



REPORT ON CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN ALLIANCE

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Another Beulah with all its blessings has come and gone, and we on the Mission Field have also shared in another Annual Meeting of our Bantu Church. Perhaps a brief report would be in order.

The place chosen for this year's Umhlangano was Hartland Mission Station, 17 miles down on the Native Trust. Because of living in Paulpietersburg, and Hartland being in this District, it was our responsibility to prepare living accommodations for the missionaries and families, and to supervise the preparations being made for the visiting Bantu.

The Youth Camp, under Bro. Morgan's leadership, was held at Hartland only 2 weeks previous to Umhlangano, so much of the cleaning of the Mission House and old Hospital Building was done in June. Following Youth Camp, the Church was given a new coat of white wash on the interior, grass and firewood collected, and other "last minute" jobs attended to. A word of commendation is due the local Minister and Members for the work they did, both on the buildings and cleaning up the Grounds.

Monday, July 10, was the day for people to arrive, and many did come then, though more kept coming all week. There was a Business Meeting that evening, and Rev. Amos Mbokazi was Elected Chairman. He is a comparatively new man in our work, and he brought with

him a very fine way of conducting meetings. His deep voice was more effective than the bell, at times, for calling the people together at the appointed hours. I might add, as a personal observation, that our Bantu Ministers show a good degree of knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and do very well providing nobody introduces an amendment to a motion. When that happens, (rarely), there is a kink in the rope. At such times, the missionary's guidance is most needed. It is significant that of the 9 permanent Committees, the missionaries form a majority on only 1, the Sunday School Committee.

The Treasurer's Report showed an increase in giving, and quite a substantial balance for the maintenance of Church and School Buildings. The Bantu Church, however, is a long way from being able to pay its own Ministers or otherwise be financially self-supporting.

The Ikhwezi (Church Paper) Report was encouraging, and showed that this is a valuable addition to our African Church. (I will leave it to the Editor and Bible School Principal to report further, as he desires.)

The Book Room report showed a small Bank Balance, but a big increase in the sale of Bibles, Hymn Books, etc., especially outside of our own Church.

There were other business matters that need not be reported here, though I will mention that it was necessary to discipline one of our older Ordained Ministers. He was "Set Aside" from all his duties for a period of 6 mos. His was not a moral offence, but more along the line of slackness with reference to ruling his own family and showing a due regard to the Rules of the Church and the Standard of Holiness. Both he and his wife need our prayers, and we trust to be able to "Restore" him to the full exercise of his position before Christmas. Pray for the Church as a whole, that it may profit by this act of

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PRAYER CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
					Revival services at Lujowani in the Hartland area, S. A.; for salvation of souls in that area.	That a real experience of holiness will be received by our native Christians in Rhodesia
Dundee outpost in Paulpietersburg area where a small group of native Christians are desirous of joining the Reformed Baptist work.	Myra Sanders— 4 birthday	That the much needed ward addition to Bethesda Hospital will be completed before the end of 1961.	Native Christians training for the ministry at E.H.B.S. at Altona and in Rhodesia	Murray Morgan 7 —birthday	For possible re-opening of the clinic at the Hartland Station, Paulpietersburg District.	Dr. Storer Emmett 9 —birthday
Our retired missionaries at home	Greater interest in the Sunday School work among our native congregations	Manasiya Nkosi as she directs the Junior Crusader work in South Africa	Prayer of thanks for the increasing effectiveness of the Altona clinic	For the soon construction of a much needed church building at Bore Hole No. 83, Rhodesia	That the new farm schools in the Altona area will be effective in winning these children to the Lord	Granting of new mission site at Ermelo necessary because of government directed population change
Need for native worker at Meadowlands, Reef Dist. Present worker ill with tuberculosis	The building of a preacher's house needed at Entsheni outpost, Louwsburg District	Guidance in development of the work at Senkobo in view of unsettled conditions in N. Rhodesia	Our Foreign Mission Board	Alison Kierstead 21 1st birthday	R. B. Young People in training for foreign missionary work; that they will remain true to their calling	Prayer of thanks for the faithfulness of our missionary auxiliaries in sending needed Sunday School and hospital supplies
Native women's meetings conducted by Betty Kierstead in S. A. and Shirley Kierstead in Rhodesia; those attending will give their hearts to the Lord	Field Administrative problems; God's blessing upon Superintendents Rev. E.A.M. Kierstead, Rev. Charles Sanders, Rev. Harold Kierstead	Fall missionary rallies conducted in our churches at home; for increasing missionary zeal and vision	The ministry of the Ikhwezi the native church paper	That the construction of the new classrooms at Bethesda, Rhodesia, will be completed before the rains come in November	Missionaries learning the native language.	For a completely Christian teaching staff in our Rhodesian schools; salvation of teachers who are not Christians.