



FIELD CONFERENCE REPORT

Reported By Rev. Karl Gorman

The annual Field Missionary Conference convened on the campus of the Evangelical Teacher Training College in Vryheid Jan. 6th with Rev. and Mrs. E. A. M. Kierstead being hosts to thirty missionaries and children.

The opening Welcome Service at their home was conducted by the Mission Superintendent and he spoke on the theme of "Holiness".

Before breakfast Wed. morning, Nina Haywood led the group in Family Devotions, and following breakfast, the first business meeting was held. In addition to routine matters being dealt with, a Committee was appointed to draw up a Constitution for the Conference, making provision for Associate Members to join with us for fellowship.

The regular 11 a.m. Bible Study was conducted by Rev. Harold Kierstead and he presented the life of John the Baptist in a very interesting manner.

There was another important business meeting at 2 p.m. and the closing service of the day was conducted by Rev. Karl Gorman, speaking on Elijah's experiences on Mt. Carmel and the need for Revival. Following this a time of singing was enjoyed when solos were rendered by Shirley Kierstead, Helene Gorman, Reggie Kierstead, and Rev. Buchler of the Free Baptist Church.

The Thursday morning prayers were led by Mary Sanders. The entire business period was given over to discussion with Rev. and Mrs. Lehman of the Africa Evangelistic Band, an Independent Holiness Mission. Rev. Eric Haywood challenged everyone present with his Bible Study on Personal Evangelism. In the afternoon service, Rev. Buchler brought an inspiring message on Divine Guidance, using Gideon as his example. Of course there was more business before supper and then Rev. Lehman brought another message on John the Baptist, stressing his message of Repentance and Holiness.

Friday morning prayers were conducted by Rev. Odenaal of the Free Baptist Church, using the prayer life of Jesus as an example. Part of the business meeting was open for oral reports from the 5 districts in the Union and the rapidly growing field in Rhodesia. Rev. Charles Sanders spoke on the text, "The fruit of the Spirit is . . . peace . . .". After dinner, Rev. Brits of the Free Baptist Church brought a message based upon Isaac "digging again the Wells." The balance of the afternoon was given to our Superintendent who spoke frankly of problems and dangers facing our Work from within our own ranks. Rev. Glendon Kierstead brought the closing message of the Conference Friday night.

It is not possible to assess the value of this Conference to each one who attended. The wonderful fellowship with other Christians and the manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence did much to strengthen and encourage us all. (It can get dry and discouraging on a Mission Station.)

The only member of our Missionary Family unable to attend was Miss Uta Chase, who was on duty at the Bethesda Mission Clinic in Rhodesia.

It is not permissible or possible to give details of the discussions between the Africa Evangelistic Band, the Free Baptist, and our own Church, but the opportunities for Missionary co-operation and expansion pose a great challenge to us. Will you pray that our Mission Board and Personnel will have the leading of the Lord, the approval of Alliance, and the full support of every church overseas

to make 1959 another milestone in the progress of our work?

MARY SANDERS WRITES:

My Dear Highway Readers:

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. How glad I am that I know Him, whom to know is life eternal!

As I started to write, the house became as dark as if it were evening and such a terrific thunder and wind storm arose that I've been dashing round closing windows and doors. What a din, as the hail stones beat on the iron roof! This is the worst storm we've had for a long time! As we are out of the hail belt, what a storm must have occurred in some places!

Today, we went to Natal Spruit — where we are expecting to build a church and preacher's house soon. When I write soon, I mean just as soon as the final word comes through from Pretoria. The site, reserved for us is larger than most and centrally located among the Zulus of Natal Spruit and the Zulus of the Alberton native township adjoining the Natal Spruit native township. What a sight to see the children, yes, and the young people and men and women, following the car towards the proposed site! Although I have observed this Sunday after Sunday, especially since we've had the use of this P. A. outfit, it never ceases to thrill me! Paul left me to entertain the gathering crowd while he went further announcing the Sunday School. Folks were coming from all directions. We had a really good service with about 320 present. Many, if not most of those present have already nickela-ed to our church. Do pray for them that their faith fail not! How wonderful it is that the Lord has called Rev. Malaza to come to Natal Spruit! He can do the very necessary follow-up work.

My friends, this was supposed to be a letter of thanks! Words fail me as I attempt to thank for all our gifts. We surely are enjoying the brown sugar! The cookies that I made, using some real brown sugar are lovely. What a different taste! Woods Harbour must have known what would make Paul think of home. The salted pollock came in very good condition. Nylons were much needed and my pillow cases and sheets have been wearing out. Also, my towels have been dwindling in number. Need I write more to make you all realize how very much we appreciated everything you sent? God bless every single donor!

Your friends in the homeland are borne before the Throne daily. May God bless you and guide you as you work for Him day by day!

Yours for souls both here and in the homeland.

NOTICE

Pearl May Sanders is being united in marriage to Noel Craddock on Saturday, January 24, 1959 at 2 p.m.

THE DIVINE PRAYER

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will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." They were separated from the world. He had taken them out of the world.

In John 15:16 we read, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." Here we see that they were not only separated from the world, but they were set apart to a life of fruitfulness. Notice that passage, "I have chosen you and ordained you." When the Christian church accepts a man into the ministry, ordains that man and sets him apart, thus setting him apart to the ministry and the work

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