



Africa Bound



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Sailing from St. John, N. B. Oct. 18, on the M.S. "Thurscarrier". They should arrive in Africa about Nov. 6.

A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE EMMETTS

Dear Highway Friends,

As we have been touring our churches just prior to our departure to our mission field in Rhodesia, we have been thrilled and deeply gratified by the clear response which we have found among our people and churches toward our mission work in general and especially toward our new medical work in Rhodesia. However, we have realized that there have been a number among our Highway family whom we have not been privileged to meet on our itinerary, who would be interested in learning something of the expectations and plans which we have regarding our work in the Rhodesian field, as well as sharing with us the special missionary challenge which the Lord has laid upon our hearts for our mission work.

In the first place, in making this tour, we have attempted to emphasize the importance of developing a fresh vision for our mission work and of being newly awakened to the challenges and opportunities that will be facing us in the coming year. Our mission work in Africa is facing an important crisis now, and will be in the next few years, as we are seeing a great stirring tide of nationalism, a great deal of which is frankly communist inspired. Already certain doors in this large spiritually darkened continent have closed to mission work. We feel that there is a great urgency and challenge in proclaiming the Gospel message to these people today while these doors of opportunity remain open and, in fact, so that areas will remain opened to the Gospel work. The importance of establishing an indigenous African church which may have to stand alone in the face of future persecution is being considered as a matter of primary concern at this time by all informed church leaders. And, indeed, our own mission work in Africa is being aimed primarily in this direction.

More specifically, we are concerned with the educational and medical program in our Rhodesian field. Mrs. Emmett will be teaching the upper grades in our mission

school and with the teaching of the usual curriculum will be unlimited opportunities of teaching the Christian message to these young people and children. "A child saved is not only a soul saved but a life saved."

Since the opening of our mission hospital in December, 1959, over 5,000 patients have passed through the out patient department of the hospital and each one has been a contact with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Already this work has rewarded us in great dividends as these African people, the most of whom have lived in ignorance and their heathen ways, yet with hearts hungry for the Gospel light, have embraced the hope of salvation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We foresee a great development in this work which is so practical in its demonstration of Christian love and so effective in breaking down barriers existent between the missionary and the native. Already, there is an urgent need to increase the facilities and the capacity of the hospital. We are being faced with a situation, where because of inadequate facilities and equipment as well as lack of room, we are going to be unable to accommodate many patients. Because of this, many will either be deprived of medical care or will be sent miles away to a government hospital out of contact with the missionary message. This problem will be intensified with a doctor on the field. However, we feel that it is significant that the Rhodesian government, favorable to our work, will be helping us with nearly a 50% reimbursement for equipment and supplies.

We would like to add this note: this is a day of specialization on the mission field. With the development of our hospital, there will be a great need for young people trained as nurses, laboratory technicians, x-ray technicians, secretaries, and in hospital business administration, as well as teachers, engineers, and many others to enter our mission work.

The call to Isaiah of old comes clearly to us today: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" If you are unable to go physically, you are by no means exempted from this call. As we go to the mission field representing your missionary interests and the Lord Jesus Christ, we are deeply conscious that there will need to be a great army of intercessors to send us and to maintain this work on the field. Our success in soul winning on our mission field will depend greatly on the prayer support of those who send us, who through a personal experience of salvation must invariably heed the missionary call in their own lives and enter into the spirit of this great work so close to the Divine heart of God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. & Mrs. Storer Emmett

DO'S AND DONT'S FOR PARCELS TO RHODESIA

1. Parcels coming to the hospital; Used clothing or any others PLEASE do not put NON COMMERCIAL VALUE. As then the Postal Authorities value them and we pay very high duty.
2. Value them according to contents from one dollar to two dollars and fifty cents.
3. PLEASE do not send parcels intended for the Union missionaries to Rhodesia and vice-versa as we pay a double lot of duty and postage.
4. Please do not send anymore men's shirts made into gowns for hospital use or baby's matinee jackets, small childrens jackets, pillow cases, used house-coats, men's dressing gowns or quilts for hospital until further notice.
5. Please do not send personal effects in hospital or used clothing parcels unless they are itemized on the outside.

Please do not feel we are ungrateful for all you do but due to difficulties with the Postal Authorities we felt this notice would be a help both to you folk at home and us.

Your Rhodesian Missionaries.