

MISSIONARY PAGE

MISSION WORK IN RHODESIA A REALITY

Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead

The year 1956 should be a red-letter year in the history of our Reformed Mission ventures as it marks the beginning of a modern pioneering effort on the part of your missionaries; a pioneering effort that puts our work astride the trail of David Livingstone and puts us in a strategic position where we can not only do mission work in Northern Rhodesia but also in Southern Rhodesia as well. Our new mission station will be located in the town of Livingstone and will be only six miles from the famous Victoria Falls and the equally famous Zambezi river.

Rev. Harold R. Kierstead and family should be leaving for their new field of effort by car on Monday or Tuesday as Harold and Eric Haywood have returned from a trip to Livingstone for the purpose of taking the Kiersteads' household goods to their new home, which is just about 1,000 miles from Paulpietersburg and the centre of our Union of South Africa work.

It is 'marvellous in our eyes' how God has opened up the way for our Mission to get into this area with so little trouble and with so little delay. Little did Harold, Charles and I think during our Rhodesia trip of December, 1953, that just over two years later one of us would be stationed in Rhodesia even though we indulged in mission day-dreams . . . our dreams were of two new mission stations—one in the east and one in the west!

This first trip of exploration seemed to whet the desires of the rest of our mission family to see the country and the possibilities for themselves . . . then went Paul and Mary Sanders



MRS. H. C. SANDERS
Missionary Mother at 85.

The above picture of Mrs. H. C. Sanders was taken on her eighty-fifth birthday. Mrs. Sanders and her husband, the late Dr. H. C. Sanders, founded our South African missionary work fifty-five years ago. Now four-score and five years of age, Mrs. Sanders is still filled with zeal for the progress and expansion of our missionary endeavour. Her missionary spirit has been an inspiration to all of us. Mrs. Sanders is the mother of Revs. Grace and Charles Sanders, who are scheduled to sail for Africa this year.

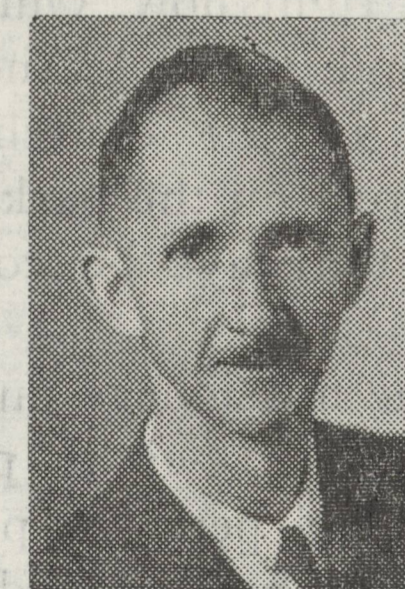
on their honeymoon, then Eric Haywood and finally Bill Morgan.

Having seen, heard and approved of the Livingstone area, official approval was sought to do mission work in the Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland; a residence permit was sought for missionaries, and even church and school sites were applied for. The first two of these requests have been granted and we have the promise of at least one church site in one of the Native residential-townships surrounding Livingstone. There is the possibility of getting one or more 'school and church' sites, about 30 miles away from Livingstone, in Southern Rhodesia as well. 20,000 natives live within a radius of 3 or 4 miles from Livingstone and several hundred Amandebele people have been moved into the last mentioned area within the last few months and are without either churches or schools. These Mandebele people speak a dialect of Zulu so Harold and Shirley will be able to start ministering to them immediately instead of needing to wait two or three years until they could learn a new language.

Another possibility that is before us is the possibility of having another missionary stationed with Harold and Shirley some time in 1957 to work amongst the Indians of Livingstone, of which there are many. This is Mr. Henry Hockley who has been the Woodwork teacher here at the College for several years and who has done Leper work in Nigeria and Tanganyika, has done Industrial mission work in several places, and who now is doing independent work amongst the Coloureds and Indians in the Vryheid area. He will be able to support himself financially for the most part. We could easily find work for other missionaries such as doctor, nurses, etc. if the Home Society could support them and provide building funds without neglecting the South African Field.

Pray for our new Macedonia (Rhodesia) and the "Pauls" that have gone there. Pray also that a Macedonian church might soon come into being. 'God is able to make all grace to abound' and 'do a new thing' in this field.

The address of the new Mission Station is: Livingstone Mission Station, c/o Rev. H. R. Kierstead, P. O. Box 447, Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia.



CHARLES AND MYRA SANDERS

Who, with their children, Pamela, Esther and Joy, are scheduled to return to the South African mission field this summer. We are pleased and grateful that Brother Charles is making such splendid recovery from his recent illness and are happy in the prospect of the return to missionary service of these capable and consecrated workers.

A LAST WORD ABOUT THE EASTER OFFERING

Before the next issue of The Highway reaches our readers, Easter Sunday of 1956 will have passed into history. We pray that it may be a day of blessing and glory to Christians everywhere. In our own churches, emphasis will be divided between the Easter message and the missionary challenge. While we rejoice in the light and liberty that the resurrection brought to us, we will be asked to give generously for foreign missions that those who sit in darkness may share in the spiritual blessings that we have come to know through the saving grace of the risen Lord. Three requests are made in reference to the missionary offerings:

- (1) Give liberally, sacrificially.
 - (2) Report the amount of your offerings promptly. Send report on amount raised to The Highway editor so that we may be able to publish the same in April.
 - (3) Send offerings to the treasurer of our Foreign Mission Board, Rev. C. E. Stairs, 38 Pleasant Street, Truro, N. S.
- The continued advance of our missionary effort depends on our financial support!

MISSIONARY QUOTATIONS

On first reaching Africa, when considering the place of his work, David Livingstone said, "Anywhere—provided it be forward."

"A task without a vision makes a drudge; a vision without a task makes one visionary; a task and a vision make a missionary."

"The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet."

"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

—Carey

Hudson Taylor drew his breath in prayer, and saw miracles wrought.

Adoniram Judson testified that he never prayed faithfully for anything and was denied.

John Eliot, missionary to the Indians, said, "Prayer and pains through faith in Jesus Christ will accomplish anything."—The Flaming Sword.



GRACE SANDERS

Lord willing, Rev. Grace Sanders will sail for Africa late this month. Grace will serve in the capacity of a missionary-government nurse under an arrangement made with the South African government. A farewell service for Sister Sanders will be held in our church at Saint John, N. B., Friday, March 23rd, and Grace will sail early in the week of the 25th.

The King's Highway

"DEATH COULD NOT CONQUER"

Those who read the "Martyrdom on the Mission Field" report in the last Highway will be interested to learn of remarkable reactions following announcement of the death of the five missionaries murdered by the Indian Aucas of Ecuador. *Christian Life* states the following:

Two Christian Indians at the Mission Station where three of the martyred missionaries laboured, dedicated their lives to converting the Aucas. Other Indians accepted Christ as Saviour for the first time.

Quito's Protestant churches were jammed the Sunday following the martyrdom. Officials of the Ecuadorian government and members of the U.S. embassy staff attended.

Memorial rallies and youth meetings across the country resulted in hundreds consecrating their lives to missionary work. At a chapel service at North-western College in Minneapolis, where one of the missionaries had been a student, 500 young people consecrated their lives to missions.

Thousands of dollars poured into a "Five Missionary Martyr's Fund" set up to aid widows and children of the slain men.

Sixty-five volunteered for missionary work at a service in First Presbyterian Church, Spokane, Wash.

At a service in Bible Protestant Church, Moorestown, N.J., where the wife of one of the missionaries had once been a member, twenty persons yielded to Christ after a sermon on the missionaries' sacrifice.

Mission executives believe that the incident will have lasting effect on missions, will result in intensified efforts to reach the Aucas and other unevangelized peoples.

The widow of the missionary who piloted the "Wings of Mercy" plane which carried the five missionaries to the Auca territory, in company with the other widows, was flown over the site where their husbands had been killed and were buried. Looking out of the plane's window as it banked, she said: "That's the most beautiful little cemetery in all the world", and as their plane turned back towards the mission station, she added: "They lost the battle, but won the victory."

So God "maketh the wrath of men to praise Him", turning what seemed a great tragedy into a greater triumph. What a wonderful life-through-death story this is for Easter of 1956!

PIONEERS NEEDED

There is a great story to the effect that a certain society in South Africa once wrote to David Livingstone: "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you."

Livingstone replied: "If you have men who will come only if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all."

What a crying need there is for such men in the work of Christ today!

—Prophecy Monthly

The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult is wrong for me, and I must as a Christian turn away from it. This simple rule may help you to find a safe road for your feet.

—J. W. Chapman

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A Few Questions

Rev. R. G. Morehouse*

1. Does TV contribute anything worthwhile to one's spirituality?
2. Does TV have any similarity to the theatre?
3. Does TV engage the same Hollywood actors and actresses as movie producers?
4. Does TV produce a majority of worldly programs?
5. Does TV stimulate one's interest in God?
6. Does TV help one to fulfill the admonition of Paul in Phil. 4-8 "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."
7. Does TV keep the unsaved away from the House of God?
8. Does TV contribute towards a wholesome environment for our youth?
9. Will TV become better as it is controlled by worldly sinful people?
10. Should Christian people spend of their money, time, and attention for that which is keeping people away from God, and damning them?
11. Should the life of a Christian be so boring, uninteresting and empty that there is need for entertainment of this nature?
12. Can a Christian sit, for long hours, before a TV set and then sing "I've no thirsting for the things of the world, they've taken wings"?
13. Should not we as holiness people be more concerned about this matter?
14. Can we shrug our shoulders and say, "It is just like radio and a lot of other things. Some fanatics were hard on it at first, but they got used to it"?

Beloved, this thing is different, it has a greater effect upon the minds, lives, and spiritual tone of our people.

I fear that if we do not face up to the issue, it will do everlasting damage to the cause of holiness.

If I am astray on this matter, would someone show me the way of righteousness and truth.

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More souls are born in one hour of the world than are saved in a year. The need of increasing prayer power is obvious. Every tenth man on the globe is a Mohammedan. —Selected.

EASTER MORNING

Phillips Brooks

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

While the patient earth lies waking
Till the morning shall be breaking
Shuddering 'neath the burden dread
Of her Master, cold and dead,
Hark! she hears the angels say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from heavenly fountains,
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say:
"Christ has risen on Easter Day!"

—Selected

THE FEAR OF DEATH

"And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. (Hebrews 2:17).

Ever since that awful tragedy in the Garden of Eden, when man elected to go his own way in defiance of God, and when the sentence of death was passed upon the entire human race, man has lived in fear of this last enemy—Death. The green glades, the leafy bowers, the exotic fruits, the lovely flowers, the rivers that meandered their refreshing, life-giving way through the beautiful garden of God were forsaken, and with fear—grisly, horrible fear in their hearts—our first parents turned their faces from Eden, and there was no way back. And so the stream of human life became poisoned at its source; sin had brought death into the world, and down through the ages fear has literally clawed at the hearts of men and women, as the prospect of dissolution has been forced upon them. There are, of course, philosophies and "religions" in the world that profess to overcome fear of death by the simple process of ignoring it; but for the ordinary thinking man and woman, the hour when he or she shall "shuffle off this mortal coil" has in it a world of horror and dismay.

We were led to thinking along this line because we have been reading the biographies of some famous men. Recently we read the life of Lord Northcliffe, that strange, erratic publishing genius who built one of the greatest fortunes of his day out of the "penny press," and established what is perhaps the greatest publishing institutions in the world. But with all his wealth, with all his power, with every avenue of intellectual light open to him, Lord Northcliffe lived in bondage to the fear of death, and so far as one can judge, that fear never left him to the end of his life.

In a recent issue of "The Evangelical Quarterly" there is an excellent article on "The Religion of Dr. Johnson." Johnson was one of the greatest literary lights England ever produced. He was an extraordinary man in many ways, strange, erratic, and uncouth. Yet he was a man with a heart of gold, who would never permit an unclean jest in his presence, or any of his dilettante circle to indulge in a cheap jibe or sneer at the Christian faith. But fear haunted the chambers of Dr. Johnson's mind and heart as he contemplated the prospects of death, and one can see from Boswell how very often his thoughts were turned toward his decease. His "Prayers and Meditations" are the sincere, earnest expression of a heart burdened with a sense of sin, and the greatness of God. But not until the end of his life did he get through to the full assurance of Christ, and get rid of his morbid fears. It must be remembered, however, that he lived in an age in which infidelity abounded and which was ripe for the evangelical revival that came with the Wesleys. * * *

Death and the fear of it passed upon all men when Adam was expelled from the Garden of Eden but hope and new life came into the world when Christ rose from the dead! The writer to the Hebrews tells us the purpose of the glorious event was to deliver us from fear. It cannot be that we trust Christ fully, and still fear death. As a matter of fact, there is no such thing as death for the child of God. For him death has been abolished, for did not Christ say, "He that liveth and believeth on Me shall never die. Believest thou this?"—Evangelical Christian.