



THE REEF CALLING

Dear HIGHWAY Readers;

Mary wants me to be sure to put a note of thanks in this, to all the kind people who have sent us Christmas gifts. Quite a number have arrived. Please accept our sincere thanks. It has been very interesting to me getting a description and some background of each sender, including those who have sent us lovely Christmas cards. In this way I get "remotely" acquainted with a fair number of our Home land people. Some keep asking when they will see us; including Mary's dear old father. Well, it would surely be a happy time, if the Lord willed.

Sunday we started off at Wattville, where Malia, our Bible woman, has a regular Sunday School. It does help the work for us to go over and call with the P.A. outfit. The streets are full of children and young people, and calling has the desired effect. Just over two hundred came along, and on being asked, all promised to be there next Sunday.

Malia and Eliase Nkosi (her husband), from Altona District, like so many thousands, have settled here. The work was first established in their home.

Our second stop was in the Zulu section of Kalfontein, 25 miles to the North West. After calling up and down a number of streets, we unloaded the benches. Mary stayed with the gathering crowd and kept them singing, while I went on calling through another six or eight streets in this very rapidly-growing Town (designed to house 125,000 Natives).

We soon opened the "Sunday School" and Mary drilled them in their memory verses. We asked them where Sunday School is held each Sunday, and they pointed to Pimoto's house, clearly seen from this open-air meeting spot.

The lesson was of course on the birth of Christ. The sun was scorching hot, they were sweating, uncomfortable and restless. To keep the nearly 400 listening and deliver a salvation message took some doing!

The van is just the thing for this work; nice and high for the P. A. speakers on top, and takes the benches, which are a real boon. We are so happy to have the adults stay right through. Regular attendants are apparent in this section, and a large number have given themselves to follow the Lord.

The line-up for Christmas card "needle books" (we have been saving these, and hope to have enough for each group, as a Christmas treat) took some controlling, but went off well with six helpers giving them out, and a dozen "police" trying to keep them in line!

Before I had to "take things easy" we used to have four or five services in different parts of Kalfontein. Now we are praying for more workers. The opportunity is almost limitless. Truly the harvest is great but the labourers few.

We plan to take a load of our people down to Altona, for the Native Conference, Dec. 29 to Jan. 3. We find it a source of great encouragement, this getting together. Our last trip—the opening of the Breyton church—cost a new type and tube. How thankful we are that none was hurt. The van came to a safe stop after the blowout. A reliable motor vehicle is an absolute necessity for this work.

Our Daveyton Native workers are holding a D.V.B.S. there; to end on Christmas day. I must go over in the morning with supplies for them.

As another year draws to a close, we have a song of praise in our hearts to our Wonderful Saviour. The blessings and answers to prayer that have been sent our way, have made us ashamed that we asked so small, and expected so little! Do join us in expectant prayer for this corner of His harvest field.

Yours for the salvation of precious souls
Mary and Paul Sanders

FROM THE GORMANS

Dear Highway Friends:

Because we have recently moved to Paulpietersburg, we feel that a Report is due on the closing weeks of our ministry at Louwsburg, as well as events that have transpired since coming here.

Moving Day was December 1st. In spite of less than 2 weeks to get ready, we were prepared when the Van arrived at the Mission House at 5:30 A.M. Two hours later, everything was loaded and on its way to our new home, 75 miles away.

It was necessary to close the Sunday Schools two weeks earlier than usual, but the Native School Teachers did a very fine job at short notice and the Programs were really good.

At every place, we were able to distribute a gift of a used toy to each child, and they were very happy and delighted to receive them. You really have to see their joy to fully understand how much they appreciate what the Auxiliaries are doing in sending these toys and used clothing.

The attendance was so good at our biggest School, that the Program had to be put on outside on the football field. The teacher had taught the familiar Christmas Carols in both Zulu and English, and it was a pleasure to see and hear the children sing them.

Word has been received since our last writing that the rest of our 4 Schools in the Louwsburg Area have been granted Govt. Subsidy, so this year all of the Teachers will be qualified, Christian Young People who can greatly assist in the work of the Sunday Schools and Church.

Because of our failure to acquire the services of a qualified Nurse, the Clinic has been dropped from the Official list of such Nursing Service Clinics. This is unfortunate, but was unavoidable.

Our prayers are with the Morgans as they resume their duties in that Area of our Mission Work. It is rugged country, and raw heathen are everywhere.

We had a blessed Christmas, and were not as lonesome as a year ago. The Lord has helped us to surpass some of the obstacles that new missionaries face. We will be writing letters to churches and friends who remembered us with gifts.

We were privileged to attend both the Native and Missionary Conferences held at Altona. The Work continues to grow and expand, thus presenting a real challenge for this New Year.

Right now we are working at the job of repainting and 'settling in' the Mission House here. There are also many jobs to be done at the Churches and Native Preacher's homes in the Area, so we are praying that all of the needs will be met, and that our labors will be both effective and fruitful.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sanders and Family have worked faithfully and well for many years in this vicinity, and the Work has prospered because of it. They will be missed by the Workers and Members of the Native Church.

In His Service,

Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gorman,
Paulpietersburg, Natal, S. A.

The King's Highway