

# MISSIONARY PAGE

## FROM PAULPIETERSBURG

Greetings in the name of our Lord.

Since our last letter the South African stork has visited us again and left us a baby girl, Beverley June, on the 22nd of July, 1955. Both mother and baby are well.

We would like to thank some unknown friends for a parcel which arrived a while ago with the label torn off in the mail. It contained mainly dresses and skirts. Also a parcel with a quilt from Mrs. F. Barnes with the address torn off. We would appreciate it if you would put a slip of paper inside the parcels that are sent with your name and address, as this happens quite often that parcels arrive without the paper wrapping, and we do like to be able to write and thank you.

Quarterly was at Calvary this year about 18 miles from Paulpietersburg. 14 new members were baptized and two new workers set up. The Lord was with us and we returned home with a blessing on our souls. The crowd there was thought to be the biggest ever and it took the two pick-ups Sunday afternoon and all day Monday to get them home again.

Since the Paulpietersburg church was opened it has been plastered outside and the inside painted with oil and water paints; the money for this was raised by the church members and they did all the work. Work has been started on the preacher's house next to the church and we hope to complete it by the end of the year all going well.

I am glad to report that Rev. A. Sibiya, who has been ill for some time, is now much better. He is stationed down at Hartland.

Please pray for the South African work. By doing that, you become a shareholder and you will receive dividends over and over in blessings to your own soul.

May the Lord bless you all is our prayer.

Harold and Shirley Kierstead

## BENONI

What is Benoni and where is it?

This municipality is 20 miles from Johannesburg, is 5600 ft. above sea-level, was established in 1907, is one of the youngest and one of the most progressive on the Rand. Within its area of 43 sq. miles are some of the richest gold mines in the world.

I quote the following from Paul's last letter: "We two are very happy indeed getting into the work in the old Benoni Location, and also the great new one called Davytown. There they have 2400 acres of land and are helping vast numbers of natives to get settled there. Different tribes are given separate sections.

Brother Kierstead applied for a church site.

Mary and I, as those in charge of this district, saw the Director of European affairs (who is in charge). I am very glad we did see him, as we came to a very good understanding, and feel much good was done in that we were able to show him what our Reformed Baptist Denomination stands for."

Let us pray God to give us a big share in this great work.

Yours in Him,

Mrs. H. C. Sanders

## NOTICE

For some time the Lord has been laying this matter upon our hearts. We feel there is a need for a circular letter containing news of the mission work in our area, therefore we are going to try and publish one at least three times a year. If you would like to receive a copy please write and let us have your name and address as soon as possible so we can put your name on the mailing list.

Don't send your name though if—

**You don't like to pray**—there are many things that need your prayers.

**You don't like mission work**—Jesus said, go ye into ALL the world and preach the Gospel, not just your part of Canada or the States as the case may be.

**You think the heathen are better off as they are**—if you were a missionary you wouldn't think that for long.

**You don't like to hear about needs**—the Lord loveth the cheerful giver.

**You don't like natives**—they have a black skin and yours is white.

**You don't think they need salvation**—are YOU saved?

Write to Rev. H. R. Kierstead,  
P. O. Paulpietersburg,  
Natal, South Africa

## LIFT YOUR EYES

Lift your eyes, my brother, sister,

Lift them to the fields all white;

Look out on the heathen millions,

Dying without life or light,

Falling like the leaves in autumn,

To their graves beneath the snow;

So, in one unending column,

Down to death and hell they go.

Lift your eyes unto the harvest,

Look beyond your selfish sphere;

Take a world-wide glance around you,

See the souls in guilt and fear

Who have never known of Jesus,

Falling, dying, unprepared,

To confront us in the judgment

With the words, "You never cared!"

Lift your eyes! Your heathen brothers

Never yet have even heard

Of the Christ who died to save them,

Of the blessed living Word.

They are groping on in darkness,

Hastening each into his grave,

Slipping fast away in sorrow,

Past our power to help or save.

Lift your eyes! the Master speaketh!

'Tis His voice commands us still;

If you love Him, truly love Him,

You will answer, "Lord, I will;

I will look upon the harvest,

I will haste to lend a hand.

Praying, giving; yes, and going."

For He's said, "To every land!"

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Rev. Charles Sanders has had a two-week home visit from Roseway Hospital, Shelburne, N. S. Charles is improving in health, gaining weight and strength steadily. Pray for his complete recovery.

## THE LOVE OF CHRIST

"Thou shalt be a witness for Him unto all men (Acts 22:15).

The love of Christ is the real motive for all true missionary endeavor. It so fills the soul with its joy and peace that we cannot but tell to others the story of this marvelous and matchless love. We become willing to endure any trial and to incur any risk in order that we may be the bearers of this message to those who sit in darkness. It is this love alone which interprets the sacrifices which men and women gladly make. It has made the dungeon, otherwise loathsome, resplendent and glorious. It has made the wheel and rack softer than couches of down. It has made the fagot and flame a triumphal chariot to bear noble souls to glory and to God. Oh, yield your hearts today to this mighty motive! In life amid its trials, in death amid its coldness and darkness, and in heaven amid its triumphal songs and peerless glories, Christians can still exultingly say, "The love of Christ constraineth us!"

## JEW IN THE WORLD

The Jews of the world number 11,672,000. These are distributed among ninety-seven countries. These figures are put out by the World Jewish Congress. The Jewish population in the United States is estimated at 5,000,000; about 2,000,000 live in the Soviet Union; and Israel has a Jewish population of 1,450,000. According to the survey, there are 1,200,000 Jews in China.—Telescope-Messenger.

## THE CHALLENGE OF JAPAN

According to recent government statements, the population of Japan has passed 87,000,000 mark. The nation has been growing at the rate of 1,100,000 every year. As a result, the non-Christian population of Japan has increased by five million in the past five years! What a tremendous challenge to prayer, and to a renewed emphasis on the evangelization of the Japanese nation.—Holiness Era.

## FAILURE IS SUCCESS

A Moravian missionary named George Smith went to Africa. He had been there only a short time and had only one convert, a poor woman, when he was driven from the country. He died shortly after, on his knees, praying for Africa. He was considered a failure.

But a company of men stumbled onto the place where he had prayed and found a copy of the Scriptures he had left. Presently they met the one poor woman who was his convert.

A hundred years later his mission counted more than 13,000 living converts who had sprung from the ministry of George Smith.—A. J. Gordon.

## MY INFLUENCE

My life shall touch a dozen lives  
Before this day is done,  
Leave countless marks for good or ill  
Ere sets the evening sun.  
This is the wish I always wish,  
The prayer I always pray:  
Lord, may my life help other lives  
It touches by the way.

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