

MISSIONARY CONVENTION ON THE TOBIQUE

The first Missionary Convention in the Primitive Baptist Churches on the Tobique was held Sept. 2-9 in the Lerwick, Arthurette and Plastor Rock churches. Rev. D. E. Pike serving as pastor.

The workers of the convention, Rev. G. F. D. Kierstead and Uta Chase, reported that it was one of the best Missionary Conventions they had assisted in.

The convention was the occasion for the celebration of the first anniversary of missionary giving on the Tobique. During this year of giving the above churches have given into our treasury an excess of one thousand dollars.

Three outstanding characteristics contributed to make this convention a success.

1. The people's response to the message was overwhelming. A great variety of testimonies revealed interest in missions and a greater vision in behalf of the "Regions Beyond." These testimonies together with the burden of prayer on the part of the people were encouraging and soul inspiring to the workers of the convention.

2. The giving to missions of these dear people at the convention revealed their burden for the work of God in foreign lands. When 'people's' vision opens their purses as these people did it is evident that they are interested in the cause of God. Thank God for people whose vision stimulates them to give so unreservedly to the proclamation of the Gospel.

3. The last Sunday afternoon service was characterized by a beautiful sight. Nearly the entire congregation stood and reconsecrated their lives to greater service for the Lord.

Thank God for those who are still catching the vision and are desirous of helping to spread the message of love to a needy world.

A word of appreciation is due to Rev. D. E. Pike, pastor of the churches, whose consecrated life and zealous spirit contributed much to the success of the convention.

Let us all get the vision that these dear people have and girdle the globe with the message of full salvation.

Yours in Christ,
Uta Chase

CAN WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

Our foreign missionary programme is more challenging than it has been at any time in our denominational history. We are confronted with a widening field, our horizons of vision having been pushed back to include many new countries, and an increasing number of workers are coming forward to offer themselves for missionary service. In the last few years our field personnel has been more than doubled, and other workers are now anxiously awaiting the time when they may leave for the field. On the field our area is constantly enlarging. There is the need of equipment, buildings, etc. The question we face is this: Will our faith and zeal keep pace with the leadings of God? Shall we be able to send out trained workers as they come forward or shall we be forced to keep them at home or turn them over to other mission groups? Shall the field advance continue or shall we call a halt? The challenge is very great and the need very urgent. We can only continue our programme of advance and expansion as resources are available. We ask all who are concerned about our missionary work to join us in prayer for help and guidance at this time. Will pastors and mission society presidents please present this matter to our praying people and call for united, fervent petition to God?

The King's Highway

THE FIRST QUARTERLY IN RHODESIA

The first Rhodesian Quarterly was held at our outpost Chidobe in the bush in Southern Rhodesia, about 25 miles from Livingstone. The Quarterly started on Thursday, July 12th, 1956, with an evening prayer meeting and ended on July 15th.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. M. Kierstead came up from the Union and they brought Kenneth and Rev. P. J. Malaza with them. When we left Thursday afternoon to go out we went with four of our natives from the Location here in town as well. The natives from Mizpah walked over to Chidobe as it is only about 6 miles and we all arrived together at about 5 p. m.

The natives here speak Sindebelle which is quite like Zulu. There are a lot of words that are different, however, and one of the more amusing highlights of the services was when Rev. Malaza was preaching about putting on the garment of salvation. He used the Zulu word for a piece of cloth and this same word in Sindebelle means a monkey, so he was telling them to put on a monkey and you could see the amazement on their faces as they tried to puzzle out what he meant.

The services were very well attended and the blessing of the Lord was really upon us all. The order of the services were as follows: 6.30 a. m. Morning Prayers; 11 a. m. service; 2 p. m. service; and 8 p. m. service. The evening services were very interesting, all the services were held outdoors under a big tree and for the evening services they made two or three big fires for light so the whole scene was lit up by the fires. The Friday evening service was really blessed of the Lord and it went on until after midnight.

On Sunday morning four candidates went through the waters of baptism. It was our first baptism and was the first time many of the spectators had seen a person baptized by immersion. The baptism was held in a dam of water about 3 miles away and many of the Africans walked down to see it.

After lunch the Big Sunday service was held and the four who were baptized were received into membership, and one other who had been baptized by another church, making a total of 5 members in all.

The Lord has really blessed in a wonderful way during the past months, souls have turned to Him and many have found the Lord Jesus as their own Saviour and King. We have been amazed again and again at the way the blessing has fallen and we pray that the Lord may remain very near in the months that lie ahead.

Do continue to pray for this new work that in the months that lie ahead the work may go ahead in leaps and bounds, not to our glory but to the glory of God and to Him we give all the praise and honour, now and forevermore.

May God bless you all.

Harold and Shirley Kierstead and Company

THE FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER WRITES: Dear Friends:

Our foreign mission fund has a balance of one thousand and seventy-seven dollars (October 25). All this amount, however, belongs to the Rosamond Dow Fund except seventy-seven dollars, which is available for current needs.

We need over three thousand dollars in the next three weeks if we are to pay our missionaries' salaries and our operating costs at the usual time. Giving in November must be accelerated four times beyond giving in October in order to meet the crisis. Our missionaries especially anticipate receiving their salaries at this time of the year in preparation for Christmas.

Let us respond to the challenge quickly and generously.

C. E. Stairs, Treas.