



## REG. KIERSTEAD WRITES

Dear Highway Friends,

Greetings from across the sea! I believe I last wrote when I sailed from Canada. It surely is high time I wrote again.

I had a very nice trip across the sea to Africa. I was met by Glendon and Betty. Christmas was a time of reunion with the family after two years of separation. David and Grace Titlestal were united in marriage on the 21st Dec. which wedding I attended.

I think I'm running ahead of my story—I forgot to mention that I had a rugged person join me upon arrival—namely "Feep the Jeep". He is a big station wagon with four-wheel drive to get him anywhere I wish to go with him.

Conference in January was a time of blessing and inspiration. I was given the care of the Piet Retief-Ermelo area. After Dad, our Superintendent, got me started up here, I have been privileged to see a building built at Msobotshein with logs (hope to use brick when some money is available for that purpose), and the rebuilding of the Loshlelo building, struck by lightning a year ago. I have also seen one new outpost started and another old one revived to a great extent.

I must tell you about John Nhlabati! He helped us build the Msobotshein church, but did not profess. All the time we worked on the building we kept talking about salvation. Soon he began to see his need. One day, at the new outpost, he gave himself to God! How we praise God for a young man, formerly heathen, now yielded to Christ.

Classes for new members and prospective ones have been held every two weeks since I have arrived. God has been near to us at these times, and many members have received help. We still cry for revival here! This area has been surely neglected over the years, and spiritual dearth is so very prevalent. Pray that God may send us a real Holy Ghost revival.

As you will notice from my address I have moved. I am allowed free use of a whole house (plus a few outside rooms) in exchange for looking after the place. I will never have to cry for lack of room here! The house is old (built in 1894) and is BIG. It has 11 rooms, excluding the outside ones! You may ask whether its lonely, and I'll answer that it sure is at times, but being busy is a good remedy for loneliness.

Well, here I have rambled along touching on everything in general and nothing in particular, so I had better close till I can write a proper letter about some special phase of our work in this area.

Pray for us and keep writing, and I'll try to answer as soon as I can.

Yours for Africa's millions,  
Reginald W. R. Kierstead,  
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via Piet Retief,  
Transvaal,  
South Africa.

To be non-missionary is to be un-Biblical, un-Christ-like and inconsistent. In the command, "Go ye," lies the climax of God's redemptive plan.

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## RECOVERING PENTECOSTAL REALITIES

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Enough has been said to convince us that our age needs something besides material things. The materialism of our day has increased our anxiety. The need is for moral and spiritual values which will transform economic and social conditions. The many things which are transpiring today indicate that it is in the realm of the spiritual where our deepest needs are located.

### DISAPPOINTED BY SUBSTITUTES

All seem to realize the seriousness of the situation, but all have not sought help from the right source. Some seem more satisfied with substitutes than seek to recover the abiding realities of Pentecost. Some feel our greatest need to be for ritualism and liturgy and have developed beautiful forms of worship. But those forms leave the soul cold and lifeless. There is a "heartless routine" in which the worshipers engage, then go away sad. Some offer the panacea of liberalism, forgetting or ignoring the fact that creed and conduct cannot be divorced without a tragedy. Once-spiritually-powerful groups are now seeking "heavy-weight business men" who have social position and financial backing, but have little concern about spiritual values.

Worship could be made more attractive in many places by attention to those things which help create a reverent atmosphere. One cannot overlook the requirements of moral and spiritual laws, but some have been so bound to a legalistic spirit that they have driven hungry souls away from the group which could have helped win them to Christ. Some hide behind the statement: "This is the law, and I must enforce it," forgetting that we cannot win people until we are able to give them a reason for the law on certain things in our system. Correct logic is good, but we need a holy life and a radiant enthusiasm to win men.

There can be no substitute for the Holy Spirit. He indwells, and irradiates the soul which is wholly abandoned to Him. The great blight of this age is that most of the spiritual people, who are orthodox and conservative, have not given the Holy Spirit the place which He deserves. Some would be shocked to discover how little is said, and how little they know, about the Holy Spirit in this, His very own, dispensation.

We do not need more emotionalism, ritualism, liberalism or legalism. We do not need a more complex ecclesiasticism or more orthodoxy. We may not need more emphasis on the social side of life. But we do need to get back to Pentecost! We must have that "surcharging of human personality with heavenly energy and the infusion of Christ, and such an inpouring of impulsive grace, that there is created a plentitude of ability" which enables us to be and to do all that Christ expects of the members of His Church. He has provided for that. The price was paid at Calvary. The Church has been seriously weakened by not connecting Calvary and Pentecost more closely. Many say much about Calvary and little about Pentecost. Thus they weaken the Church when it needs to be at maximum strength.

### SOME ABIDING REALITIES

One of the abiding essentials of Pentecost is heart purity (Acts 15:8, 9). This is not a popular teaching with man, but one of the primary aims of the Spirit is to impart power for holy living. That kind of living is impossible apart from a clean heart. Christ put an early emphasis on purity (Matt. 5:8) and never changed His emphasis. Since Pentecost transfigures the personality by the removal of all moral and spiritual impediments, it cannot be separated from purity. That truth needs emphasizing today, for we have not received the full benefits of the Atonement until we have experienced heart purity. (See I John 1:7 and 3:8.)

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