



## OUR MISSIONARY WORK FACES A CRISIS

At a special meeting of our Foreign Mission Board, held at Moncton Nov. 29th., the financial report of our Board treasurer, Rev. C. E. Stairs, revealed that we are facing a real crisis in our missionary work. The members of the Board requested me to inform you of the situation.

Our general account is overdrawn several thousand dollars. The proposed programme for the first six months of 1958 will demand at least \$10,000. This amount would be needed to pay salaries of missionaries, meet expenses of field work, and proceed with plans to send three more missionaries to Africa and furlough Bill and Elsie Morgan.

Miss Uta Chase is tentatively scheduled to sail for Africa in January, the latter part of the month; Karl and Helene Gorman are also tentatively scheduled to sail for Africa March 25th. We want to furlough the Morgans in the Spring.

If we are to go forward with these plans, we must have generous financial backing from our churches and interested individuals.

Up to the close of November, twenty-five churches hadn't sent any contribution for foreign missions since the beginning of the church year, June 1st. That means we have had to borrow to carry on our missionary programme. It would be a great help to our missionary work, if churches would give systematically, monthly or quarterly, according to preference. But if there is not some system of giving, we will be lacking the funds we need to pay our missionaries and support our missionary programme.

Three requests we present to all who are interested in our missionary work:

First, that all churches make a supreme effort to raise their foreign mission budgets by February 1st.

Second, that this year's Easter offering for foreign missions be a "budget-plus" contribution.

Third, that we pray fervently and unitedly that the financial needs of this vitally important branch of our work be met in full.

There is not a church but what can raise its budget for foreign missions in the next six weeks, if the matter is taken to heart. Pastors, superintendents of missionary societies, and all concerned parties, please boost this plan. We cannot operate our missionary programme on budgets alone. Our churches are budgeted for \$10,000 for foreign missions for this year. It will take almost three times that amount to implement the plans already referred to. Consequently, the Easter "budget-plus" offering is an urgent necessity.

Effectual prayer will give us victory in this crisis. It would be tragic if financial lack forced our cancelling plans to send Miss Chase and the Gormans to Africa according to schedule, and it would be most unfortunate if we had to refuse the Morgans the furlough they need and deserve.

So the problem is before you. Interested churches and individuals will make it a matter of prayer in secret, in regular church services, in missionary meetings, etc. If in individual giving and church contributions we respond generously and sacrificially, the forward movement will continue. Otherwise . . . but that cannot be!

It is our sincere hope that this letter will not be read and forgotten, but that the information given and the appeal made will be carried to all our churches. The Lord may lay it on someone's heart to make a liberal personal contribution. How happy we would be to announce, in mid-February, that ALL churches had paid budgets in full, and were pledged to a "budget-plus" Easter offering. Our treasurer's address: Rev. C. E. Stairs, 38 Pleasant Street, Truro, N. S.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

From the Reef Sanders

Through the medium of the Highway, let us take this opportunity of wishing all our Highway readers the Greetings of the Season with an acute awareness of the Lord's presence in their midst.

For, before other matters crowd in, let us say "Thank you" to all who have remembered us in any way this Christmas season. Parcels have arrived already. It may appear early to you, but the only way to get them here in time is to send them early thus avoiding the "Christmas rush". Many parcels, cards, letters, etc., are no doubt on the way now. So until you are thanked more properly, do consider this letter your "thanks". Thanks too, all of you for the 2nd hand cards. Many have come from the Bereans in Moncton, from Port Maitland, from Truro and from Amherst. Many others have sent them whose names don't come to mind at this moment. Due to the ready response to my plea, we've not been without cards for a good long time. God bless you richly—everyone of you! For our out door work and for the big crowds in our new Daveyton church we have great use for the big S. S. picture rolls. Will somebody please send us some of these? Haven't mentioned 2nd hand clothing. It is most welcome.

The Reef work goes on apace—still breaking up "fallow ground". More than ever do we feel the need for more hands, more feet, more money, more brains. Daveyton and Wattville are places with which you are now very familiar. The work in both of these nature townships continues to present a great challenge. We're so pleased to have Joann Bembe in Daveyton now. (She has moved there.) She and the Khumala work together nicely for the salvation of souls. All of our native workers need a certain amount of supervision. Mr. Criksson, Superintendent of Baptist Missions in S. A. says "When the Sunday School is left entirely to the natives, there is a noticeable drop in the attendance." God grant that our native workers may soon be so well taught and grounded in the word and so on fire for the Lord that we will be able to leave more of the responsibility to them. We are looking to the Lord very earnestly now for revivals in Daveyton and Wattville. We've started holding services in two new locations, Kalfontein and Natalspruit. Kalfontein is a tremendous new location which is just in the embryo stage. In fact all one sees on crossing the three main R. R. tracks quite near Pretoria is row upon row of nice brick lavatories (thus the future layout of the streets is ascertained) and many one-roomed corrugated iron shacks. There is as yet not one place of worship. Here we get a big crowd of men, women and children. Many hands have been raised in response to the invitation to be saved. Last Sunday two men and one woman gave us their names and addresses and said they were giving themselves to our church. Natalspruit is the new Germiston location. Many thousands of natives are already living there in their two-roomed buildings. We've been there just once having

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