



## "A GREAT AND EFFECTUAL DOOR"

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God's ways are not always the same as our ways, in fact: "... as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:9. I had been praying for an opening for a Bible class and prayer meeting for men, and I had the members and probationers of our church in mind, with additional persons from other groups who might be interested. I prayed and talked and worked but this plan has not yet been realized. Another door opened to me and one which I had not thought of.

Through a fellow Missionary I was led to hold meetings in the men's ward at the local T.B. Hospital. This work is new to me and at first I felt a little strange. However the burning message of the Gospel and the keen interest of the patients soon made me feel at home. At first it was treated as a casual interest, but soon I awoke to the fact that there was an open door waiting for me to enter—and minister to men. Now it has become one of my regular appointments for Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.30. Occasionally I am able to work in a Sunday afternoon service as well.

The theme has been "The way of Salvation" and John 3:16 took up many of our early meetings. As I

discovered that most of these 26 or more men were deeply bound by the heathen, teaching of ancestral spirit worship, I had to get to grips with this barrier. In three of our services this subject forced itself to the fore-front, and I was glad. By getting down to this problem we were dealing with one of the deepest prejudices to the Christian faith. One man openly opposed the idea that they should forsake the ancestral spirits. Another asked three questions which he thought would suggest that Christianity and ancestral spirit worship could co-operate to one and the same end. His questions were as follows: 1. "What is an ancestral spirit?" 2. "Does God not love my dead ancestor?" 3. "Why can I not ask my dead ancestor to intercede before God on my behalf?" The Holy Spirit helped me to think of Acts 4:12 which was the answer to this part of the argument. In succeeding meetings I brought John 10 showing that Jesus was the only door of entrance to the sheep-fold. Hebrews 1 was the good passage to show that Jesus was very God, greater than the angels and Creator of the universe as well as our Redeemer. There is a teaching abroad among these Natives that angels are simply ancestral spirits, and should be able to take Jesus' place as our Advocate.

Not one of these boys and men was saved, and still not one has professed to be saved. One day 14 of them raised their hands to show that they desired to have their sins forgiven. Some say they are seeking but have not yet found salvation. These weekly meetings are continuing as my time will allow. Occasionally two weeks pass before I am able to visit this T.B. group. Will you join us in praying for the salvation of every one of these patients? Their need is desperate.

## MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR

APRIL

Prepared by Mrs. Storer Emmett

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
						District Meeting Easter week-end <b>1</b> at Calvary Mission Paulpietersburg District
Combined church services Easter week-end at <b>2</b> Bore Holes No. 36 and No. 56 S. Rhodesia	Lasting results from revival services at <b>3</b> Entskeni outpost Louwsburg District Held in March	Guidance in the development of <b>4</b> New work at Senkobo, N. Rhodesia	Clinic at Altona <b>5</b> 80 patients a week— one native nurse, Paulina Nkosi	Native preachers in training at Bible Schools & <b>6</b> for their families Preacher Nyoniin Rhodesia has 7 children	Charles and Myra Sanders <b>7</b> and their work in the Ermelo District	Paul Sanders <b>8</b> Birthday
Available Fund for additional building at Bethesda Hospital, <b>9</b> Rhodesia—50 plus patients in 14 bed Hospital	The native workers in the <b>10</b> Paulpietersburg District	Elsie Morgan <b>11</b> Birthday	Development of new work in Coronation Mine <b>12</b> Area—Louwsburg District Native worker needed	Miss Uta Chase and her work <b>13</b> as Matron at Bethesda Hospital	Interdenomination at Prayer Meeting group <b>14</b> Paulpietersburg conducted by Rev. Gorman	Stevie Gorman <b>15</b> Birthday
Paul and Mary Sanders <b>16</b> Reef work	Qualified teachers for upper primary <b>17</b> grades—Bethesda School—needed in 1962	Karl and Helene Gorman and <b>18</b> the work in Paulpietersburg District	Mrs. Eugene Kierstead <b>19</b> Birthday	Thursday Bible Class for pupils at Bethesda <b>20</b> School, Rhodesia Wilma Emmett, teacher	Bill and Elsie Morgan and <b>21</b> the work in the Louwsburg District	Our Bible School— Evangelical Holiness Bible School at <b>22</b> Altona; Teachers and students
Need for qualified native nurse <b>23</b> to contingence clinic at Hartland Station	Members of our Foreign <b>24</b> Mission Board	Glendon Kierstead <b>25</b> Birthday	Nina Haywood as nurse at Bethesda Hospital <b>26</b> and clinics in Rhodesia	Harold and Shirley Kierstead at Victoria Falls, <b>27</b> Rhodesia Ministry & Administration of Rhodesian work	Missionaries Learning <b>28</b> the native language	Sherrie Gorman <b>29</b> Birthday
Eric Haywood Ministry and <b>30</b> Building in Rhodesia						

NOTE: These prayer requests are sent by your Missionaries to assist you toward definite praying for our work and workers.—Wilma Emmett.