



NEWS FROM N. RHODESIA

Greetings in His Dear Name.

Herewith an overdue epistle from Rhodesia. The Lord's work here in Rhodesia is going very well indeed.

Here we are situated about 1000 miles from our work in the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia is an entirely separate country from the Union, with its own government and administration.

The Reformed Baptist work is spread around the great Victoria Falls, mainly it extends to the South for about 40 miles. Our headquarters are here at the Falls Township which is about one mile from the falls proper.

At the town of Livingstone, which is eight miles away, we have an outpost in one of the African Locations called Libuyu. Here we have no church as yet but we are trusting the Lord that we will be able to build one before the end of the year.

Mizpah is where the work started, it is about twenty miles from here to the south. There we have a church, and also a three-teacher school where the children learn to read and write.

Chidobe, which is about seven miles this side of Mizpah, was the second place to be opened up here. There also we have a church and school with a good group, but it is made up of women and young men; there are no older men.

Bethesda, where the Haywoods are, is about thirty miles to the south. The Lord has been blessing there in a very real way. The work is growing and souls are coming out for the Lord every Sunday.

We are very thankful to all those who sent offerings for this building; it is a beautiful building and will stand for many years in remembrance of a little girl who loved the Lord and trusted in Him.

About seven miles east of Bethesda is another place with no name as yet; it is Borehole 60, so called because that is the number of the borehole that supplies the people with their drinking water.

There are other places as well that have not yet been opened up. So little has been done and so much remains to be done; we just pray that God will direct our footsteps in His ways that we may remain in the center of His will at all times.

In closing we do ask for your continued prayer support. We realize that what has been done has only been possible because of your prayers.

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road ahead is long and hard, but through the cross of Jesus we shall win the victory, and to Him we shall give all the praise and the glory. May God bless you all.

Yours for Christ, Harold and Shirley Kierstead.

FROM RHODESIA

Greetings from Bethesda Mission!

It's been some time since we wrote you folk. We trust that the Highway-family are all well.

We have been extremely busy these past three months. Since we received word to build the Rosamond Dow Memorial Church, we have been on the go. The making of 20,000 bricks took us exactly 23 days.

This fine Church building has been opened and dedicated to the service of God. Service of Dedication took place on July 20th.

During the July Conference we had the Kiersteads with us. Rev. E. A. M. Keirstead and Reg, with Miss Uta Chase were here during the week. Mrs. E. A. M. and Shirley with the children came out for the last service. The Kiersteads also brought up from the Union a Native Elder. Also we had visitors from the Brethren in Christ Church. The Conference was blessed by God's presence.

The folk from the Union decided that it was colder up here than down where they work. It was very cold during the conference. Imagine being cold in Rhodesia! We are 1200 miles handier to the equator, yet colder than in the Union.

One morning during the building of the Church, water was left in the wheel barrow, next morning we actually saw ice in that wheel barrow.

Following the Conference we were out on a short tour of the area south of us. We were out looking for more openings. Although there are other church groups in the area, many of these people have never attended church. Most of these people can't see the need of JESUS, Salvation or Church.

At the moment we are busy making more bricks. We hope that the Clinic building will soon be under construction. If we delay too long the rains will be upon us. If that takes place we will have to stop until the rains are over and that will mean three to four months delay.

The Clinic Work is again busy. During the past months there had been a slackening off, but now everybody seems to be sick.

Continue to remember the Rhodesian work in prayer. God has blessed and been with us. May the blessing of God continue to be upon us and the work.

Trust that all are well physically and that great spiritual progress has been your lot.

Yours in His name, Eric and Nina Haywood.

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