



BETHANY FROM THE MISSIONARY'S POINT OF VIEW

The local Missionary Convention was just ended. Jack Taylor and Fred Burns were up stairs in their bedroom and should have been asleep long ago; but they were still talking on the subject so close to their hearts: reaching the heathen for Christ.

Jack Taylor, a missionary of ten years experience, was home for his second furlough and had been the chief speaker at this recent Missionary convention. Fred Burns had at last declared his call to the Mission Field. The conversation had come round to the subject of Bible training.

"But why do you think it necessary for me to take the three years Bible course Jack?" "I have my grade twelve, and I have the back ground of a good Christian home? Is not that enough?" "Let us look at it this way Fred. The Missionary is a soldier who goes thousands of miles from home to fight in the King's army. What king would consider sending a man to the front without special army training?" Fred was quick to answer that question. "Naturally no king would do that unless he were forced to. But Jack, what about the great urgency that you were telling us about in to-night's message? Don't you think that there will be many heathen perishing while I am spending three years studying?"

For a moment Jack turned his eyes from Fred's eager, youthful face, and looked out into the dimly starlit night. Then he returned his gaze to meet Fred's. "It pains me to think of the heathen who will perish out there in the night while you are taking your training. But those souls that will be lost are not your responsibility, older shoulders will have to bear that blame, or part of it at least. Our King's warfare demands trained soldiers. Time spent at Bible School will pay dividends on the battle-field of soul winning. Your time will count for more."

Fred raised another question, "But Jack just the other night you stated that you would rather have an uneducated man preaching the Gospel from a burning heart of love to God, than a man with a college degree whose heart was cold and empty of the love of God". Jack replied, "I still feel that way about it Fred. But suppose that man has a red hot love for God, and for lost souls, plus three years Bible School training. Don't you think he could be of greater use to God than the man who had no training?" Fred nodded his head and said a thoughtful "Yes".

Fred thought of another statement that Jack had made in one of his impassioned Missionary addresses. "Jack what did you mean when you said that you found a simpler faith among the converted heathen than was common among our civilized Christians?" Jack could see that he was dealing with a young man who had a good memory and who did some thinking. Jack replied, "Well Fred you see our Christian faith has a great heritage, and history: we have strong traditions. Some of these have added to the strength of Gospel truth. But some of this tradition has become a burden to the purity and simplicity of our faith, and also of the power that goes with a childlike faith in God. But I do not think that any young man or young woman need lose by attending Bible School. I do believe that every honest and earnest young person going to Bible school would definitely profit thereby if they be loyal to God, and to His holy word."

The King's Highway

Jack continued, "Think of the fine environment and good Christian fellowship that our own Bible College affords. We have consecrated Christian men and women on the faculty. We have, this year, a very spiritual senior class, and they spend much time in prayer and doing personal work for Christ. Bible School should be a place for getting your feet down on solid ground Fred. Getting established, so settled in your faith and experience that no attack of the enemy would move you from your trust in, or obedience to God. Your faith finds terms of expression. You learn what you believe and why you hold to such a belief. Your experience and the theory thereof become one. It is only then that you are capable of convincing the heathen or any other man."

Fred was convinced and had decided to go to Bible school next term, which was the beginning of the new School Year. "Jack I am going to Bible School and three years from now you can look for me on the African harvest field."

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brought all the tithes into His storehouse would find there was not room enough to receive His blessing. Churches and individuals had found God's promises true, and in their fulfilment had prospered materially.

An incident of great importance to our REEF work was the receiving into membership of Mrs. Kumalo, who also was appointed to be a Bible woman. She has been a consistent Christian for many years, and an active Sunday School worker in the church she used to belong to.

Mr. Kumalo, who was our preacher in Paulpietersburg, was really overjoyed that his wife had come to join our church. More especially as he has been appointed to the Reef work, and had been feeling keenly what a drawback it was going to be having her the member of a different church. Now he is rejoicing, praising God that his wife will be wholeheartedly with him in the work.

Jan. 11th was a red letter day for our Reef work. Brother Eugene Kierstead brought Preacher Kumalo and his family from Paulpietersburg to Daveyton. They settled into our new pastor's house, just beside the new church that is now nearing completion.

Please put this couple on your prayer list, that as they take up work in this great new Township, the Lord may give them to witness truly for Him, and that our fellowship with them in the work may be much blessed of the Lord.

As mentioned, our church in Daveyton is nearing completion. My son, Victor, who designed and has built it, has incorporated a number of striking architectural features which make it really outstanding. With these it has taken time, so means a loss to him; he calls it a labour of love. He is putting the red tile roof on now and it looks fine.

With kindest Christian greetings,

H. Paul Sanders

APPROPRIATING FAITH

Appropriating faith is the faith which not merely acknowledges those great claims and promises which Christ Jesus made, but appropriates personally their efficacy. This faith not merely believes as true certain things about Christ, but believes the Christ concerning Whom those things are believed to be true. This difference is vital.

Colin C. Kerr.