



## TWO YEARS OF MISSION WORK IN RHODESIA

It is rare that missionaries have opportunities of working in an area where they can see quick results for their labours; many missionaries have to work five, ten or even twenty years before they see the fruits of their labours.

Our Rhodesian missionaries have been signally blessed in seeing miracles enacted right before their eyes in the short space of two years.

Two years ago your missionaries went to Rhodesia to find a suitable area in which to commence mission work. In the first preaching service that they had they saw the first convert Aaron stand up and choose the Lord. That unique beginning set off the spark of a reaping that is unusual. After only two years around 100 Amandebele souls have given their hearts to the Lord. Already more than 60 have been baptised and joined our church. Praise the Lord!

God has undertaken for our work in Rhodesia in other ways as well. At the beginning we had only the promise of school, preaching and Mission sites; today we have at least three granted-sites and the promise of three others. At the beginning we had only two—missionaries but today we have four (Harold, Shirley, Eric and Nina) and the hopes of others. At the beginning we had no preaching places; today we have six. At the beginning we had no schools; today we have two. At the beginning we had no hospital; today we have a growing Out-patients Clinic with about 30 patients per day. At the beginning we had no church buildings; today we have two and funds on hand to build two others in the near future. At the beginning we had no missionary houses; today we have two such houses in the process of building—Harold's house is the nearest to completion as the whole house contemplated has walls, roof, and floor; the Haywood's house is the nearest to being finished but only one-half of the house envisioned has been put up because of the shortage of funds.

When the Rhodesian work began, we were not sure just where your missionaries should be permanently located and for that reason rented a house in the town of Livingstone. After two years we finally have the two sites where the Mission houses are being built. The Kierstead's house is now at Victoria Falls in Southern Rhodesia while the Haywood's house is thirty miles distant in a Special Native Reserve but also in Southern Rhodesia. The Kierstead's have the advantages of being near a town and being able to send their children to the nearby schools and of being near several native Townships and Compounds where large numbers of natives are congregated: the Haywood's have the advantages of a cooler climate and being in the midst of a large native area where the need is greater, in a sense, for schools, churches and medical care.

In spite of the rapid advance in the Rhodesia field there is no room for complacency as there are openings and needs for still more missionaries and funds to finish the missionaries' homes, build churches, build a Hospital, send forth and support and equip a Doctor for that area, etc. We especially need to carry that work in our prayers as a new work is beset by many difficulties that are peculiar to a new work and which can only be solved as the result of much and prolonged prayer. Put Rhodesia on your praise and prayer list.

E. A. M. Kierstead

## PRAYER FOR MINISTERS

Churches should pray for ministers as the agents of breaking down sinners with the word of truth. Prayer for a minister is often done in a set and formal way and confined to the prayer meetings. They will say their prayers in the old way, as they have always done: "Lord bless thy ministering servant, whom Thou hast stationed on this part of Zion's walls," and so on, and it amounts to nothing, because there is no heart in it.

And the proof often is, that they never thought of praying for him in secret, they never have agonized in their closets for a blessing on his labors.

The way to present effectual prayer for your minister is to take it to your closet, and when you are in secret, wrestle with God for success to attend his labors.

—Charles G. Finney.

## A MISSIONARY'S VIEWPOINT

While no one would presume to say that any successful missionary effort can be commenced or continued without faith in, and obedience to, the Word of God, and dependence upon the presence and co-operation of the Holy Spirit, nevertheless, everything considered, the missionary with education and training is better qualified to cope with the problems on the field than those who have not thus prepared themselves.—E. P. Ashcraft in the Free Methodist.

## FELLOWSHIP IN SUFFERING

Our very union with Christ exposes us to sufferings. If we have anything of His infinite compassion, of His keen sensitiveness to sin, of His divine abhorrence of evil, we cannot pass through this sinful world without sharing the burden which made Jesus Christ to be pre-eminently "a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief."

F. S. Webster.

## IS GUILT UPON YOU?

IF I GO NOT . . . to those who have not heard;  
If I withhold from them God's precious Word;  
If sin-cursed heathen go to Christless graves  
And never, never know that Jesus saves;  
And if by my negligence some souls are lost  
Despite God's mercy and Calvary's untold cost;  
If I care not for those in distant lands,  
Shal not their blood-guilt be upon my hands?

IF I PRAY NOT . . . for those who witness bear;  
If I no intercessory burden share;  
If God's dear servants ne'er are on my heart,  
And in their labors, I have no part;  
If by my prayerlessness there comes an hour,  
When they lack wisdom, or grace, or strength, or power  
And captive souls escape not sin's strong bands,  
Shall not their blood-guilt be upon my hands?

IF I GIVE NOT . . . and by my selfishness  
I cause God's work and workers sore distress;  
If my poor stingy heart will hardened be  
To needs of others, their necessity;  
If by my failure some shall never hear  
The message of salvation, then I fear  
Mine is the sin, and justice fair demands  
That I accept the guilt of bloody hands!

—Selected.