



GLADYS KIERSTEAD WRITES

Dear Highway Friends,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all who sent cards and letters during my husband's illness and also for all who prayed for us. We do appreciate all so very much and thank God for answered prayer in Eugene's behalf.

I would also like to let my friends know that I now feel unable to make up parcels for our workers and needy Christians, as I have done in the past. I would appreciate the occasional parcel of older girls' clothing to help some of our girls who are in High School and Nurses Training, but other than that, I do not need any more used clothes or S.S. supplies.

If friends are sending Christmas parcels will you please send ours by themselves? Last year especially, I found it so much work to sort out and mark each gift, so that the owner would know where it was from and then to see that each missionary got their gifts. This would be a great help to me. Thanks so much.

We now have a P. O. Box in Vryheid and would like all our mail sent there. E.T.T. College will be closing the first of Dec. so we could not use their box much longer. Please remember it is now 335. Thank you.

G. M. Kierstead.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord JESUS.

Today Pamela, Esther and Joy return to their schools, after the long July holidays. During July Myra had a V.B.S. here at Ermelo, the attendance was small, but those who came showed keen interest. The Youth Camp at Altona, under the direction of Brother Morgan, was a time of great blessing to the Native Young People. The annual Conference at Paulpietersburg included: Junior Crusader and Young People's meetings, and also Sunday School Teacher's meetings. Brother Morgan has been given the task of editing the Sunday School Lessons which are to appear in our new church paper the "Ikwezi". Having uniform Sunday School lessons will be the answer to a long felt need. Both the Native "Mhlangano" and our Missionary Conference were times of refreshing and good fellowship, as well as being taken up with much church business.

During the October holidays we plan to have an Elder's Retreat at Altona. We are praying for special blessing and wisdom as we deal with business, and enjoy fellowship. We hope to have a special speaker, from the Church of the Nazarene, the principal of their Stegi Bible School.

Africa, the land of sudden and rapid changes. At least the present trend seems to be in that fashion. I was speaking to a man who belongs to one of the Zionist churches, has been baptized but still uses tobacco, drinks and worship ancestral spirits. He wishes he could be free from tobacco and drink but all the prayers of his leaders and his own prayers have failed to give him the power to be freed from these habits. He followed the advice of his leaders, throwing his tobacco on the waters of a river and it floated down stream, but the habit remained with him. He is working on the Reef to pay for his wife-to-be. This young woman is a member of the same church and is better than the man, because she does not drink or

smoke. It is a great trial to her to have a boy-friend who indulges in these habits. She was healed of a serious illness as a result of the prayers of the Zionist leader, and her parents in effect gave her to this leader as a daughter. I would not be surprised if this physical recovery amounted to what she considers to be salvation. In any case her boy-friend on the Reef knows nothing of sins forgiven. When I discovered that he was still worshipping ancestral spirits I tried to set clearly before him that he would have to give up heathen worship if he intended to hear from the Christian God, and receive His help, and salvation. He earnestly prayed to the ancestral spirits before going to the Reef to seek work and felt confident that they would give him good luck. He plans to be a preacher, his girl-friend is one already. How tragic it will be for him to pose as a representative of Christ, a worshipper of ancestral spirits, a smoker and a drinker. Will the light break through? Will he be willing to make the tremendous break with heathen religion and custom? These are questions that your prayers may have an influence in deciding.

As a young boy he began to attend public school but his father died and he went to live in his mother's home. There was no school at the new home the atmosphere was strongly heathen. So he grew up with heathen companions, and now he finds himself faced with a great decision: Shall he continue in the same heathen kind of life, or shall he adopt the Christian way? It seems that he desires to become a real Christian, but it will take much courage, and only the grace of God can make the difference. He is not an isolated or unique case, there are many thousands, perhaps millions just like him today, in the midst of rising African nationalism. Which way will they turn? You and I have a part to play in the decisions that are being, and are to be made in the present and future of this great continent.

Most of the second-hand clothing you sent out through the agency of the Woman's Auxiliary has been distributed to many needy people and your African church is very grateful for this help.

Tomorrow I am to leave for our Evangelical Holiness Bible School to teach a course on Personal Evangelism. What great possibilities rest in the influence of that Bible School! Not only for our own church, but for other denominations who are sending the cream of their church youth to take Bible study at this school. I feel sure that you are remembering the Bible School in your prayers.

Wishing you a special Divine blessing as you do work for the King at home, and on the foreign fields.

Yours trusting in Him,

Charles & Myra Sanders.

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 shorts 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.