for volunteers you say: 'We have no more sons to give'."

Then turning to the moderator of the assembly, he said, "Mr. Moderator, if it is true that Scotland has no more sons to give to Christ for India, then, although I lost my health in that land and came home to die, I will be off tomorrow and go back to the shores of the Ganges and lay my life down as a witness for Christ, to let them know that there is at least one Scotchman who is ready to die for them."

Why did he act so? What was it that made Alexander Duff create such a scene? Had his

mind failed? Was he mentally deranged? By no means. Well, then what was it? Ah! it was his love for souls. The burden of India's perishing millions lay heavily upon him and the love of Christ constrained him. How then could he do otherwise?

And in that thrilling episode you have the result of the anointing, the evidence of the fullness of the Holy Ghost. For when a man has been "endued with power from on high" he will have a burden for souls. This, then, is the climax, the acid test. Say not that you are filled unless you have this burden. Boast no more of your anointing if you love not souls.

O my brother, tell me; nay! tell God: have you the burden? Do you know the passion of which I speak? Are you haunted day and night with the thought that millions are perishing on every side? that multitudes are going down to the regions of despair? For, mark you, if you have been truly anointed of the Holy Ghost, such will be your experience.

It was thus that the Spirit came upon John Knox and made him cry: "O God, give me Scotland, or I die!" So also He came upon John Wesley, causing him to write, "You have nothing to do but to save souls," and giving him such a burden that tens of thousands were snatched as brands from the burning.

Later He anointed Charles G Finney, anointed him so mightily that everyone to whom he spoke that first epoch-making day, turned to God; and then made him the center of revivals that witnessed the conversions of untold multitudes.

It was that same burden for souls that made D. L. Moody, under the mighty anointing of the Spirit, exclaim: "The world has yet to see what God can do through one man wholly surrendered to Him."

Ah, that burden, that burden for souls—how it has characterized God's anointed ones all down the centuries! Paul, Carvasso, Octoby, Whitefield, Stoner, McCheyne, Brainerd, Bounds, Hyde and a host of others—mighty wrestlers with God.

Theirs, my brethren, is the experience I crave above all others, for they had God's seal. There was no doubt about their anointing; they were Spirit-filled, every last one of them, for they travailed in soul for the perishing.

Have you, then, the burden? Do you weep over souls? Are you longing to see them saved? Do you value all meetings only in so far as they contribute to the salvation of sinners? Do you judge of the spirituality of a church by its interest in the saving of lost men and women? Or are you glorying in some great emotional experience, some ecstatic thrill, physical or otherwise more than in the salvation of the perishing?

Seek not the anointing for your own happiness. Ask not for the fullness in order that you may boast of a thrilling experience. But seek rather a baptism into Christ's sufferings and ask for the burden that produces soul travail. You will not be disappointed.

Thus you will know when you are filled and anointed. Unmistakable evidence will be yours. Neglect it not, but dare to go the Calvary way and bleed for the lost.

—Alliance Weekly.

"The most vital part of our walk along the Way of Christ is a consistent, ceaseless prayer-communion with our Heavenly Father."

The King's Highway