

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. Since the work was started nearly three years ago there has been steady progress and growth, and in this letter I will try to give you an overall impression of the work on this field

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 laws are very different from the Union and they make it much easier to carry on Mission Work in many ways.

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. When the wind is blowing right the spray reaches our front garden and we hear the roar day and night.

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. There is quite a band of faithful ones, and one of the men has been sent away to Bible School this 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. Our only native worker up here is there, and we have a good work as well as a large Sunday School.

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. There is also a thriving Sunday School.

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. Nina is busy there with the clinic. The Rosamond Dow Church has just been finished. The first service was held in it yesterday.

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. Next week the first Quarterly Meeting at Bethesda will be held there and we are looking to the Lord for a real outpouring of His Holy Spirit at that time.

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 too we have some people and they have already started to build a church to worship in.

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. Don't stop praying, the

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. Clearing the trees and bush from the church site was a back-breaking job.

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. God came to convict people of sin, righteousness and judgment to come. Some 20 people came to Jesus. On the closing Sunday 21 were baptized. In the service to follow 22 were given the right hand of fellowship. Mrs. E. A. M. Kierstead gave the charge to the candidates.

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. What a difference the coming of Jesus into their heart makes!

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 leverybody 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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